

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DESERONTO

COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 16, 2015 – 7:00 P.M. – TOWN HALL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deseronto, held on Tuesday June 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Deseronto Town Hall, 331 Main Street in Deseronto, Ontario.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor	N. Clark
Deputy Mayor	D. Johnston
Councillors	T. Dickinson S. Everhardus C. Zieman
Acting Clerk	G. Maracle

- 1. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION – Mayor Clark requested those in attendance to rise and join him in a moment of silent reflection.**
- 2. MAYOR’S ADDRESS – Mayor Clark reminded those in attendance that there will not be a Council meeting in July unless an emergency comes up. Council is still working on selecting a CAO/Clerk. Once the CAO is selected, the whole structure of Council may be changing.**

The Town archivist, Amanda Hill, will be doing a presentation on the history of Deseronto at the library this coming Saturday.

- 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – Councillor Everhardus declared a conflict of interest on item 9.1 (a).**

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a) Agenda of June 16, 2015 Council meeting**

Resolution 13-15-01

Moved by: C. Zieman

Seconded by: D. Johnston

THAT the agenda of June 16, 2015 be approved with item 9.1 (d) being moved to Closed Session and the addition of an item under Closed Session.

MOVED

5. MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the May 19, 2015 Council meeting**
- b) Minutes of the May 26, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting**
- c) Minutes of the March 26, 2015 Deseronto Transit Service meeting**
- d) Minutes of the June 11, 2015 Economic Development Committee meeting**

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Resolution 13-15-02

Moved by: S. Everhardus

Seconded by: D. Johnston

THAT the minutes of the May 19, 2015 Council meeting, the May 26, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting, the March 26, 2015 Deseronto Transit Service meeting, and the June 11, 2015 Economic Development Committee meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. BY-LAWS

a) Review of the ATV by-law

Resolution 13-15-03

Moved by: S. Everhardus

Seconded by: D. Johnston

THAT the ATV by-law review be deferred to the Committee of the Whole meeting next week to allow for comments from our by-law enforcement officer.

CARRIED

7. DEPUTATIONS

a) Justin Harrow, Brian McComb and Mark Peterson from Hastings County Planning spoke to Council regarding the draft Official Plan (Plans are in a separate binder)

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chris Bartolo and Michelle Kennelly from Deseronto & District Minor Hockey inquired about the rates that minor hockey is being charged for it's ice rentals and about the time slots that it has been given. The executive is concerned about losing players and coaches as well as their historical rental time slots.

Council advised that they would sit down with Deseronto & District Minor Hockey and A. Conger at the Committee of the Whole meeting next Tuesday and try to come to some kind of conclusion.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

a) Notice of a vacancy on the Deseronto Public Library Board

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Resolution 13-15-04

**Moved by: D. Johnston
Seconded by: C. Zieman**

THAT a mass mailing be prepared advertising for volunteers to sit on the Library and Cemetery Boards.

CARRIED

- b) Letter from the Township of Greater Madawaska requesting support of their resolution regarding Hydro One rates.**

Resolution 13-15-05

**Moved by: S. Everhardus
Seconded by: D. Johnston**

THAT Council support the Township of Madawaska's resolution regarding Hydro One rates.

CARRIED

- c) Request from the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte for an additional water and sewer connection.**

Resolution 13-15-06

**Moved by: D. Johnston
Seconded by: C. Zieman**

THAT Council approve the request to allow Eldon (Sonny) Maracle to connect to the water and sewer system, barring no objection from T. Harvey.

CARRIED

- d) Letter from the Hastings & Prince Edward District School Board advising that they have declared a parcel of land as surplus and intend to sell the property**

Resolution 13-15-07

**Moved by: D. Johnston
Seconded by: T. Dickinson**

THAT Council receive and file the letter from the Hastings & Prince Edward School Board advising of their intent to sell a parcel of surplus property.

CARRIED

- e) Letter from the Town of St. Mary's requesting support of their resolution for VIA Rail and the Network Southwest**

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Resolution 13-15-08

**Moved by: S. Everhardus
Seconded by: D. Johnston**

WHEREAS, reductions on VIA Rail service led to the formation of advocacy groups such as Save VIA (www.savevia.ca); and

WHEREAS, citizens of all ages and backgrounds, especially those with no license or vehicle, rely on VIA Rail; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail provides safer and more eco-friendly transportation than driving; and

WHEREAS, enhanced VIA Rail service heightens connections between communities, thereby promoting tourism and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Ontario Transportation Alliance, with the support of advocacy groups, businesses and municipalities in the region, has published the Network Southwest Action Plan to address the need for reliable and sustainable rail-based passenger transportation in Southwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS, it is time for all levels of government to stop thinking passenger rail service is only a federal responsibility, and begin providing support for intercity transportation services in communities beyond Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA);

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor of Deseronto, do hereby proclaim that VIA Rail is important to my municipality; and I urge my fellow citizens as well as all levels of government to consider the Network Southwest Action Plan as presented March 18, 2015 and available at www.swota.ca.

