

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE

**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NO. 1
OF JANUARY, 14, 2008**

held in the Council Chambers, 285 County Road 44 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
Deputy Clerk:	Heather Render
Director of Public Works:	Karen Dunlop
Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture:	Darren Patmore
O.P.P.:	Sgt. Craig McCormick
Treasurer:	Cheryl Tynski
Fire Chief:	Tim Bond
Media:	Ashley Kulp, EMC Chris Hofley, The Advance

Mayor Bill Gooch declared the meeting open.

OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Gooch thanked the staff for the efforts put forth during 2007, including the renewal of infrastructure in Kemptville, sensitive issues regarding municipal waste and landfills, preparation of complex environmental assessment documentation, restructuring our governance procedure and assisting with the celebrations related to Kemptville's 150th anniversary.

Mayor Gooch then reported on the priorities set in 2007 and the various accomplishments in economic development, downtown revitalization, communications, community assets, infrastructure and natural & built environment. He advised that Council needs to reconfirm their priorities or amend as necessary, including funding for a new Fire Hall, assisting the Library Board in fund raising initiatives, opportunities for permanent facilities for seniors and youth activities, new water/sewer rates and the NGMC balloon payment.

On Thursday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m. a Round Table regarding Affordable Housing will be held at the North Grenville Municipal Centre.

Changes to the meeting structure at the United Counties will allow more time to be in the office working with staff, Council and the public.

An Addition to the Agenda was circulated to members of Council by the Deputy Clerk and a resolution presented and passed to approve the addition. (See Resolutions A. and B.)

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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 December 10, 2007, similar copies having been distributed to each Council member for their perusal, are hereby approved.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. United Counties of Leeds & Grenville
 - A resolution of support was presented and passed to restrict the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Health Unit to a maximum levy increase of 5%. (See Resolutions C.)
2. City of Waterloo
 - A resolution of support was presented and passed to request Provincial and Federal Governments to re-examine how municipalities are funded for infrastructure works. (See Resolutions D.)
 - A resolution of support was presented and passed to request the Province to exempt Municipalities from paying PST and use savings to fund existing infrastructure renewal. (See Resolutions E.)

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

1. Andy Brown, C.A.O., reported on the following:
 - I) A by-law was presented and passed to transfer a .3 metre reserve in Oxford Village Subdivision. (See By-Law 2-08)
 - ii) A resolution was presented and passed to appoint members to the Waste Reduction Committee. (See Resolutions F.)
 - iii) A report will be prepared for the next Committee of the Whole meeting regarding our progress on Bill 130 and what is still to be done regarding accountability and transparency provisions.
 - iv) Draft Licensing By-Laws for transient traders and refreshment/food vehicles will be discussed during the next Committee of the Whole meeting.
 - v) Forbes Symon will start February 4th at the new Director of Planning & Development. Mr. Symon has been a planner with the Township of Mississippi Mills for the past 8 years and previously with the County of Bruce for 11 years.
2. Heather Render, Deputy Clerk, reported on the following:
 - i) The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on January 21st.
 - ii) The next Regular Council meeting will be held on January 28th.
3. Karen Dunlop, Director of Public Works, reported on the following:
 - i) Notification was received regarding a new round of funding under the Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative. All applications must be submitted to Infrastructure Ontario before February 15th, with a supporting municipal by-law. Only one application may be submitted per municipality. This is a 100% funding grant if approved by Infrastructure Ontario. Consideration for submission of the Kernahan reservoir project and discussion of other potential projects will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. The tight timeline for submission means that a supportive Council by-law must be completed at the Council meeting of January 28th.

