



**CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE**

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting No. 2

**Held in the Council Chambers, 285 County Road 44
On Monday, January 26th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Mayor:	Bill Gooch
Deputy Mayor:	Ken Finnerty
Councillor:	Terry Butler
Councillor:	Barb Tobin
C.A.O.:	Andy Brown
Clerk:	Cahl Pominville
Director of Public Works:	Karen Dunlop
Fire Chief:	Tim Bond
Media:	Nathan Jahn, Advance/Weekender Ashley Kulp, EMC Cogeco TV

Mayor Bill Gooch declared the meeting open.

OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Gooch congratulated Elissa Moore, a student at NGDHS, who recently won first prize in an Ontario high school photography & video contest.

An information session on affordable housing hosted by the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville will be held at the Municipal Centre on February 3rd.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Terry Butler and seconded by Barb Tobin that the attached copies of minutes, being replicas of those recorded in the Minute Book of the Municipality, of the Regular Council Meeting of January 12, 2009, and the Special Council Meeting of December 18, 2008, similar copies having been distributed to each Council member for their perusal, are hereby approved.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS

1. Joan Nolan and Terry Meagher presented a petition in opposition to a proposed parking lot by Kemptville District Hospital in a residential area. They request Council to vote down any application for severance and rezoning. Mayor Gooch advised that the petition will be forwarded to staff and discussed at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

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2. Anne Marie Harbec, representing the Rideau Heritage Route Tourism Association, provided an update on the work of the Association including their marketing plans and tourism opportunities. The Rideau Canal is now on the "Must See" list of people around the world.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario
 - A resolution was presented and passed to proclaim February, 2009 as "Heart & Stroke Month". (See Resolutions A.)
2. Canadian Red Cross
 - A resolution was presented and passed to proclaim 2009 as "Canadian Red Cross Centennial Year". (See Resolutions B.)

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

1. Andy Brown, C.A.O., reported on the following:
 - i) A resolution was presented and passed to notify the Courts and POA of the Municipality's intent to terminate the leases for the Kemptville Court House Building in six months and proceed with the appraisal of the building. (See Resolutions C.)
 - ii) MPAC has created an "AboutMyProperty" link to assist taxpayers in accessing their assessment/property information and to compare it to similar properties. This link is available on the public computers at the North Grenville Libraries.
 - iii) Upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda items include Fetherston Park and appointments to the BLA Board of Management.
2. Cahl Pominville, Clerk, reported on the following:
 - i) A resolution was presented and passed to express Council's concern with the proposed Provincial accessible information and communication standard. (See Resolution D.) Mayor Gooch advised that similar resolutions will be passed by the Leeds & Grenville County Council, L&G Municipal Councils and the Wardens Caucus.
 - ii) The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Monday, February 2nd and the next Regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 9th.
3. Karen Dunlop, Director of Public Works, reported on the following:
 - i) A by-law to clarify the water/sewer charges in By-Law 62-08 was presented. A review with municipalities of similar size shows some rates are higher and some are lower. Council passed By-Law 7-09.
4. Tim Bond, Fire Chief, reported on the following:
 - i) An incident report is included in the agenda package. Incidents were reviewed.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

1. Deputy Mayor Ken Finnerty reported on the following:
 - i) The Waste Reduction Committee discussed clear plastic bags and rates for the weigh scales at landfill at their meeting of January 21st. The next meeting will be held on February 17th at 2:00 p.m.

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2. Councillor Terry Butler reported on the following:
 - i) The KDH Board met on January 22nd and reviewed the redevelopment schedule. The tenders will be opened on February 14th with the earliest start date by end of March or mid April.
 - ii) The Historical Society held their Annual General Meeting. They are still seeking a Director of Events.
3. Councillor Barb Tobin reported on the following:
 - i) A report was presented on behalf of Councillor Sutton: a) The Community Plan Committee hosted a successful event planning session with Jan Bonhomme on January 14th; b) The Economic Development Committee met on January 23rd. Ideas are starting to come forward from the sub committees which are focused on new business development and business retention; c) The Community Plan Committee is working on their 2009 update and report to Council.
 - ii) The next Library Board Meeting will be held on February 12th.
 - iii) The Civic Awards Committee met on January 15th. An award ceremony will be held during Volunteer Week this Spring. The application process and information will be made available in the near future.
 - iv) The Chamber of Commerce Board met on January 22nd. The next Breakfast Connections meeting will be held on January 30th.
4. Mayor Bill Gooch reported on the following:
 - i) The County budget process will begin on February 3rd - 5th with presentations to the Committee. The budget is expected to be approved on March 19th. An update was provided on items that will affect the budget.
 - ii) The Brockville newspaper reported last week that the LL&G Health Unit in Almonte will be closing. The County does not want to see any reduction in service. No final decision has been made at this time.
 - iii) A preview of the dePencier House on Prescott St. was attended. An open house to the general public will be held this weekend to show the historic restoration that has been done.

BY-LAWS

By-Law 7-09
A By-Law to Amend By-Law 62-08 (Water/Sewer Rates)

Moved by Ken Finnerty and seconded by Barb Tobin that By-Law 7-09 to amend By-Law 62-08 (water/sewer rates) be adopted and passed;

And Further That the said By-Law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-Law Book.

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

A. Moved by Barb Tobin and seconded by Terry Butler that Council proclaims February, 2009 as "Heart & Stroke Month" in the Municipality of North Grenville in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

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B. Moved by Barb Tobin and seconded by Terry Butler that Council proclaims 2009 as “Canadian Red Cross Centennial Year” in the Municipality of North Grenville in support of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

CARRIED

C. Moved by Ken Finnerty and seconded by Terry Butler that Council direct staff to notify the Courts and POA of the Municipality’s intent to terminate the leases for the Kemptville Court House Building in six months, subject to a month to month extension beyond the six months based on Council’s decision on the future of the building;

AND FURTHER THAT staff proceed with the appraisal of the building.

CARRIED

D. Moved by Ken Finnerty and seconded by Barb Tobin that

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is in the process of the development of a new information and communication standard under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*;

AND WHEREAS public input regarding the draft proposed standards is being sought at this time;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of North Grenville advises the Province of Ontario of its following position:

1. That this type of proposed prescriptive legislation cannot be afforded or funded through the municipal property tax system and that any proposed legislation should include permanent full Provincial funding and technical supports;
2. That the circulated cost impact analysis prepared by KPMG is unrealistic when it refers to a municipality with an annual operating budget of \$140 million as a “small municipality”, and further that the range of cost estimates documented in the report further supports the unaffordability argument;
3. That the Province of Ontario should not be taking a “one size fits all” approach to the proposed standards but rather take into account local needs, requirements and reasonableness when prescribing the necessity of providing such services;
4. That the Province of Ontario be strongly encouraged to undertake an enhanced Provincial wide communications effort regarding such proposed legislation in an effort to better inform and engage all stakeholders.

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Bob Runciman M.P.P. Leeds-Grenville, the Minister of Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing and the Premier of Ontario.


CARRIED

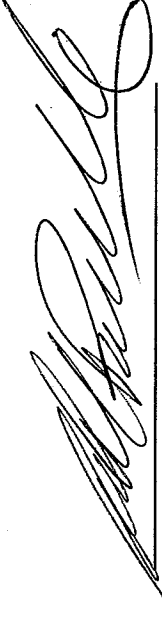
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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Barb Tobin and seconded by Terry Butler that this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:26 p.m. and that the next Regular Meeting be held February 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

CARRIED


BILL GOOCH
Mayor


CAHL POMINVILLE
Clerk