

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING NO. 13
OF AUGUST 5, 2008

held in the Municipal Centre at 285 County Road 44 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor:	Bill Gooch
Deputy Mayor:	Ken Finnerty
Councillor:	Terry Butler
Councillor:	Barb Tobin
Councillor:	Tim Sutton
Chief Administrative Officer:	Andy Brown
Deputy Clerk:	Heather Render
Director of Public Works:	Karen Dunlop
Roads Supervisor:	Doug Scott
Engineering Coordinator:	Jeff McEwen
Director of Planning & Development:	Forbes Symon
Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture:	Darren Patmore

Mayor Bill Gooch declared the meeting open.

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 Committee of the Whole Meeting of July 7, 2008, similar copies having been distributed to each Committee member for their perusal, are hereby approved.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS

Deputy Mayor Ken Finnerty took the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

REPORTS

1. **Water & Sewer Rate Review**

Karen Dunlop reviewed the Water Rate Analysis with a revised Table 3. Comments and direction are requested from the Committee. The Committee discussed the proposed higher rates and the impact on economic development. They also requested clarification on the difference in the amount of water used by the two high schools. The Committee requested that a public meeting be held for ratepayers input and that this issue then be brought to Council. An insert regarding this public meeting will be included with the next water billing.

2. **Water & Sewer Budget Schedule**

The Water and Sewer Budget will be addressed after the public meeting.

3. **Facade at Oxford Mills Garage**

Deputy Mayor Finnerty presented a drawing of the Oxford Mills Garage with possible improvements to the facade. Mayor Gooch asked that this issue be brought back to Committee with costing information. It was suggested that perhaps one wall could be improved as a "community project".

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4. **Kernahan Reservoir**

Jeff McEwen updated the Committee on the Kernahan Reservoir expansion project and advised that it is expected to be under budget.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Mayor Gooch asked for an update on Beach Road East. Andy Brown advised that the rebuilding is scheduled for September 1st, there is no planned restriction on truck traffic, however, speed limits could be lowered. This would require a by-law amendment. Karen Dunlop advised that a meeting will be held with the O.P.P. to discuss the speed limits on some of the Municipal roads.
2. Karen Dunlop advised that the Ministry of Labour has recommended that the maximum weight of a waste container or bag be reduced to 40 lbs (18 kg) from 50 lbs (23 kg).
3. Karen Dunlop advised that funds for Prescott Street reconstruction have been received from Cogeco. The cost for smaller crosswalks is approximately \$20,000 and will require maintenance each year. She will obtain the cost for asphalt and for concrete. The suggestion/recommendation from Les Shepherd, County Engineer, is to paint the crosswalk areas.
4. Karen Dunlop advised that the weigh scale will be at the Transfer Station on August 15th. The foundation will be installed tomorrow. The by-law regarding fees will need to be amended.
5. Karen Dunlop advised that new street lights have been installed at the intersection of County Roads 19 and 22, at County Road 22 and Precision Drive and at County Road 22 and Industrial.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & MEDIA

1. Keith Moyer asked when the centre line would be painted on Prescott Street. Karen Dunlop advised that this is part of the contract and will be completed soon.
2. Keith Moyer asked what has been done regarding the “consultant’s mistake” during the Prescott Street reconstruction project. Andy Brown advised that some cost reductions have been negotiated with the consultant.
3. George Blake suggested that painting of the crosswalks was a good idea, however, he suggested that the Municipality should look to installing bricks at a future date.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Tim Sutton took the Chair at 7:40 p.m. for this portion of the meeting.

REPORTS

1. **Delegation of Consent Granting Authority - United Counties**

Forbes Symon advised that the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville have recommended that their member municipalities request the delegation of consent granting authority. They requested a response by August 29th. The staff recommendation is to leave the granting authority with the County and to request them to assume this authority for the former Town of Kemptville, which is now under the Committee of Adjustment. Mayor Gooch advised that the County Public Works Committee will support doing away with the Land Division Committee and delegating this authority to the County Planner. A resolution was presented and recommended to Council to not support this request from the County. (See Resolutions A.)

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2. **Zoning Amendment Application ZBL-11-08 (Mochataz Corporation)**
Forbes Symon advised that a public meeting regarding the application to rezone lands at 115 Sanders Street, Kemptville, in Lots 31, 32, 44 & 45, Plan 11, former Town of Kemptville will be held on Monday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m.
3. **Zoning Amendment Application ZBL-12-08 (dePencier)**
Forbes Symon advised that a public meeting regarding the application to rezone lands in Part Lot 26, Concession 3, former Township of Oxford-on-Rideau will be held on Monday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m.
4. **Year-to-Date Building Stats**
Forbes Symon reviewed the year-to-date building permit statistics. Mayor Gooch asked that the new housing starts be broken down into subdivision and rural.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Forbes Symon presented an update on the Colonnade Development project. Wal-Mart have purchased 9 acres of the development. Construction has been delayed until Fall or Spring 2009. Home Depot is not proceeding. Canadian Tire Corporation are discussing the Home Depot site with Colonnade.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & MEDIA

1. Ralph Raina asked to address the Committee regarding a hotel and conference centre. He had obtained a Feasibility Study for this proposed development of 60 rooms on County Road 43. The results of the study indicate that this area could not support a hotel as there is no corporate demand. The Committee thanked him for his efforts.

