



**CORPORATION OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE**

**MINUTES**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 14**

**Held in the Municipal Centre, 285 County Road 44  
On Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor:	Bill Gooch
Deputy Mayor:	Ken Finnerty
Councillor:	Terry Butler
Councillor:	Tim Sutton
Councillor:	Barb Tobin
C.A.O.:	Andy Brown
Clerk:	Cahl Pominville
Director of Public Works:	Karen Dunlop
Treasurer:	Sheila Kehoe
Director of Planning & Development:	Forbes Symon
Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture:	Darren Patmore

Mayor Bill Gooch declared the meeting open.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Moved by Barb Tobin and seconded by Terry Butler that the attached copies of minutes, being replicas of those recorded in the Minute Book of the Municipality, of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 4, 2009, similar copies having been distributed to each Committee member for their perusal, are hereby approved.

CARRIED

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Andy Brown reported on the Closed Session of Committee of the Whole held prior to the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting:

- Committee discussed the increase the number of members on the Community Grants Advisory Committee to six members and to appoint Teri Devine and Ann Campbell to the Committee. A resolution was presented and recommended for approval. (See Resolutions A.)
- Legal issues regarding the canteen lease agreement were discussed and direction received from the Committee.

**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE**

Councillor Barb Tobin took the Chair at 6:40 p.m. for this portion of the meeting.

**REPORTS**

1. **Ainsworth Feasibility Study Report**  
Andy Brown provided an update and recommended that we move forward with the Ainsworth report. A resolution was presented and recommended for approval. (See Resolutions B.)

2. **New Library Project**  
An update was provided by Andy Brown on the project and financial plan. We look to proceed forward on the project.

The following comments were provided:

Mayor Gooch

- questioned what would happen if fund raising did not meet its goal. Andy Brown advised that there would be options if fundraising did not meet its goal. He also advised that those who paid development charges cannot be charged under a Part 12 by-law.
- would recommend consideration of a uniform charge for all residents under a Part 12 by-law.
- The cost to move the hydro transformer is \$85,000. More than this was included in the funding application.
- what is our total indebtedness including interest of the municipality. Sheila Kehoe advised that the Municipality is within our annual debt repayment limits.

Deputy Reeve Finnerty

- concerned of the cost to move the hydro box.
- clarified parking spaces for the restaurant in the parking lot.

Councillor Sutton

- when would final design be brought to Council. Charles Slade, Project Manager, advised that the Building Committee would have schematics done in 4-6 weeks, then public input.
- Province has interim financing options available.
- how will we keep the project costs on track. The Project Manager provided an update.
- when does this decision have to be made regarding a Part 12 by-law. Andy Brown advised that we still have time to discuss and make this decision.
- how does harmonized sales tax affect this project. Andy Brown advised that this has not yet been discussed but will be an agenda item.

Councillor Butler

- 2 payments of \$20,000 has been made for the property at 13 Prescott St.. The land in Rideau Crossing would be turned over when the building is purchased.
- cost of a delivery service is not part of the building cost. Andy Brown advised that this will be part of the operational cost when construction is confirmed.
- \$30,000 contingency- where does it go if it is not used. Andy Brown advised that this will be a Council decision.
- building permit costs. Andy Brown advised that the Building Department will be working with the committee.
- \$750,000 is the fundraising target.
- furnishing and equipment does not include books.
- where does money from sale of former libraries go. Andy Brown advised that this is a Council decision.

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George Blake

- requested dollar value of project, grant and fundraising. Andy Brown advised that \$1,181,126 is left for the municipality to raise. The fund raising committee target is \$750,000.

Jim Armour

- the ISF funding is contingent on the Municipality's 1/3 contribution.
- hydro transformer- not a surprise for the Library Board.
- all fundraising money will go to the library construction. The Kemptville and South Gower branches are included in revenue.

Don Muntz

- what is the parking requirements for the new library. Forbes Symon advised that there are different standards for different uses. Typically a lower standard for the downtown core.

Bill McElrea

- committee is committed to meet their fundraising goal. It will be easier when Council has made their commitment to the project.

A resolution was presented and recommended for approval to approve the new centralized library project and financial plan. (See Resolutions C.)

A resolution was presented and recommended for approval to proceed with the purchase of the property at 13 Prescott Street. (See Resolutions D.)

A resolution was presented and recommended for approval to appoint Shoalts & Zaback Architects as the Prime Consultant. (See Resolutions E.)

A resolution was presented and recommended for approval to appoint members to the Library Building Committee. (See Resolutions F.)

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. The new playground in Riverside Park is now open. It has been well received and well used.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & MEDIA**

1. Harry Pratt commented that the South Gower soccer park is a credit to the community.
2. Bob Cansdale expressed concern of the number of cars in the Curry Park area and damage to the grounds. He suggested a possible relocation of portable toilet.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Councillor Tim Sutton took the Chair at 7:45 p.m.

**REPORTS**

1. **Composition of Council**

This item was brought forward by Mayor Gooch. Cahl Pominville and Andy Brown outlined the items to be considered by Council including purpose, process, direct and indirect costs and asked for direction of the Committee.

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The following comments were provided:

- Mayor Gooch
- this topic needed to be addressed prior to going into an election year.
- Councillor Tobin
- looked to history of municipalities in our area as to the number of Council members.
- Councillor Butler
- this Council did not take an increase in honorarium to keep the budget down. We should not add to our payroll budget. An increase in Council size should be looked at when we hit 20-25,000 population.
- Deputy Reeve Finnerty
- in the former Town of Kemptville, the Mayor did not go to County Council.
- Councillor Sutton
- Council has been successful due to a smaller number of members. Technology is an asset. No need to change.
- David Shanahan
- a growing community results in less representation.
  - can a larger Council do a better job at representing the people.
  - this topic will need to come back over time.
- Doug Hendry
- it is healthy to consider if we are best serving the public.
- Bob Cansdale
- are we represented by population or area. Andy Brown advised that there is not a set rule to determine the size of Council.
- George Blake
- a full time Mayor was also discussed at amalgamation.

It was the consensus of the Committee that they do not take any action to increase the number of members on Council.

2. **Support Retention of License Bureau Office**

Councillor Sutton advised that given the recent events, a resolution of support has been proposed.

George Blake asked what will the new office provide and has Mr. Richardson been given an opportunity to update his office. Andy Brown advised that the government has decided to close the licencing office and move the services to ServiceOntario kiosk.

A resolution was presented and recommended for approval to retain the Kemptville License Bureau Office. (See Resolution G.)

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**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

Councillor Tim Sutton took the Chair at 8:10 p.m. for this portion of the meeting.

**REPORTS**

1. **Notice of Public Meeting**  
A Public Meeting will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> to consider a zoning amendment application for property at 1664 River Road.
2. **Tile Drainage Applications**  
Two tile drainage applications from Edward Wallace will come to Council for approval at the next regular meeting.
3. **Monthly Building Permit Report**  
June was a sluggish month but July and August has been very busy and are on target to meet our five year average of 100 housing starts per year. The report looks positive for 2009.  
  
George Blake asked for a construction time schedule of the two schools. Forbes Symon advised that it is not set at this time but both would be spring starts.  
  
Doug Hendry noted that there have been some new multi-dwelling units which have had some interest.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. The Official Plan was approved by the Ministry on August 28<sup>th</sup>. The closing date for appeals is September 10<sup>th</sup>. He is aware of one appeal which has been made.
2. The Economic Development Committee has been working over the summer on promotional materials, fact sheets, available land, economic development web site and display panels. They will participate in the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Showcase. Forbes Symon confirmed for Councillor Tobin that signature events will be included in promotional material.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Deputy Mayor Ken Finnerty took the Chair at 8:38 p.m. for this portion of the meeting.

**REPORTS**

1. **Solid Waste Report**  
Karen Dunlop provided an update. The new contractors for the pickup of solid waste and recycling materials starts on November 16<sup>th</sup>.  
  
Mayor Gooch advised the County Public Works Committee has disbanded the Waste2Energy Committee. The Edwardsburgh-Cardinal Council is proceeding on their own to build a waste to energy plant in their Township.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Councillor Butler expressed concern of the speed limit and signage on Concession Road. Karen Dunlop advised that it is a 50 km zone. She will look at this concern.