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- ii) Questions have been raised regarding downtown parking. The current parking by-law will be reviewed based on the current use and practices of stakeholders and a proposed by-law amendment will be brought to Committee of the Whole and then Council in the next few months.
4. Darren Patmore, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture, reported on the following:
 - i) An update was provided on events at the Municipal Centre.
 - ii) Registration for winter programs is ongoing.
 - iii) The “No Smoking” signs have been installed.
 - iv) The viewing platform in Rink #2 has been approved and will be installed shortly.
 - v) A Marketing Business Plan for 2008 will be prepared for discussion at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.
5. Sgt. Craig McCormick, O.P.P., reported on the following:
 - i) The Detachment has received 947 calls for service since the Council meeting of December 10th, 2007. The type of calls were reviewed.
 - ii) The Detachment is collecting children’s books which can be dropped off at the O.P.P. Office.
6. Cheryl Tynski, Treasurer, reported on the following:
 - i) A by-law was presented and passed to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures. (See By-Law 1-08)
7. Andy Brown, reported on the following for Phil Gerrard, Acting Director of Planning & Building:
 - i) An update was provided on agenda items for the January 21st Committee of the Whole Meeting.
 - ii) An update was provided on agenda items for the January 28th Council Meeting.
 - iii) The Downtown Parking By-Law and Review of Options for By-Law Enforcement will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting in February.
8. Tim Bond, Fire Chief, reported on the following:
 - i) An incident report is included in the agenda package. Incidents were reviewed.
 - ii) The firefighters face a challenge of having their equipment dry and ready when fighting back to back fires as happened recently.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

1. Deputy Mayor Ken Finnerty reported on the following:
 - i) Congratulations to staff on the handling of the recent municipal water issue and also on the removal of snow during the recent downfall.
 - ii) The Waste Reduction Committee has now been appointed.
2. Councillor Terry Butler reported on the following:
 - i) Congratulations to the new shops that have opened and relocated to the downtown.
 - ii) The KDH meeting will be attended on January 17th and an update on the proposed expansion will be requested.
3. Councillor Tim Sutton reported on the following:
 - i) Thank you to all who attended the recent Open House and Public meeting to discuss Official Plan issues. Your input is appreciated.

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- ii) The Agriculture Advisory Committee met on January 8th. The Committee discussed agricultural land use in rural areas and they will continue the discussion at the next meeting after receiving further information from OMAFRA.
 - iii) A meeting of the Grenville Federation of Agriculture was attended on January 9th and the speaker, Peter Jeffrey explained the differences between lands zoned for Rural uses and those zoned for Agricultural uses. The Grenville Federation of Agriculture will hold their annual meeting and banquet on February 29th and all members of the Federation are urged to attend.
 - iv) The next meeting of the Ferguson Forest Centre Board will be held on January 22nd at 1:30 p.m.
 - v) The North Grenville Accessible Transportation Board met on January 11th. I was unable to attend due to schedule conflict, but will report on the proceedings when they are available.
4. Councillor Barb Tobin reported on the following:
- i) The Christmas Dinner for the Youth Centre was attended.
 - ii) The recent “Skate & Movie” for Rob Cairns was successful.
 - iii) The recent CJHL event was well attended.
 - iv) The Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Breakfast Connection at KCAT on January 25th.
 - v) The Library Board winter programs are ongoing and there is a 6 week drop-in program at South Gower. Sarah’s Circle program has been expanded thanks to the support of the Friends of the Library.
 - vi) Interested persons are encouraged to sit on the Community Grants Committee.
5. Mayor Bill Gooch reported on the following:
- i) The County Budget will be discussed on February 5th, 6th and 7th. The County will approve the release of tenders on February 7th. The final budget meeting is scheduled for March 29th.
 - ii) The Limerick Forest 20 Year Management Plan has been completed.
 - iii) A meeting was held recently with David Thomas, Director of Education of the Upper Canada District School Board. A letter was then sent to the Minister of Education regarding the proposal for a new high school in North Grenville. The Ministry support this proposal and the Board advises that North Grenville is the #1 priority.
 - iv) A new “head tax” of \$1.00 per head for Doctor Recruitment has been proposed by the County. Eight of the ten municipalities were against such a tax.
 - v) As a member of the Committee for Mapleview Lodge, I realize many of the residents have Alzheimer’s disease. On January 30th at 6:20 p.m., Dr. Gary Blake will present a session at NGMC on the “Dementia Code”. The guest speaker will be Pat Cyr of the Alzheimer Society. Anyone interested should attend this event.

