

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DESERONTO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

JANUARY 7, 2014 – 9:00 A.M. – 51 MECHANIC ST

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Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deseronto, held on Tuesday January 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Deseronto Community Centre, 51 Mechanic Street in Deseronto, Ontario.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor	N. Clark
Deputy Mayor	C. Zieman
Councillors	D. Johnston - Regrets E. Tumak D. Tompkins
Clerk	B. Brooks

1. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION - The Mayor lead those in attendance in a moment of silent reflection.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

a) Agenda of January 7, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting

Resolution 01-14-01

**Moved by: D Tompkins
Seconded by: E Tumak**

THAT Council accept the agenda of January 7, 2014 with the addition of discussion on the snowmobiling by-law and signage, sanding/salting of the rear parking lot behind the Main Street businesses.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

a) Minutes of the December 17, 2013 Deseronto Council meeting

Resolution 01-14-02

**Moved by: D Tompkins
Seconded by: E Tumak**

THAT Council accept the December 17, 2013 Deseronto Council meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS & QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

a) Steve Gatward of Hastings County Social Services

Steve Gatward informed the Clerk that he was unable to make today's meeting due to scheduling conflicts and would make arrangements to be a delegation at a future meeting.

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5. BY-LAWS

- a) **By law 01-14, being a by law to authorize the municipality to borrow money to meet current expenditures(if required) of the Corporation of the Town of Deseronto**

Resolution 01-14-03

Moved by: C Zieman

Seconded by: E Tumak

THAT By law 01-14, being a by law to authorize the municipality to borrow money to meet current expenditures(if required) of the Corporation of the Town of Deseronto, having been read a first and second time, be finally passed this 7th day of January, 2014.

CARRIED

- b) **By law 02-14, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy for capped and uncapped assessed properties and to set out a schedule for the payment of taxes and prescribe the penalty and interest rates to be applied to outstanding taxes.**

Resolution 01-14-04

Moved by: C Zieman

Seconded by: E Tumak

THAT by law 02-14, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy for capped and uncapped assessed properties and to set out a schedule for the payment of taxes and prescribe the penalty and interest rates to be applied to outstanding taxes, having been read a first and second time, be finally passed this 7th day of January, 2014.

CARRIED

- c) **By-law 03-14 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen, in right of the Province of Ontario, as represented by the Ministry of Transportation for funding provided to the municipality under the dedicated gas tax funds for Public Transportation Program.**

Resolution 01-14-05

Moved by: C. Zieman

Seconded by: E Tumak

THAT By-law 03-14, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in the right of the Province of Ontario, as represented by the Ministry of Transportation for funding provided to the municipality under the dedicated gas tax funds for Public Transportation Program, having been read a first and second time, be finally passed this 7th day of January, 2014.

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- d) **By-law 04-14, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a funding agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Deseronto and the County of Hastings for the Deseronto Transit Service in the amount of \$28,000 for 2014.**

Resolution 01-14-06

Moved by: C Zieman

Seconded by: D Tompkins

THAT By-law 04-14, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a funding agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Deseronto and the County of Hastings for the Deseronto Transit Service in the amount of \$28,000 for 2014, having been read a first and second time, be finally passed this 7th day of January, 2014.

CARRIED

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6.1 Finance and Administration

- a) **Request for comment from Hastings County Planning and Land Division Committee regarding application for severance**

Resolution 01-14-07

Moved by: C Zieman

Seconded by: E Tumak

THAT Council instruct the Clerk to respond to the Hastings County Planning Department with support for the proposed severance at College Street.

CARRIED

- b) **Request from the Town of Fort Frances to support the proposed billing model for Police services**

Resolution 01-14-08

Moved by: C Zieman

Seconded by: E Tumak

Whereas, the Ontario Provincial Police are proposing a new billing model for charging municipalities for policing services, starting in 2015;

AND WHEREAS, the current billing model is a deployment model, in which cost recovery is based on a percentage of detachment workload, actual detachment staffing levels, wages, benefits, and a cost recovery component for other expenditures;

AND WHEREAS, the new methodology would charge each municipality a flat \$ 260 per household fee for the base costs

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related to providing police services, plus a variable charge for each call for service in that municipality. That rationale for this is that there is a base fixed cost for providing police services that must be borne by all participating municipalities, regardless of the number of calls for service that the OPP responds to in each municipality. The OPP have advised that 73% of their costs are fixed (i.e. base costs) and 27% are variable;

AND WHEREAS, there is a wide divergence in per household costs for policing across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, some municipalities in Ontario are paying excessive per household costs for policing such as the Town of Deseronto at \$692.51;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario and Premier Wynne support the proposed billing model for change or a model for policing that ensures an equitable distribution of cost sharing for all municipalities and unorganized territories in Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services and The Honourable John Gerretsen, Attorney General of Ontario.

CARRIED

- c) Lease/Purchase proposal for the Great Plains 2013 update and Server replacement**

Resolution 01-14-09

**Moved by: E Tumak
Seconded by: C Zieman**

THAT Council receive and file the report and request that this item be included in the 2014 budget.

CARRIED

- d) Draft Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2013-2017**

Resolution 01-14-10

**Moved by: E Tumak
Seconded by: C Zieman**

THAT Council forward this document to Finance and Administration for review.

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e) Snowmobile traffic

Councillor Tumak requested clarification from Council on their position on snowmobiles travelling through Rathbun Park.

Further Councillor Tumak suggested that we review the by-law and determine the intent of the Municipality and post signs where necessary.

No- ATV and Snowmobile signs to be posted immediately in both park areas (Centennial Park and Rathbun Park)

Resolution 01-14-11

Moved by: E Tumak

Seconded by: D Tompkins

THAT Council erect no snowmobiling and ATVS in Centennial Park and Rathbun Park and request a recommendation from finance and administration committee for next council.