CARRIED

- f) Letter received from Minister Ted McMeekin regarding review of the Municipal Act**

Resolution 13-15-09

**Moved by: D. Johnston
Seconded by: C. Zieman**

THAT Council request the Acting Clerk to review the Municipal Act and the Elections Act and forward any comments.

CARRIED

- g) Letter received requesting the Town to express their opposition to the privatization of Hydro One**

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Resolution 13-15-10

Moved by: D. Johnston

Seconded by: S. Everhardus

WHEREAS the public electricity system in Ontario is a critical Asset to the economy and vital to the living standard and well-being of all Ontarians;

AND WHEREAS it is essential that Ontarians maintain public control and public decision-making with respect to electricity;

AND WHEREAS experience in other jurisdictions shows that privatization typically means consumers pay more for electricity;

AND WHEREAS a privatized Hydro One will no longer be subject to scrutiny by the Auditor General, the Ombudsman, the Financial Accountability Officer or the Integrity Commissioner, and will no longer be required to provide information or services to citizens under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, or the French Language Services Act;

AND WHEREAS our public electricity system currently generates hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue for the provincial government every year to help pay for public services we all depend on;

AND WHEREAS the sale of shares in Hydro One will provide a short-term financial gain for the province in exchange for a much larger long-term financial loss;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has no mandate from voters to sell any part of Hydro One;

AND WHEREAS opinion polls show Ontarians oppose the privatization of Hydro One by a significant margin in every part of the province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Deseronto call on the provincial government to:

- **Halt the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One as a public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians;**
- **Strengthen Hydro One by investing in the next generation of workers and upgrading our electricity transmission infrastructure;**
- **Respect the autonomy and local decision-making powers of local distribution companies by not forcing these companies into mergers or sales;**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Deseronto communicate this resolution to the Premier, with copies to the

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Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy, area MPP's and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Deseronto work through AMO to encourage other Ontario municipalities to express their opposition to the privatization of Hydro One.

CARRIED

- h) Early registration for the Ontario East Municipal Conference in Kingston**

Resolution 13-15-11

Moved by: D. Johnston

Seconded by: C. Zieman

THAT the OEMC registration notice be received and filed and Councillors are encouraged to let the Acting Clerk know if they are interested in attending.

CARRIED

9.2 CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING NO ACTION

- a) Building Inspections Services Committee reports for January – April 2015**
- b) Letter from Minister Ted McMeekin regarding the Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014.**

Resolution 13-15-12

Moved by: D. Johnston

Seconded by: T. Dickinson

THAT the January – April, 2015 Building Inspection reports and the letter from Minister McMeekin regarding the Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014 be received and filed.

CARRIED

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Schedule of Accounts 08-2015

Resolution 13-15-13

Moved by: C. Zieman

Seconded by: D. Johnston

THAT Schedule of Accounts, numbered 08-2015 in the amount of \$118,520.31 be approved for payment.

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11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11.1 Finance and Administration

Everything is moving along with the financing of the sewage plant project.

11.2 Public Works and Water & Sewer

Council requested that the Acting Clerk arrange for T. Harvey to attend the next Committee of the Whole meeting regarding water shortages during the summer.

11.3 Economic Development

a) Recommendation to sell Water Street right of way

Resolution 13-15-14

Moved by: D. Johnston

Seconded by: T. Dickinson

THAT Council accepts the offer from Orkney Residential to purchase the additional right of way portion (Part 5) of the surplus Water Street property.

CARRIED

b) Recommendation for the watering of downtown flowers

Resolution 13-15-15

Moved by: D. Johnston

Seconded by: S. Everhardus

THAT Council allow Economic Development to use the right of way sale proceeds to offset the cost incurred by the Parks & Recreation Department to allocate additional labour to watering the downtown flowers throughout the summer.

CARRIED

c) Recommendation to deem Town owned lots as surplus

Resolution 13-15-16

Moved by: D. Johnston

Seconded by: C. Zieman

THAT the following 3 lots be deemed as surplus to municipal needs:

Roll # 1202-010-010-07400-0000

Roll # 1202-020-025-05200-0000

Roll # 1202-020-025-05100-0000

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d) Recommendation regarding survey of Main Street property

Resolution 13-15-17

Moved by: D. Johnston

Seconded by: S. Everhardus

THAT the Town will cover one hundred percent of the cost of a new survey for 240 Main Street up to a limit of \$3,000.00.

