

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DESERONTO

COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 19, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.

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Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deseronto, held on Tuesday February 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Deseronto Lions Hall, 300 Main Street in Deseronto, Ontario.

ATTENDANCE:

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

- 1. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION – The Mayor requested those in attendance to observe a moment of silent reflection.**
- 2. MAYOR’S ADDRESS - The Mayor highlighted that 2013 budget preparation is presently ongoing and indicated that balancing the budget will be a difficult task. He further advised that the next budget meeting is scheduled for Friday February 22, 2013.**

The Mayor indicated that surplus lands will be sold in hopes of getting the property into hands of developers or agencies that will maximize the use of the property.

The Mayor highlighted that Centennial Park will undertake a major facelift as part of the Community Infrastructure Investment Fund project to improve the community’s green space.

The Mayor relayed an invitation for March 10, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. as Kay Lott is celebrating her 95th birthday at John McNeill’s Place. All members of Council and their spouses are invited.

The Mayor informed Council of the “Town Hall Sessions” being put on by AMO and LAS (free) in Loyalist Township on March 21, 2013.

- 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - None noted**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - a) Agenda of February 19, 2013 Council meeting**

Resolution 02-13-01

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

THAT Council approve the agenda of the February 19, 2013 Council meeting with the addition of a County Social Housing Initiative.

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5. MINUTES

- a) **Minutes of January 15, 2013 Council meeting**
- b) **Minutes of January 14, 2013 Economic Development Committee meeting**
- c) **Minutes of February 11, 2013 Economic Development Committee meeting**

Resolution 02-13-02

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

THAT Council accept the minutes of the January 15, 2013 Council meeting and the minutes of the January 14 and February 11, 2013 Economic Development committee meetings as presented.

CARRIED

6. BY-LAWS

- a) **By law 03-13, being a by law to authorize the municipality to borrow money to meet current expenditures of the Corporation of the Town of Deseronto**

Resolution 02-13-03

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

THAT By law 03-13, being a by-law to authorize the municipality to borrow money to meet current expenditures of the Corporation of the Town of Deseronto, having been read a first and second time, be finally passed this 19th day of February, 2013.

CARRIED

- b) **By law 04-13, 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 02-13-04

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

THAT By law 04-13, 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 19th day of February, 2013.

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7. DEPUTATIONS

- a) **Todd Harvey of the Deseronto Water and Waste Water Plant to discuss the water and sewer rate increase.**

Todd Harvey, Operations Manager, addressed Council with a recommendation to increase the Deseronto water and sewer rates by a minimum of 3.05% for the purpose of assisting with costs of inflation and rising overhead costs. This increase does not deal with depreciation or future capital replacement costs.

Todd Harvey provided comparable water and sewer rates for area municipalities such as Napanee, Belleville, Kingston, Gananoque, Tweed, Amherstview and Bath and informed Council that based on our monthly minimum allotment, we are relatively low in comparison to area municipalities.

Todd Harvey suggested that over the next 12 months, a review of our rate structure be completed to help encourage a water conservation program to help lower the 20% overall costs of variable plant expenses.

Resolution 02-13-05

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

THAT Council authorize a 3.05% increase to the Deseronto water and sewer rates effective for any bills issued after January 1, 2013.

CARRIED

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Lisa McNally advised that next year (2014), Deseronto will be 125 years old and requested that Council plan an event and she stated that she would be happy to assist with the organization etc.

Brad Parks suggested that a Capital Replacement Fund or Infrastructure Investment Fund line be put on water and sewer bills to allow for residents to be aware of future capital replacement allocations.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

9.2 CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING NO ACTION

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

- a) **Schedule of Accounts 02-13**

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Resolution 02-13-06

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

THAT Council authorize Schedule of Accounts numbered 02-13 in the amount of \$484,538.74 for payment as presented.

CARRIED

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11.1 Finance and Administration

- a) Council and committee meeting minutes and the timeline for disbursement**

Councillor Tumak updated Council on the initiatives of the Finance and Administration Department for budget purposes in areas such as reserve replenishment, accommodate growth and address service delivery within our Municipal Departments. Also, a review of existing by-laws with Finance and Administration and Economic Development to ensure the effectiveness and practicality of the bylaws and that they facilitate development in our community, will be undertaken.

Councillor Tumak suggested that expedited minute preparation could be undertaken to allow Council members and staff to work from the motions more efficiently.

Resolution 02-13-07

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

THAT Council instruct the Clerk to disburse the Council minutes no later than 7 days after all scheduled council meetings, to allow for council review.

CARRIED

- b) Acceptance of amendment to the NACHC rental agreement**

Resolution 02-13-08

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

THAT Council authorize an exemption to the Town of Deseronto fee by-law to authorize a Lions Hall 3 hour rental fee of \$50.00 for NACHC in addition to the present rental agreement, on an interim basis until which time the hall is sold or the Town can no longer accommodate the request.

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c) Deseronto Social Housing Units

Councillor Tumak requested clarification of the intent of the original request to better maintain the Social Housing properties and provide a liaison to better improve the units.

Council members discussed the condition of the units and the process as to how and who would hear and deal with the complaints that are received regarding the properties. Another concern regarded who would sit on this committee and what the parameters for discussion would be.

Resolution 02-13-09

Moved by: D Tompkins

Seconded by: D Johnston

THAT Council authorize Councillor Tumak to proceed with continued encouragement to County representatives to create a liaison/board with a mandate of improving the conditions of the Social Housing Complex and Seniors residence in Deseronto.

FURTHER THAT Council encourage Councillor Tumak to participate on any board that is created in an effort to improve the living experience in Hastings County Social Housing and Seniors units in Deseronto.

CARRIED

d) Budget meeting deferral

Council decided to change the date of the scheduled closed session budget meeting of February 22, 2013 to February 28, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m..

11.2 Public Works, Water and Sewer

a) Acceptance of request for a new member to be appointed to the Deseronto Public Library Board

Resolution 02-13-10

Moved by: D Johnston

Seconded by: D Tompkins

THAT Council defer this item to Closed Session for discussion.

CARRIED

b) Request for allocation of water and sewer capacity to the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte to accommodate a community facility for the Native Women's Association on Bayshore Road.

Resolution 02-13-11

Moved by: C Zieman

Seconded by: E Tumak

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THAT Council authorize water and sewer service and additional capacity for the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte to facilitate the development of a community facility for the Native Women's Association on Bayshore Road.

CARRIED

- c) Notification of successful acceptance as Certified Road Supervisor-Intermediate for Joe Carter from the Association of Ontario Roads Supervisor**

Resolution 02-13-12

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

THAT Council instruct the Clerk to draft a letter to Joe Carter commending him on his designation as a Certified Road Supervisor.

CARRIED

11.3 Parks and Recreation

- a) Request for former Recreation fund bank account balance to be forwarded to the Centennial Park Revitalization Fund.**

Resolution 02-13-13

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

THAT Council authorize the re-allocation of approximately \$3,500.00 from the former recreation committee bank account to the Centennial Park Revitalization Fundraising account.

CARRIED

- b) Request for use of Municipal property to host a birthday party**

Resolution 02-13-14

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

THAT Council authorize Dana Henry's request to utilize the Mill Street South property on May 11, 2013 for the hosting of a birthday party which will include pony rides, live music, bbq and the erection of a tent(weather permitting) with the condition that all guests are utilizing the property at no liability to the Town in relation to event activities.

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c) Building inspector Resignation

Council received the resignation of William Sikkema

Resolution 02-13-15

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

THAT Council receive and file the resignation of employment on February 19, 2013 by building inspector William Sikkema as presented.

CARRIED

11.4 Economic Development

a) Acceptance of the proposed 2013 BISC budget

Resolution 02-13-16

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

THAT Council approved the proposed 2013 BISC Budget as presented.

CARRIED

b) Support resolution to endorse the submission of application to the Eastern Ontario Development Program(EODP) for \$20,000

Resolution 02-13-17

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

THAT Council authorize the submission of application to the EODP for \$20,000 for an investment attraction strategy.

CARRIED

c) Cemetery board member appointment

Resolution 02-13-18

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

THAT Council authorize Shirley Graham and Penny Herrington as members of the Deseronto Cemetery Board .

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d) Centennial Park upgrade update

D Valentyne updated Council that the spaghetti dinner raised approximately \$500.00.

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D Valentyne updated Council further that the committee has requested input and received many ideas.

The next volunteer meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2013 for any individual that is interested in attending.

11.5 Cultural/Social and Emergency Services

- a) Request from the Deseronto Fire Department for a donation to the Firefighters Association equivalent to the cost of the rental of the Community Centre hall**

Resolution 02-13-19

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

THAT Council authorize a donation in the amount of \$250.00 to the Deseronto Firefighters Association.

CARRIED

- b) Notification of compliance under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) and Ontario Regulation 380/04 for 2012**

Resolution 02-13-20

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

THAT Council receive and file the notification of compliance under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) and Ontario Regulation 380/04 for 2012.

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12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Notification of plans and communications distributed for the proposed replacement of the Bell Canada wireless tower at 177 Centre Street**

Resolution 02-13-21

**Moved by: D Johnston
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THAT Council authorize the Bell Canada Wireless tower at 177 Centre Street as presented.

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14. MOTIONS & NOTICES OF MOTION

15. IN CAMERA

- Property
- Personnel
- Finance

Resolution 02-13-22

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

THAT Council rise and move in camera for the purpose of discussing personnel, property and finance matters.

CARRIED

16. MOTION TO CONFIRM ACTIONS TAKEN "IN-CAMERA

Resolution 02-13-28

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

THAT Council confirm the actions taken In-Camera.

CARRIED

17. BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution 02-13-29

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

THAT by-law 05-13, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, having been read a first and second time, be finally passed this 19th day of February, 2013.

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18. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Resolution 02-13-30

Moved by: E Tumak

Seconded by: D Johnston

THAT the Council meeting of February 19, 2013 be adjourned.

CARRIED



MAYOR



CLERK