

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DESERONTO

COUNCIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 25, 2008 – 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 25, 2008 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 - Absent D. McMeeken E. Tumak
Clerk	B Brooks - Absent
Treasurer	T Lloyd
Public Press	

1. **OPENING PRAYER** – The Mayor led those in attendance at Council in the Lord's Prayer.
2. **MAYOR'S ADDRESS** – The Mayor expressed condolences to the Deputy Mayor Zieman for the recent loss of his father-in-law. Funeral services are to be held on Thursday November 27, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the McGlade Funeral Home in Deseronto.

In follow up to the previous Council meeting, the Mayor addressed three issues. First, the Mayor expressed that a Mayor's levy will be held on a yet to be determined date. Second, very little feedback was received regarding the changing of Committee Chairs. The Mayor, however, informed Council that he may be pursuing a change to the committee structure. One which will incorporate a second Council member who has not previously been a member of said committee. This provides each Council member with an opportunity to experience another Committee. Last, the Mayor informed Council that he has discussed potential ratepayer mortgage issues with both a real estate agent as well as Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament.

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** – None declared
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Resolution 24 -08-01

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

THAT Council approves the agenda with the following additions:

- **Robert Keene was in attendance as a deputation regarding financing programs offered by Infrastructure Ontario.**

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) **Regular Scheduled Council Minutes from November 18, 2008**

Resolution 24-08-02

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

THAT Council approves the minutes of November 18, 2008 Council meeting as presented with amendments to item 15.7.

CARRIED

- b) **Deseronto Transit Steering Committee Minutes from October 15, 2008**

Resolution 24-08-03

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

THAT Council approves the minutes of October 15, 2008 Transit meeting.

CARRIED

- c) **Deseronto Revitalization Minutes and Recommendations of September 25th, 2008 (as requested by Council to review)**

Resolution 24-08-04

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

THAT Council approves the minutes and recommendations of September 25, 2008 Deseronto Revitalization meeting with the exception and deferral of item 3.8.

CARRIED

Much discussion ensued about the structure of the documents (minutes and recommendations) with item 3.8 being of particular interest. Council members in conjunction with the Clerk will seek to clarify the issues surrounding the documents and item 3.8.

6. BY-LAWS

- a) **Borrowing By-law 43-08, to accommodate the funding for the MT 6 Trackless from CIBC in the amount of \$85,000.(Schedule A will be distributed at Council)**

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Resolution 24-08-05

Moved by: C. Zieman

Seconded by: E. Tumak

By-law 43-08 being a by law to enter into an Agreement with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for financing of MT6 Trackless, having been read a first, second, and a third time on November 25, 2008 and finally be passed signed, sealed and number assigned.

CARRIED

- b) Borrowing By-law 44-08, to accommodate the funding for the 2007 deficit of the Deseronto Community Centre in the amount of 32,000.(Schedule A will be distributed at Council)

Resolution 24 -08-06

Moved by: C. Zieman

Seconded by: E. Tumak

By-law 44-08 being a by law to enter into an Agreement with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for the purposes of financing 2007 capital projects as required by the Deseronto Community, having been read a first, second, and a third time on November 25, 2008 and finally be passed signed, sealed and number assigned.

CARRIED

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

7.1 Robert Keene from Infrastructure Ontario

R. Keene provided Council members with an update on Infrastructure Ontario, including the following items:

- Ministry change to Energy and Infrastructure
- Loan structures: construction loans (short-term with low interest rates e.g. 2.56%), serial loans (larger up-front “costs”), and conventional long-term loans (locked in for term of loan, fixed rate over term of loan and regular by-annual payments)
- Time frame from application to approval: maximum 6 weeks due to requirements for Council to pass by-laws
- Types of projects eligible for financing: construction, land purchase, equipment
- Types of eligible organizations include Municipalities and wholly owned Municipal Corporations (with some restrictions)
- Once a financing agreement is approved, the organization has one (1) year to use the funds (or begin using the funds)

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8. QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

8.1 Irene Usher expressed her concerns with the inability to contact the Town's Public Works department by email. Council assured Mrs. Usher that all of the Municipality's departments will have access to the internet.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Correspondence requiring No Action - None

9.2 Correspondence Requiring Action - None

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS - None

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Finance & Administration

a) Re-location of the Deseronto Police Station (treasurer will update)

The Treasurer informed Council that an access issue may exist with the O.P.P. office. Town staff members have been looking for alternatives to the current location for the O.P.P. office.