CARRIED

11.4 Emergency Services

a) Safety at fire property

Resolution 13-15-18

Moved by: D. Johnston

Seconded by: C. Zieman

THAT the Acting Clerk advise the Napanee O.P.P. that people are looting from the burn property at 66 Green Street;

AND FURTHER THAT the Acting Clerk request the By-Law Enforcement Officer to send a letter to the owner's of the property advising that it has to be cleaned up immediately.

CARRIED

11.5 Parks and Recreation

Councillor Zieman commended A. Conger on the facilities at the arena, when it was rented for a wedding in his family.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Staff recommendation concerning the recent waste and recycling tender.

Resolution 09-15-11

Moved by: C. Zieman

Seconded by: S. Everhardus

THAT Council defer the recycling tender recommendation until the next Council meeting to allow members time to review.

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Resolution 13-15-19

Moved by: C. Zieman

Seconded by: T. Dickinson

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THAT the Waste & Recycling tender be awarded to Progressive Waste Solutions Limited (formally known as BFI) for a two year term commencing August 1, 2015.

CARRIED

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Recommendation from A. Conger for the hiring of day camp staff (transferred to Closed Session)
- b) Approval of the Deseronto Streetscape Improvement Program guidelines (final version to be e-mailed Monday night)

Resolution 13-15-20

**Moved by: S. Everhardus
Seconded by: T. Dickinson**

THAT Council adopt the Deseronto Streetscape Improvement Program and forward it to Hastings County Planning for approval.

CARRIED

- c) Request from a resident for an exemption to our Property Standards by-law regarding the height of fencing

Resolution 13-15-21

**Moved by: C. Zieman
Seconded by: T. Dickinson**

THAT Council decline to allow an exemption for a higher fence than our Property Standards by-law allows.

CARRIED

- d) Discussion on safe street crossing at the Centennial Park playground

Resolution 13-15-22

**Moved by: S. Everhardus
Seconded by: C. Zieman**

THAT the By-Law Enforcement Officer be asked to research ways to slow traffic to allow safe crossing of children going to Centennial Park and at the 3 highway crossings.

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- e) Letter to Council regarding Open-Air Burning

Resolution 13-15-23

**Moved by: S. Everhardus
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THAT the Acting Clerk be directed to send a letter to the complainant advising that Council is currently reviewing the issue.
CARRIED

f) Recognition Program

Resolution 13-15-24

Moved by: S. Everhardus

Seconded by: C. Zieman

THAT the new CAO work with Councillor Everhardus to create a staff recognition program.

CARRIED

14. MOTIONS & NOTICES OF MOTION - None

15. IN CAMERA

**Legal
Personnel**

Resolution 13-15-25

Moved by: D. Johnston

Seconded by: S. Everhardus

THAT Council rise and move in Camera to discuss legal items in accordance with Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act.

CARRIED

16. MOTION TO CONFIRM ACTIONS TAKEN “IN-CAMERA”

a) Town Legal issues

Recommendation 12-15-26

Moved by: D. Johnston

Seconded by: S. Everhardus

THAT the discussion on the Town’s legal representation be referred to Closed Session at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

b) Day Camp Hiring

Resolution 12-15-27

Moved by: D. Johnston

Seconded by: T. Dickinson

That the Acting Clerk contact our lawyer and get her opinion on the hiring and a recommendation on when to change the hiring policy, if so desired.

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Resolution 12-15-28

**Moved by: S. Everhardus
Seconded by: D. Johnston**

THAT the Human Resource Policy be referred to Finance & Administration Committee for review over the summer months.

CARRIED

c) Wage Increases

Resolution 12-15-29

**Moved by: S. Everhardus
Seconded by: C. Zieman**

THAT all pay grids increase by 2%, as well as the four individuals who are eligible for grid step advancement be approved as well; AND FURTHER THAT the Treasurer be instructed to process retro-active pay increases dating back to January 1, 2015.

CARRIED

Resolution 13-15-31

**Moved by: D. Johnston
Seconded by: S. Everhardus**

THAT Council confirm the actions taken In-Camera.

CARRIED

17. BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution 13-15-32

**Moved by: C. Zieman
Seconded by: D. Johnston**

THAT by-law 15-15, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the June 16, 2015 Council meeting, having been read a first and second time be finally passed this 16th day of June 2015.

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18. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Resolution 12-15-33

Moved by: S. Everhardus

Seconded by:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK