

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DESERONTO

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 20, 2009 – 6:00 PM.

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Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deseronto held on July 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Deseronto Lions Hall, 300 Main Street in Deseronto, Ontario

ATTENDANCE:

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

- 1. OPENING PRAYER – The Deputy Mayor lead those in attendance in the Lord’s Prayer at 6:15p.m.**
- 2. DEPUTY MAYOR’S ADDRESS – The Deputy Mayor gave an update on the status of the health of the Mayor. The Deputy Mayor elaborated on the condition and the circumstances which the Mayor was dealing with currently and on behalf of Council wished the Mayor a speedy recovery.**

The Deputy Mayor informed Council that the owners of the Deseronto IDA recently celebrated their 30 year wedding anniversary and he publicly congratulated them for their service to the community.

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

Resolution 15-09-01

Moved by: D Johnston
Seconded by: E Tumak

THAT Council approve the July 20, 2009 regular Council Agenda as presented with the addition of the following items:

- 11.1 b Water Liaison Board committee;**
- New Business item –“ Fox” situation;**
- 11.4 b) Transit Motions;**

CARRIED

- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a) Minutes of June 23, 2009 Council meeting**

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Resolution 15-09-02

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

THAT Council approve the Minutes of June 23rd, 2009 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED

- b) Minutes of July 9, 2009 Finance and Administration meeting**
- c) Minutes of July 6, 2009 Finance and Administration meeting**

Resolution 15-09-03

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

THAT Council accept the Finance and Administration minutes of July 6, 2009 and July 9, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

6. BY-LAWS

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

- a) Cambium Environmental to present proposal for services of the Arctic Gardens property. (Report included)**

John Desbiens and Jim Bailey presented Cambium's proposal to Council members to highlight potential and/or projected outcomes that could be expected from this project. Funding opportunities were highlighted with Cambium stating to Council that an application for additional funding would be completed once the project commenced. Mr. Bailey discussed their proposal and discussed the risk assessment of a site specific plan to remediate Arctic Gardens. Mr. Bailey reviewed the time frame of this project and the community involvement in a Community Improvement plan and funding timelines.

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Ken Holmes asked Council to consider the public use of the waterfront if remedial efforts are taken and the waterfront is built up to be a "rich" neighborhood.

-Mr. Holmes' concerns come from the fact he believes the Town would lose use of the waterfront if it is privately owned.

- Wayne Maracle approached Council to express his views that the foxes are moving into our community due to the drilling and

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blasting taking place on the reserve and therefore the unwanted noises are driving them into our community.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Correspondence requiring No Action

9.2 Correspondence Requiring Action

- a) **Request for letter of support for the Deseronto Yacht Club Special Events Permit for August 22, 2009**

Resolution 15-09-04

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

THAT Council instruct the Clerk to prepare a letter of support for obtaining a special events permit for the “Meet and Greet” as proposed on August 22, 2009.

CARRIED

- b) **Request for support from Town of Innisfil regarding harmonized Sales Tax and the effect on electricity rates commencing July 2010**

Resolution 15-09-05

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

THAT WHEREAS Ontario’s 2009 budget has proposed to harmonize sales taxes the implementation of which will apply to electricity rates starting July 1, 2010 having the effect of increasing electricity rates by 8% across the Province; and

WHEREAS the Electricity Act, 1998 has provided for the imposition of a debt retirement charge of .7 cents/kWh to be paid by consumers until the residual Ontario Hydro stranded debt is retired, likely to be achieved between 2014 and 2018; and

WHEREAS as this double taxation will provide undue hardship to the residents and business of Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to exempt electricity sales from the provincial portion of the single harmonized sales tax at least until the stranded debt of Ontario Hydro is fully retired; and

FURTHER THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Deputy Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister of

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Energy & Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and AMO.

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- c) Request for Support from Hastings and Prince Edward County regarding the dangers and protections against the West Nile Virus**

Resolution 15-09-06

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

THAT Council support the efforts of Hastings Prince Edward Counties Health Unit and authorize the Clerk to issue permission for the larviciding program for the prevention and/or control of the West Nile Virus within the Town of Deseronto.

CARRIED

- d) Bruce Hooper compliments to the Deseronto Waterfront Committee**

Deputy Mayor read the letter to the Editor that was recently in the paper commending the Waterfront Committees of 2009 and previous years

Resolution 15-09-07

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

THAT Council receive and file this correspondence as presented.

CARRIED

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

- a) Schedule of Accounts 12-09**

Resolution 15-09-08

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

THAT Council accept Schedule of Accounts numbered 12-09 for payment in the amount of \$294,582.73 as presented.