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE
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Councillor Barb Tobin took the Chair at 8:18 p.m. for this portion of the meeting.

REPORTS

1. **Draft Parks By-Law**
Darren Patmore reviewed the revised draft by-law. The Committee discussed the proposed by-law and voiced concerns regarding who would enforce it. Staff advised that regulations need to be in place to assist staff in dealing with issues that arise. A resolution was presented and recommended to Council to enact a by-law to regulate the use of parks and facilities. (See Resolutions B.)

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Darren Patmore updated the Committee on events at the Municipal Centre. Facilities staff have been busy, however, it has been too wet for cutting the grass.
2. Mayor Gooch asked when a recommendation would be coming from the Grants Committee. Andy Brown will provide by email information regarding the grants.
3. Mayor Gooch advised that the Skateboard Park is in need of attention. Some of the boards/plywood is broken and there is broken glass in the area. If there are no funds for maintenance/repair then the structure should be removed. The "Use at Own Risk" sign is also missing. The Committee members suggested that the service clubs might assist in the repair or the students could rebuild it.

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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Councillor Tim Sutton took the Chair at 8:43 p.m. for this portion of the meeting.

REPORTS

1. **Tax Billing for Capped Classes**

Andy Brown presented an overview of the tax billing for capped classes. A resolution was presented and recommended to Council that a by-law to levy taxes for capped classes for the year 2008 be adopted. (See Resolutions C.)

2. **BIA Levy**

Andy Brown presented the additional information as requested by the Committee. The BIA Levy would affect 32 properties in the downtown area. The Committee asked about auditing and minutes. Andy Brown advised that the Municipal Auditor would also audit the BIA records and that he will contact the Board and request the meeting minutes. A resolution was presented and recommended to Council to enact a by-law to levy \$5,000 for BIA purposes. (See Resolutions D.)

3. **Six Month Financial Report**

Andy Brown asked that this item be deferred. The Committee agreed.

4. **Civic Awards Program**

Andy Brown presented an overview of the proposed "Civic Awards Program" with suggested areas which would not duplicate those issued by the North Grenville Chamber of Commerce. The Committee discussed the proposal and directed staff to proceed with drafting this program.

5. **Pesticide Use Policy for the Ferguson Forest Centre**

Andy Brown presented an overview of the proposed policy. The Committee suggested that there should be signs at all entrances to the trails, with secondary signs that advise an area has been sprayed. Mr. Brown will adjust the proposed policy accordingly. A resolution was presented and recommended to Council that the Pesticide Use Policy for the Ferguson Forest Centre lands be adopted, as amended. (See Resolutions E.)

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Andy Brown advised that the Community Plan Committee is planning a Leadership Summit half-day session on Saturday, September 20th in the morning. Councillor Sutton advised that Steve Clark will speak at the Summit.

2. Mayor Gooch advised that he had met with Upper Canada District School Board representatives and that there will be no new school this year. The Board still has North Grenville as a priority.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:30 p.m. the Committee moved into a Closed Session. (See Resolutions F.)

At 9:52 p.m. the Committee came out of a Closed Session. (See Resolutions G.)

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RESOLUTIONS

- A. Moved by Barb Tobin and seconded by Terry Butler that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that it not request the United Counties to delegate consent granting authority to the Municipality of North Grenville;

And Further That Council consider requesting that the United Counties assume consent granting authority for the former Town of Kemptville.

CARRIED

- B. Moved by Terry Butler and seconded by Ken Finnerty that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that a by-law be enacted to regulate and promote the Responsible Enjoyment and Use of Parks and Facilities.

CARRIED

- C. Moved by Barb Tobin and seconded by Terry Butler that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that a by-law to Levy Taxes for Capped Classes for the year 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

- D. Moved by Barb Tobin and seconded by Ken Finnerty that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that it enact a by-law to adopt a 2008 BIA Levy for the purposes of raising \$5,000 for the BIA.

CARRIED

- E. Moved by Barb Tobin and seconded by Terry Butler that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that it adopt the attached Pesticide Use Policy for the lands leased to the Ferguson Forest Centre with the amendments as proposed by Mayor Gooch.

CARRIED

- F. Moved by Ken Finnerty and seconded by Tim Sutton that the Committee of the Whole of the Municipality of North Grenville go into a Closed Session in accordance with Section 239(2)(f) of the *Municipal Act* (North Grenville Curling Club Lease).

CARRIED

- G. Moved by Tim Sutton and seconded by Ken Finnerty that the Committee of the Whole come out of a Closed Session.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Original Signed By

BILL GOOCH
Mayor

HEATHER RENDER
Deputy Clerk