BY-LAWS

By-Law 1-08

A By-Law to Authorize the Borrowing of Money to Meet Current Expenditures

Moved by Tim Sutton and seconded by Ken Finnerty that By-Law 1-08 to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of North Grenville 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.

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By-Law 2-08

A By-Law to Close and Convey Unopened Municipal Road Allowances in Plan 1114

Moved by Ken Finnerty and seconded by Tim Sutton that By-Law 2-08 to close and convey unopened Municipal Road Allowances in Plan 1114 (former Somerwynde Estates) 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 Tim Sutton and seconded by Ken Finnerty that the attached "Addition to the Agenda" for the Regular Council Meeting of January 14, 2008, be approved.

CARRIED

B. Moved by Tim Sutton and seconded by Ken Finnerty that Council revise the Agenda for the Council Meeting of January 14, 2008 to include the following sections:

N. Closed Meeting (in Executive Board Room) to deal with:

- a legal matter before an administration tribunal: direction to legal counsel re: 313 Jack/322 Joseph Street OMB zoning appeal, and
- the security of property: direction to staff re: negotiations for Curling Club lease.

O. Report from Closed Meeting

P. Adjournment

CARRIED

C. Moved by Tim Sutton and seconded by Ken Finnerty that the Council of the Municipality of North Grenville supports the resolution passed by the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville advising the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit that the United Counties will not accept any increase in the 2008 Municipal levy which exceeds 5% over its 2007 Municipal Levy and will request the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care to keep Health Unit budgets in line with inflation and be held to an annual maximum increase of 5%.

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D. Moved by Tim Sutton and seconded by Ken Finnerty that the Council of the Municipality of North Grenville supports the resolution passed by the City of Waterloo requesting that the Provincial and Federal Governments re-examine how municipalities are funded in regards to infrastructure and work together with a view to providing long term and sustainable infrastructure funding programs.

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- E. Moved by Ken Finnerty and seconded by Tim Sutton that the Council of the Municipality of North Grenville supports the resolution passed by the City of Waterloo requesting that the Province of Ontario fully exempt all Ontario municipalities from paying Provincial Sales Tax, with the understanding that the savings realized be mandated to fund existing infrastructure renewal in local municipalities.

CARRIED

- F. Moved by Barb Tobin and seconded by Tim Sutton that the following people be appointed to the Waste Reduction Committee:

Deputy Mayor Ken Finnerty (Chair and Council Representative)
Graham Devine (Retail/Commercial/Industrial Sector)
Terry Butler (Food/Accommodation Sector)
Stewart Hay, Doug Hendry, Jo-Anne Goodwin Bell (Public Representatives)

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- G. Moved by Ken Finnerty and seconded by Tim Sutton that Council authorize Committee of the Whole meetings of June 2nd be held in Burritts Rapids and October 6th be held in Oxford Mills.

CARRIED

- H. Moved by Terry Butler and seconded by Barb Tobin that the Council of the Municipality of North Grenville go into a Closed Session in accordance with Section 239(2)(e) and (f) of the *Municipal Act*.

CARRIED

- I. Moved by Tim Sutton and seconded by Ken Finnerty that the Council of the Municipality of North Grenville come out of a Closed Session.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tim Sutton presented a resolution to authorize Committee of the Whole meetings to be held in Burritts Rapids on June 2nd and in Oxford Mills on October 6th. The resolution was approved by Council. (See Resolutions G.)

At 7:34 p.m. the Council moved into a Closed Session. (See Resolutions H.)

At 8:30 p.m. the Council came out of a Closed Session. (See Resolutions I.)

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Barb Tobin and seconded by Terry Butler that this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 8:30 p.m. and that the next Regular Meeting be held January 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Original Signed By

BILL GOOCH
Mayor

HEATHER RENDER
Deputy Clerk