CARRIED

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11.1 Finance and Administration

- a) Copy of 2009 Draft Financial Statements**

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Resolution 15-09-09

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

**THAT Council accept a copy of the 2009 Draft Financial Statements of the Storm and Town as presented with any questions to be forwarded to the Treasurer for clarification.
CARRIED**

11.2 Public Works and Fire Department Committee

- a) Rabies Clinic at the Deseronto Fire Department for October 3, 2009 from 1:00p.m to 3:00p.m**

Resolution 15-09-10

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

THAT Council agree to host an annual Rabies Clinic on October 3, 2009 at 1:00-3:00pm as presented at the Deseronto Fire Department.

CARRIED

11.3 Parks and Recreation Committee

Councillor Johnston informed Council that the Deseronto Day Camp is currently operating and underway.

Councillor Johnston advised Council that he has instructed the arena supervisor not to use the Capital funds as we may need them for operations later on in this current year.

Councillor Johnston advised Council that he would encourage all council members to be present when the interviews are being held for the Arena position.

11.4 Economic Development & Planning Committee

- a) Letter from Quinte Conservation requesting support to enroll employees of the Conservation Authority in the OMERS Pension Plan**

Resolution 15-09-11

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

**THAT Council accept the enrollment of Quinte Conservation in the OMERS Pension Plan and to send a letter to Quinte Conservation to support this initiative.
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b) Transit motions

Resolution 15-09-12

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

THAT the Deseronto Transit receive permission from Council to have a dedicated transit vehicle parking spot on Main Street, midway between Green and Brant Streets, for a 60 day trial period.

CARRIED

Resolution 15-09-13

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

THAT Council accept the Transit Committee's recommendation to have Deseronto Transit operate a limited run for the PELASS clients on the Picton-Belleville run on all statutory holidays.

CARRIED

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12.1 Capital Asset Policy

Resolution 19-08-17

Moved by: C Zieman
Seconded by: E Tumak

THAT this item be left on the agenda.

CARRIED

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Joint Health and Safety meeting Report of June 24, 2009

Resolution 15-09-14

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

THAT Council accept the recommendations as presented with any expenses not able to be covered in the budget coming back to Council for approval.

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b) Napanee Detachment Police Report for April – May 2009

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Resolution 15-09-15

Moved by: E Tumak

Seconded by: D Johnston

THAT Deseronto Town Council receive the March – April 2009 Napanee O.P.P. Detachment PSB Report. Based on the previously submitted mapping of incidents in Deseronto and the current report, it is requested that the Town Clerk arrange a meeting prior to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference to discuss options for improving security and reducing policing charges. As per the most recent report, points of concern are:

- the number/percentage of violent crimes;**
- the number/percentage of sexual crimes and that some public forum or educational programme may be required;**
- the relatively high number of property, break & enter, and theft;**
- the public perception that there are many incidents of drug related offences but few charges;**
- are there sufficient foot patrol or community office hours in Deseronto; and,**
- there were no Community Services Officer update meetings in Deseronto.**

CARRIED

c) Copy of 2008 financial statements

Resolution 15-09-16

Moved by: D Johnston

Seconded by: E Tumak

THAT Council accept the 2008 financial statements of the Deseronto Storm, Deseronto Development Corporation and Town Financial statements as presented by Collins Barrow LLP.

CARRIED

d) Residential area fox concerns notice for public

Resolution 15-09-17

Moved by: E Tumak

Seconded by: D Johnston

THAT Council submit the notification drafted by Councillor Tumak to the public for public awareness and review by mass mailing and monitor reaction.

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14. MOTIONS & NOTICES OF MOTION – None

15. IN-CAMERA

- * Property matters
- * Finance matters
- * Personnel matters

Resolution 15-09-18

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

**THAT Council move In-Camera for the purpose of discussing
Property, Finance and Personnel matters.**

CARRIED

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

Resolution 15-09-25

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

THAT Council confirm the actions taken in Camera.

CARRIED

17. BY-LAWS

**17.1 By-law 27-09 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the
Council Meeting of July 20, 2009**

Resolution 15-09-26

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

**THAT By-law 27-09 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of
Council is read a first, second and finally passed and number
assigned this 20th day of July, 2009.**

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18. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Resolution 15-09-27

Moved by: D McMeeken

Seconded by: E Tumak

THAT the July 20, 2009 regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

CARRIED

(Signed)

**DEPUTY MAYOR
(Clarence Zieman)**

**CLERK
(Bryan Brooks)**