Much discussion ensued about the following items:

- Proposed locations, such as renovating the Lion's Hall and alternate Main Street locations
- Eligibility for landlords to retain a key for commercial properties
- Confidentiality issues

Council determined in order to make an informed decision additional data will be required. The Clerk will contact Pat Finnegan to determine the perspective of the O.P.P. on this issue.

11.2 Public Works and Fire Department Committee - No report

11.3 Parks and Recreation Committee

a) Parks staff requirements

Discussion ensued about the staffing requirements for the parks department

Councillor McMeeken will follow up the Public Works/Parks Supervisor to determine if the current parks employee is still required.

b) Deseronto Storm

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Council discussed the impact of the continued operations of the Deseronto Storm on the Recreation budget in upcoming years should the team cease operating.

11.4 Economic Development & Planning Committee

- a) Reply e-mail from Paul Walsh regarding water capacity

Resolution 01-08-10 (Jan 8)

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

THAT Council forwards this letter to Councillor Tumak for his committee to review this matter.

- b) Municipal tree replacement and protection policy or by-law;

Discussion ensued about the potential to implement a municipal tree replacement and protection policy. Several items were discussed, including:

- The policy being beyond the scope of the revitalization committee
- Varied options regarding implementing a policy
- Financial impact should Council decide to pass a policy to replace those trees that have been removed

Councilor Tumak will continue to research this policy and provide Council with a review of two (2) or three (3) Municipal by-laws.

- c) Arrange a meeting to discuss the reports from the Archivist relating to documents association with the land claim;

Discussion ensued about arranging a meeting with Archivist.

Council would like all data pertaining to this report to be received “in-camera” for education purposes.

- e) Programmes to design and development options for the Arctic Gardens site.

Discussion ensued about constructing a one day event, a symposium of parties of interest in regards to developing the Arctic Gardens site. Several items regarding the Arctic Garden site development/cleanup ensued, including:

- Process for site cleanup (Town Staff vs. Third Party)
- Impact of economy on construction and clean up costs
- Funding sources for project
- Benefit to holding a symposium: the pooling of resources to provide a better informed “starting point” to site clean up an/or development

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- A date for the proposed symposium, early in 2009 (January) should be considered for the event.

Resolution 24-08-07

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

THAT Councillor Tumak will prepare a list of proposed participants for a symposium for the Arctic Gardens site development. FURTHER THAT Council will consider the 2009 budget implications when deciding to pursue this event.

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

13.1 Land Claim Update

The Mayor informed Council of recent news regarding the Land Claim. Unfortunately, little development in negotiations has occurred.

14. MOTIONS & NOTICES OF MOTION - None

15. MOTION TO MOVE IN-CAMERA

Resolution 24-08-08

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

THAT Council move in-camera for the purposes of financial, property and personnel matters.

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16. MOTION TO CONFIRM ACTIONS TAKEN "IN-CAMERA"

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Resolution 24-08-11

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

THAT Council confirms action taken In-Camera.

CARRIED

17. BY-LAWS

17.1 A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council Meeting of November 25, 2008.

Resolution 24-08-12

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

By law 45-08 being a by law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of November 25, 2008, having been read a first, second, and a third time on November 25, 2008 and finally be passed signed, sealed and number assigned.

CARRIED

18. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Resolution 24-08-13

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

THAT the meeting of November 25, 3008 be adjourned.

CARRIED

(Signed)

MAYOR
(Norman J. Clark)

CLERK
(Bryan Brooks)