



**PRESCOTT TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Monday, April 3, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
360 Dibble St. W.
Prescott, Ontario**

Present	Mayor Gauri Shankar, Councillor Leanne Burton, Councillor Mary Campbell, Councillor Justin Kirkby, Councillor Ruth Lockett, Councillor Lee McConnell, Councillor Tracey Young
Staff	Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, Nathan Richard, Director of Operations, Lindsey Veltkamp, Director of Administration/Clerk, Dana Valentyne, Economic Development Officer, Kaitlin Mallory, Deputy Clerk, Samantha Joudoin-Miller, Manager of Community Services
Guests	Kim Bennett, MPAC, Dr. Li of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, and Tony Fleming, Integrity Commissioner.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Shankar called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion 71-2023

Moved By McConnell

Seconded By Lockett

That the agenda for the Council meeting of Monday, April 3, 2023, be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

4. Presentations

4.1 Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit - Dr. Li

Dr. Li, Medical Officer of Health for the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, introduced herself to Council. She spoke to her professional background and experience. She referenced resuming municipal calls and the changing needs of the community.

4.2 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation - Kim Bennett, Account Manager

Kim Bennett, Account Manager of Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), spoke to a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation is held on file. She spoke to the role of MPAC, the property database, the anticipated assessment update, how assessment is determined, and communication resources.

Discussion was held regarding the InTouch municipal newsletter, content for social media, and an expected timeline for the assessment update.

Kim Bennet left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Minutes of the previous Council meetings

6.1 March 20, 2023

Motion 72-2023

Moved By Burton

Seconded By Young

That the Council minutes dated March 20, 2023, be accepted as presented.

Carried

7. Communications & Petitions

There were no items under communications and petitions.

8. Consent Reports

Motion 73-2023

Moved By Kirkby

Seconded By Campbell

That all items listed under the Consent Reports section of the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

8.1 Information Package (under separate cover)

1. Prescott Cemetery Board AGM Minutes – February 23, 2023
2. United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Media Release – March 23, 2023

3. Brockville and Area Food Bank Community Report
4. Town of Essex resolution of support re: Tax Classifications of Short-Term Rental Units
5. Town of Essex resolution of support re: Declarations of Emergency of Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction
6. Town of Petrolia resolution of support re: End Homelessness Initiative
7. Town of Petrolia resolution of support re: Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors
8. Township of Lucan Biddulph resolution of support re: Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors
9. Town of Plympton-Wyoming resolution of support re: Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors
10. Township of South Glengarry resolution of support re: Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors
11. Municipality of Calvin resolution of support re: Extending Moratorium on Pupil Accommodation Reviews

Councillor Campbell spoke to Item 2 - United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Media Release – March 23, 2023.

Councillor Young spoke to Item 10 - Township of South Glengarry resolution of support re: Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors.

8.2 Staff Report 21-2023 - 2023 Water and Wastewater Budgets

Recommendation:

That Council approve the 2023 Water and Wastewater Budget with total revenues and expenditures of \$3,014,288, and

That Council approve an increase of 3.5% to the water and wastewater rates effective July 1, 2023.

Carried

8.3 Staff Report 22-2023 - Projects Report

Recommendation:

That Council approve the 2023 Capital and Operating Projects as outlined in Staff Report 22-2023.

Carried

9. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

10. Mayor

Mayor Shankar spoke to the recent 40th anniversary of Dragon Garden, an upcoming meeting of Joint Services Committee, an event hosted by the Prescott Family Health Team, and grand opening of Fat Les' at the Prescott Golf Club.

11. Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

Councillor Kirkby spoke to his attendance at the Wastewater Treatment Facility Management Board meeting held on March 30 and mentioned an upcoming meeting in September.

Councillor McConnell spoke to his attendance at the Wastewater Treatment Facility Management Board meeting held on March 30 and a recent Prescott Cemetery Board meeting held on March 22.

Councillor Young spoke to her attendance at the South Grenville Chambers Annual General meeting and the Township of Augusta's Mayor's Breakfast.

12. Staff

12.1 Staff Report 23-2023 - Riverwalk Creative Centre Partnership

Motion 74-2023

Moved By Kirkby
Seconded By Young

That Council direct Staff to:

- Form a working group to create a partnership with a non-profit organization to establish the Riverwalk Creative Centre as multi-use artistic creator studio venue in the Town of Prescott; and
- Prepare preliminary estimates of the costs involved to repurpose the old Pump House at the Water Treatment Plant as the Riverwalk Creative Centre; and
- Take custody of the pottery equipment from St. Lawrence College, should the application for the equipment donation be successful.

Lost

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, spoke to the report. He referenced the potential location of the pump house storage as a facility for a venue and how it relates to the Strategic Plan.

Discussion was held regarding the timeline of the request from the group, the cost to the municipality, and setting a precedence for future requests.

Further discussion was held regarding the importance of arts programs in Town, additional external partnerships, and the permanency of the equipment and retrofitting the space.

Dr. Li left the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

13. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

14. By-laws

There were no by-laws.

15. New Business

15.1 Homelessness Resolution - A Call to the Provincial government to End Homelessness in Ontario

Motion 75-2023

Moved By Burton

Seconded By McConnell

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario; and

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments; and

WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government; and

WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve; and

WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Prescott calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities in Leeds and Grenville.

Carried

Councillor McConnell spoke to interest in tiny homes and potential locations in town for tiny homes.

16. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

17. Mayor's Proclamation

17.1 Green Shirt Day/BeADonor Month

Mayor Shankar proclaimed April 7, 2023 as Green Shirt Day and the month of April as BeADonor Month in the Town of Prescott.

18. Period for Media Questions

There were no questions from the media.

19. Closed Session

Motion 76-2023

Moved By Lockett

Seconded By Burton

That Council move into Closed Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

19.1 Integrity Commissioner Training

- Under Section 239(3.1) of the Municipal Act, for the purpose of educating or training the members with regard to "Integrity Commissioner Training", and that this portion of the meeting, no member discuss or otherwise deal with any matter in a way that materially advances business or decision-making of the Council, local board, or committee; and

That the CAO/Treasurer, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Tony Fleming, Integrity Commissioner, remain in the room.

Carried

Motion 77-2023

Moved By Burton

Seconded By Lockett

That the meeting be extended. (9:00 p.m.)

Carried

Motion 78-2023

Moved By Lockett

Seconded By Kirkby

That Council reconvene into open session at 9:17.

Carried

20. Rise and Report

During the Closed Session, Council received Integrity Commissioner Training.

21. Confirming By-Law – 12-2023

Motion 79-2023

Moved By McConnell

Seconded By Burton

That By-Law 12-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on April 3, 2023, be read and passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed by the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

22. Adjournment

Motion 80-2023

Moved By Kirkby

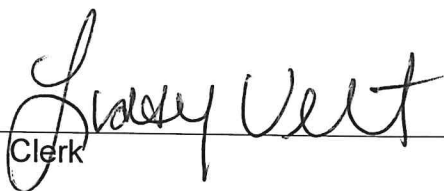
Seconded By Lockett

That the meeting be adjourned to Monday, April 17, 2023. (Time: 9:19 p.m.)

Carried



Mayor



Clerk