CARRIED

f) Committee of the Whole status

Council requested that the Clerk ensure that the wording of the procedural by-law is consistent with a two council meeting structure per month.

g) Materials for Public Works

The Clerk updated Council that the sand/ materials budget will be quite high in 2013/2014 due to the late 2013 and early 2014 storm activities that the community experienced.

Deputy Mayor Zieman advised members of Council that as the chair of Public Works, he has considered the storm activity over the 2013 holidays as over and above general department requirements and that he requested that all members of the Public Works department receive Overtime for time worked

6.2 Public Works, Water and Sewer

a) Request from the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte for a water and sewer connection on Church Lane

Resolution 01-14-

Moved by: C Zieman

Seconded by: D Tompkins

THAT Council approve the unit with a letter discussing possible penalty provisions for overage to contracted services.

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Resolution 01-14-18

Moved by: E Tumak

Seconded by: C Zieman

THAT Council authorize an exception to its moratorium on additional water-sewer connections to the MBQ on compassionate grounds for the property in question, and in consideration for the appearance of the National Historic Site in the general vicinity of the project.

CARRIED

- b) Ratification of the acceptance of the proposal from Realterm Energy and Cree Lighting for the replacement of all the Town of Deseronto Street Lights.**

Resolution 01-14-12

Moved by: E Tumak

Seconded by: D Johnston

THAT Council accept the proposal from Realterm Energy and Cree Lighting for the replacement of all of the Town of Deseronto street lights in the amount of \$157,828;

FURTHER THAT these costs be funded through the previously approved Federal Gas Tax Allocation with an estimated annual savings of \$35,000 – \$40,000.

CARRIED

- c) Snow Clearing in the Water Street Parking Lot**

Councillor Tumak requested clarification on the sanding and salting of the Water Street parking lot behind the Main Street.

Council members discussed the public perception that the parking lot was not being treated as a municipal responsibility. The Clerk updated Council that the lot has been treated approximately 4 times since December 20, 2013 and that the material used was salt. The Public Works supervisor has laid sand to allow for a longer benefit due to the recent thaw-freeze temperature fluctuations. Council recommended that Public Works and Economic Development converse to determine a plan of action for road clearing and vehicle impediments and how the Municipality plans to address future concerns for this parking lot and other municipal properties.

6.3 Parks and Recreation

- a) Councillor Tompkins has indicated that the Arena Community Supervisor will be completing his budget prior to January 15, 2014.**

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A dehumidifier has been deemed unfit and the electrical panel requires replacement – both expenses could amount to \$90,000 total.

6.4 Economic Development

The Mayor discussed his letter to the Premier requesting a meeting to discuss alternatives to assist the financial outlook for the Municipality.

Meeting with the M.P to discuss future initiatives and took note on some future initiatives for the community. Financial compensation for lack of development was identified as a priority.

The file for the land claim has been filed on the shelf and will not be addressed until the MBQ identifies an opportunity to open discussions.

First meeting will take place on February 10, 2014 with the new chairman.

The Deputy Mayor suggested a 5 year plan to identify the priorities for the Economic Development Department.

The Deputy Mayor requested permission to attend OGRA on behalf of the Municipality. The Mayor is attending on behalf of the County. The intent would be to request a meeting with the Premier or Deputy to discuss the state of the Town of Deseronto.

Councillor Tumak suggested that a letter seeking response from the Premier in relation to the letter requesting opportunity to meet with Ministerial representatives.

6.5 Cultural/Social and Emergency Services

a) By-law enforcement officer hiring

Resolution 01-14-13

Moved by: E Tumak

Seconded by: C Zieman

THAT Council instruct the Clerk to pursue a part-time by-law enforcement officer in the interim while Hastings County pursues a potential shared services agreement.

CARRIED

7. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

a) Schedule of Accounts 01-14

Resolution 01-14-14

Moved by: E Tumak

Seconded by: D Tompkins

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THAT Council accept Schedule of Accounts numbered 01-14 in the amount of \$216,046.35 as presented.

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8. MOTIONS & NOTICES OF MOTION

a) Meetings dates and times

The Mayor suggested a day time meeting and a night time meeting

The Deputy Mayor suggested a 10:00 a.m. meeting .

Councillor Tumak suggested that a day time meeting accommodates staff and that we would accommodate the day time schedule.

Councillor Tompkins suggested that a 10:00 a.m. start would work better for scheduling.

Council concluded that Council meetings would continue to be on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00a.m. and on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m..

b) Ma and Paws

The Clerk relayed an inquiry on behalf of the property owners of 360 Main Street regarding the potential change of use from commercial to residential.

Council members recommended that the property owners attend the Economic Development meeting on February 10, 2014 to discuss their plans for their property.

9. IN CAMERA

- Personnel

Resolution 01-14-15

Moved by: C Zieman

Seconded by: E Tumak

THAT Council, as required under section 239, rise and move in Camera for discussions regarding personnel.

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10. MOTION TO CONFIRM ACTIONS TAKEN “IN-CAMERA

Resolution 01-14-19

Moved by: C Zieman

Seconded by: E. Tumak

THAT Council confirm the actions taken in Camera.

CARRIED

11. BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolution 01-14-20

Moved by: C Zieman

Seconded by: E Tumak

THAT by-law 05-13, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of January 7, 2014 having been read a first and second time, be finally passed this 7th day of January, 2014.

CARRIED

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Resolution 01-14-21

Moved by: E Tumak

Seconded by: D Tompkins

THAT Council adjourn the meeting of January 7, 2014.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK