

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DESERONTO

COUNCIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 24, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

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Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deseronto held on November 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Deseronto Lions Hall, 300 Main Street in Deseronto, Ontario

ATTENDANCE:

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

- 1. OPENING PRAYER-** The Mayor lead those in attendance at Council in the Lords Prayer.
- 2. MAYOR'S ADDRESS-** The Mayor welcomed the large number of attendees (14) and encouraged questions or inquiries more often to increase community involvement. The Mayor commended the residents for the interaction and stated that any further inquiries can also be forwarded to our Town Hall.

While the larger than normal delegation was present, the Mayor advised them of the government funded 2010 projects of the Water and Sewer Rehabilitation and the Deseronto Community Centre. Through Federal and Provincial governments we were able to secure funds to assist with the completion of this project (to be completed by March 2011).

- 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - None Noted**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Resolution 21-09-01

Moved by: D Johnston
Seconded by: E Tumak

THAT Council accept the November 24th, 2009 agenda as presented with the addition of a Finance and Administration update under 11.1 and an item under New Business (Town newsletter).

CARRIED

- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a) Minutes of Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on November 3, 2009**

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Resolution 21-09-02

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

THAT Council accept the Council minutes of November 3, 2009 as amended.

CARRIED

b) Minutes of Deseronto Revitalization Committee of October 29, 2009

Resolution 21-09-03

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

Recommendation #1

“THAT Council approval is given for the Revitalization Committee to apply for Waterfront Festival funding to Celebrate Ontario in the amount of \$5,000.00 and Hydro One in the amount of \$2,500.00. The total estimated 2010 festival budget is \$17,500.00. \$5,000.00 from the RED Program has been secured, \$5,000.00 will be requested from the Municipality as part of the 2010 Economic Development Budget, and the remaining \$7,500.00 is pending from Celebrate Ontario & Hydro One. A copy of the Celebrate Ontario application has been included for Council review/approval. The Hydro One application is a web based application form and therefore cannot be printed or provided ahead of time for review. It is a very straightforward application which can be viewed online at <http://www.hydroonenetworks.com/en/community/sponsorships/>.”

Recommendation #2

“THAT Council approval is given for the Revitalization Committee to select All About Signs as the Centennial Park Sign project supplier; sign quote option #2 consisting of a sandblasted wood sign in the amount of \$2,450.00 will be implemented. The sign will be constructed from cedar; all lettering/images will be done in coloured vinyl, and all open spaces will have a natural cedar wood finish. The budget for this project is included in the approved 2009 Economic Development Budget (50% of the cost will be covered by the RED Fund).”

Recommendation #3

“THAT Council approval is given for the Revitalization Committee to select a supplier to provide fall/winter plantings for all downtown window boxes & planters. A maximum \$1,500.00 budget is available for this project. The budget for this project has been included in the approved 2009 Economic Development Budget (50% of the cost will be covered by the RED Fund).”

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Recommendation #4

THAT Council approval is given for the Revitalization Committee to pursue funding to conduct a Marina Development Feasibility Study. Potential costs are being researched. The purpose of the feasibility study is to analyze the project, market and potential locations and recommend whether the project has future viability & sustainability. Once a feasibility study has been conducted, the town can apply for funding/pursue partners to complete the physical construction of a new marina. Government funding will be pursued for this project such as the EODP, EODF, CAF, etc. Funding applications will be submitted to Council for review/approval before being submitted to granting agencies.

THAT Council accept the recommendations of the October 29, 2009 minutes with notation that the \$5,000 request (Recommendation #1) regarding the Waterfront Festival will be subject to 2010 Budget deliberations.

CARRIED

6. BY-LAWS

6.1 By-law __ - 09 being a by-law to regulate the use of signs from the Town of Deseronto (Deferred)

Resolution 21-09-04

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

THAT Council defer the sign by-law to the next Council meeting.

CARRIED

6.2 By-law 39- 09 being a by-law to accept the terms of the Trillium Foundation funding agreement

Resolution 21-09-05

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

THAT by-law 39-09 being a by law to accept the terms of the Trillium Foundation for a “public use photocopier” in the Deseronto Public Library funding agreement (\$15,000 over 12 months) be read a first, second and finally passed November 24, 2009.

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7. DEPUTATIONS

- a) **Residents of Iron Gates Estates to discuss property tax issue (MPAC was unable to attend, but offered a meeting with the Mayor or Council designate at a later date)**

Suzanne McKerrall brought to Council's attention their concerns with the current tax compilation in the Town of Deseronto.

- *were informed by real estate company that taxes would be approximately \$3500.00*
- *made Request for Reconsideration and reduced by \$30,000*
- *discussed real estate values*
- *would like notification of budget meetings*
- *expectation is to reduce mill rate to level out tax*

Bryan Agnew discussed the misrepresentation by the real estate agents as to the estimate of the property taxes.

Susan Grant discussed the services that are offered by our Municipality as compared to those her previous municipality (Guelph) offers.

Clive Garlow discussed the mission statement and the disagreement with the current experience. Clive challenged the police service and the amount of costs to the town for the service being obtained.

The Mayor updated the residents of Iron Gates Estates that MPAC representatives were invited and declined due to scheduling issues.

Finance and Administration Chair proposed that on December 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., there would be a meeting with MPAC and interested parties to discuss the concerns made to us by Iron Gates Estates residents, and everyone was welcome to attend.

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Landry Jensen thanked the Clerk for the update on the Agenda in her first Council meeting.

Bill Lauderville, the principal of Deseronto Public School commended Council on their welcoming atmosphere and invited Council to host a Council meeting at the School.

Confirmation was given for January 12, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. and Council are welcomed for lunch and a tour through the school prior to the meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Correspondence requiring No Action

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9.2 Correspondence Requiring Action

a) Letter of correspondence from the Deseronto 2009 Christmas Sharing Committee

Resolution 21-09-06

Moved by: C Zieman

Seconded by: D McMeeken

THAT Council authorize a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Deseronto Christmas Sharing Program.

CARRIED

b) Request for support from Tyendinaga Township towards the closure of Richmond Landfill

Resolution 21-09-07

Moved by: C Zieman

Seconded by: E Tumak

THAT the Clerk invite Waste Management to a meeting with Council to discuss the details of the waste site to get a better understanding of the issues at hand.

CARRIED

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11.1 Finance and Administration

a) December 8th Council meeting

Resolution 21-09-08

Moved by: C Zieman

Seconded by: D McMeeken

**THAT Council move the December 8th Council meeting to the 15th and the 8th and 22nd meetings are cancelled.
FURTHER THAT December 24th and December 31st be given off to all staff within the Town of Deseronto**

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Resolution 21-09-09

Moved by: C Zieman

Seconded by: D McMeeken

THAT Council authorize a \$100.00 bonus to full time staff and a \$50.00 token amount to part time staff for the 2009 Christmas gifts. FURTHER THAT on December 23rd the Town hall arrange a gathering from 3:00-4:30p.m.

CARRIED

11.2 Public Works and Fire Department Committee

- a) **Inspection of installed street lights (information only)**

Resolution 21-09-10

Moved by: D McMeeken

Seconded by: E Tumak

THAT Council receive and file the inspection for street lights.

CARRIED

11.3 Parks and Recreation Committee

- a) **YMCA inquiries**

Resolution 21-09-11

Moved by: D Johnston

Seconded by: C Zieman

THAT Council receive and file the YMCA question and answer details with David Allen (Regional Coordinator).

CARRIED

- b) **Budget update**

Councillor Johnston commented on summer revenue based on the reconstruction project at the Community Centre. His thoughts were that for 2010 the revenues are expected to be \$0.00

- b) **Summer duties for recreation staff**

In order to budget for upgrades across the Municipality, the recreation department needs an accurate description of expected duties.

Centennial Park is in poor condition and Councillor Johnston would like Council to consider upgrades in the near future.

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c) Recreation booking software

The recreation committee is given authorization to proceed with the implementation of Maximum Solution booking software as budgeted.

11.4 Economic Development & Planning Committee

a) Southern Ontario Development Program details

Councillor Tumak highlighted criteria of the SODP grant process and reviewed the initiatives of Cambium and the Revitalization Committee and the combination of the two ventures. The Community Improvement Plan costs would be substantially reduced by incorporating both initiatives at the same time.

Resolution 21-09-12

Moved by: E Tumak

Seconded by: C Zieman

WHEREAS sustainability means satisfying our present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS sustainable or “green” practices conserve energy, water and other natural resources, preserve local and global environmental quality, strengthen the local economy, promote human health and safety, create higher quality enduring structures, and offer cost reductions in maintenance, solid waste disposal and energy; and

WHEREAS the citizens and the government of the Town of Deseronto have continually demonstrated commitment to the preservation of our natural resources and to quality of life; and WHEREAS the waterfront area of our community is recognized as an integral aspect of an economically, socially, culturally, and environmentally sustainable Town of Deseronto; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the Town of Deseronto that, as representatives of the Town of Deseronto, we commit to the on-going pursuit of greater environmental, economic and socio-cultural sustainability

And that we direct the Deseronto Development Corporation and the municipal staff to develop a Waterfront Revitalization Business Plan for review by Council within 16 weeks of approval of this resolution and a Community Improvement Plan before the calendar year end of 2010. The Deseronto Development Corporation in conjunction with the municipal staff shall be charged with overseeing the development and implementation of such Business Plan while providing necessary training and guidance for affected staff and consultants and regular updates to Council.

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Resolution 21-09-13

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

THAT Council endorse the application as presented and authorize the Clerk and Councillor Tumak to proceed with Cambium to oversee submission of SODP (Southern Ontario Development Program)funds.

CARRIED

b) Celebrate Ontario Grant Application for Waterfront Festival

Resolution 21-09-14

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

THAT Council accept the application for Celebrate Canada funding for the Deseronto Waterfront Festival and that the \$5,000 town contribution be subject to 2010 budget deliberations.

CARRIED

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Cambium Environmental

The Clerk distributed the proposal as submitted and highlighted the intent to apply for funding under the Green Municipal Fund and Rural Economic Development funding opportunities.

Resolution 20-09-12

Moved by: E Tumak
Seconded by: D McMeeken

THAT Council defer this item to Unfinished Business.

Resolution 21-09-15

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

THAT Council remove from unfinished business.

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13. NEW BUSINESS

a) 2010 Insurance Renewal quote from Cowan Insurance(Grant's Insurance)

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Resolution 21-09-16

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

THAT Council defer this to the Finance and Administration Committee for review.

CARRIED

b) Accessible Customer Service Policy

Resolution 21-09-17

**Moved by: D Johnston
Seconded by: D McMeeken**

THAT Council accept the Accessible Customer Service policy as presented.

CARRIED

c) Newsletter Approval process

Discussion about Council member involvement in the composition of the Deseronto News and Views.

Resolution 21-09-18

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

THAT no members of Council have any involvement in the Deseronto News and Views publication.

CARRIED

The Clerk shall advise the Deseronto Revitalization Committee that the Deseronto News and Views Council component shall come to Council for approval prior to public submission.

14. MOTIONS & NOTICES OF MOTION – None Noted

15. IN-CAMERA

- Property issue

Resolution 21-09-19

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

THAT as required under Section 239(1) Council move In-Camera to discuss property issues.

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

Resolution 21-09-22

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

That Council confirm actions taken In-Camera

CARRIED

17. BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution 21-09-23

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

THAT By law 40-09 being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of Council of November 24, 2009 be read a first, second and finally passed on November 24, 2009.

CARRIED

18. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Resolution 21-09-24

**Moved by: D McMeeken
Seconded by: D Johnston**

THAT Council meeting of November 24, 2009 be adjourned at 10:40 p.m..

CARRIED