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2. Karen Dunlop advised that the County will put the railings back on the bridge on VanBuren Street.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & MEDIA**

1. Bob Cansdale presented several questions:
  - what is plan for our sidewalks. Karen Dunlop advised that VanBuren is to continue the sidewalk to the subdivision for a safety concern. The current standard is 5 feet. We are putting in wider sidewalks as we repair and replace.
  - concerned of sidewalk plow with a 5 foot wide blade on 4 foot wide sidewalks. Karen Dunlop advised that this does happen over some winters. The crews have made repairs to grass.
  - concerned of grass growing between sidewalks and the street. Karen Dunlop advised that Roundup can no longer be used to kill grass. Staff are trying out several alternatives this year to see what we can use next year.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- A. Moved by Terry Butler and seconded by Ken Finnerty that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the Terms of Reference for the Community Grants Advisory Committee be amended to have six members on the Committee;  
  
And Further That Teri Devine and Ann Campbell be appointed to the Community Grants Advisory Committee.  
  
CARRIED
- B. Moved by Tim Sutton and seconded by Terry Butler that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the payment of the detailed feasibility report from Ainsworth Inc. be approved and that the report be used as a basis for future capital works programs for the facilities.  
  
CARRIED
- C. Moved by Tim Sutton and seconded by Ken Finnerty that Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approve the new centralized library project and financial plan as outlined in the attached report and submitted and approved under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund program.  
  
CARRIED
- D. Moved by Ken Finnerty and seconded by Terry Butler that Committee of the Whole recommends that the Municipality proceeds forward with the purchase of the property at 13 Prescott Street with a closing date to be negotiated with the vendor based on when the building shall be vacant.  
  
CARRIED
- E. Moved by Terry Butler and seconded by Ken Finnerty that Committee of the Whole recommends that Shoalts and Zaback Architects Ltd. be appointed as the Prime Consultant for the North Grenville Library Project.  
  
CARRIED

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F. Moved by Terry Butler and seconded by Bill Gooch that Committee of the Whole recommends to Council that the following people be appointed to the Library Building Committee:

Sue Higgins, Chief Executive Officer, North Grenville Public Library  
Andy Brown, CAO  
Sheila Kehoe, Treasurer  
Kevin Henry, Facilities Supervisor  
Tony Huxley, Library Board Representative  
Barb Tobin, Council Representative  
MHPM, Project Manager

CARRIED

G. Moved by Barb Tobin and seconded by Terry Butler that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that:

Whereas the independently operated motor vehicle licensing office in Kemptville has been operating for many years as a cost effective, efficient means of delivering vehicle licensing and other services to the people of Kemptville, Merrickville, Osgoode and other surrounding areas;

And Whereas the people of the Municipality of North Grenville appreciate the courteous, helpful and efficient service that they receive at this location and have concern for the jobs that will be lost in our community as a result of the closure of this office;

And Whereas the removal of this office would be a major negative impact on downtown Kemptville and our rural economy;

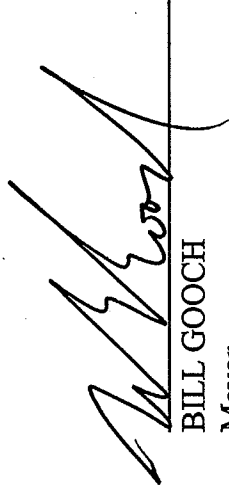
Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of North Grenville strongly encourages the Minister of Transportation and the Premier of the Province of Ontario to reconsider the Ontario Government decision to close the independent license outlet operated in Kemptville by David Richardson;

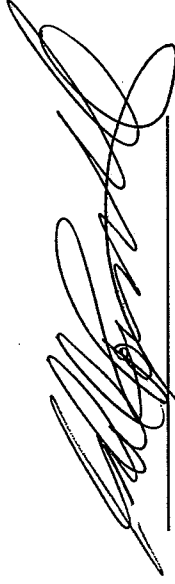
And Further That the Government of Ontario consider expanding the services offered by Mr. Richardson and other independent license bureau operators to include issuing Health Cards, Ontario Outdoors Cards and other Provincial licenses and forms of identification in rural and under-serviced areas, such as here in the Municipality of North Grenville;

And Further That this resolution be forwarded to Premier McGuinity, Minister Bradley, Opposition Leader Tim Hudak, Leeds-Grenville MPP Bob Runciman and Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

  
BILL GOOCH  
Mayor

  
CAHLE POMINVILLE  
Clerk