

# CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING NO. 14 OF SEPTEMBER 2, 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
Clerk:	Cahl Pominville
Director of Public Works:	Karen Dunlop
Roads Supervisor:	Doug Scott
Chief Supt. Environmental Services:	Jim Beeler
Director of Planning & Development:	Forbes Symon

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 August 5, 2008, similar copies having been distributed to each Committee member for their perusal, are hereby approved.

CARRIED

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Tim Sutton took the Chair at 6:33 p.m. for this portion of the meeting.

### REPORTS

#### 1. Paul VandenTillaart - Plan of Subdivision - River Run Phase II

- Mr. Symon provided background information on the property
- property is currently mostly pine trees
- natural progression from Phase I of River Run
- original request to be included in Official Plan amendments was not supported by Committee
- Mr. Symon requested a soil assessment of this site prior to a decision. Mr. VandenTillaart advised that test holes show mainly clay as in Phase 1.
- a road allowance from Phase 1 planned for future development
- Committee expressed concern about water/septic runoff to the creek. Mr. Symon advised that this comes during the application process at a later date. The current question is to the proposed development of the area.
- Mr. VandenTillaart will bring in soils analysis to staff for review and bring back to Committee.

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**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Symon provided an update of the Official Plan Review- some comments received, circulated to various agencies for comment, formal report at next meeting for a time line update.
2. Mr. Symon advised that staff support the Kemptville District Hospital expansion project drawings as presented.
3. A meeting with consultants for the Sage Development proposal will be held on September 4<sup>th</sup>.
4. Deputy Mayor Finnerty advised of complaints received of debris behind the fence of the Salvation Army building. Neighbours feel it is a fire hazard. Mr. Symon advised that staff will review.
5. Deputy Mayor advised that a garbage truck still parks in the parking lot behind the Chamber of Commerce building. Mr. Symon advised that staff will review.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & MEDIA**

1. Chris Hofley questioned what the next steps were after the KDH site plan approval. Mr. Symon referred Mr. Hofley to the KDH CEO as to their next steps with the Province.
2. Doug Hendry questioned how the River Run Phase II meets the Provincial Policy Statement. Mr. Symon advised that it refers to the best use of property, some modest development on private services, rural development is an option, represents 22 possible homes, no problems with conformity, falls under reference to small amount of rural growth.
3. George Blake requested an update on the Sage Development project. Mr. Symon advised that the property was rezoned at the last Council meeting. Numerous discussions have been held with their consultant who liaises with their architect. Proposed changes to the overall master plan will be available to staff this week. Density and staff concerns will need to be addressed by the developer using comments received. Expect detailed plans at this weeks meeting. Mayor Gooch questioned when the density levels for the urban areas were set and if these will be reviewed during the Official Plan process. Mr. Symon advised that they were set in the 1990s. The number has been used for the master plan for servicing and the wastewater environmental assessment. Staff feel that changes would have numerous effects. This number is in the 30-35 range for a small urban area.

<b>FINANCE &amp; ADMINISTRATION</b>
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Councillor Tim Sutton took the Chair at 7:15 p.m. for this portion of the meeting.

**REPORTS**

1. **Kemptville Union Cemetery By-Law**  
The Clerk provided an update on the request from the Province for an updated by-law to regulate and govern the Kemptville Union Cemetery. Amendments to the price list are also proposed. A resolution was presented and recommended to Council that the regulating by-law and price list be amended. (See Resolutions A.)
2. **2007 Financial Statements**  
An update by the C.A.O. was presented. Surplus amount for 2007 is \$451,000. An explanation of surplus and unfinanced capital was provided. The auditor will make a presentation at a subsequent meeting.

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Mayor Gooch questioned if there was a formalized procedure for managers for budget overages. The C.A.O. advised that the only formalized procedure at this time was for procurement. The senior managers will look at a policy for over budget items and how to address them.

3. **Budget Report**

A summary of highlights is provided in the package. Transfers from reserves is not done until later in the year. Staff is looking to a further breakdown of departments. The C.A.O. responded to several questions from Committee and residents.

4. **Local Government Week - October 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**

The Clerk provided an update on possible activities. The senior managers will be developing a program for this promotion and look to members of Council for their ideas and support. Doug Hendry suggested asking students as to what they want but have them develop a proposal and a way to meet it.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Gooch advised that the POA Court in Brockville is moving to the Wall St. to handle Brockville cases. A number of different cases are coming to the POA Court. This will expand the workload of Kemptville Court. The C.A.O. will discuss the future of the Kemptville Court Facility with the County.
2. Mayor Gooch provided a background on the proposed new library building. The original plans for the Municipal Centre was to include a library. Council is responsible for the provision of a building. Is there an alternative to the proposed location on Prescott St.? He suggested the possible use of the multi purpose hall in the Municipal Centre as a new library. This would still give sufficient meeting space in the Municipal Centre. He provided reasons that this would be a good use of resources and hopes that this idea will create some public discussion. Councillor Tobin advised that the Library Board will have to speak for themselves on this idea. Councillor Sutton advised that accumulated surplus in the bank is over \$2 million. This could be used towards balloon payment on the building.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & MEDIA**

1. Ruth Abercrombie stated that the Municipality has spent money reserving the lot for the library. Events within this building could not have been done elsewhere in the Municipality. The Municipal Centre is now getting used more. Library have made plans for a new building.
2. Chris Hofley questioned if the multi purpose hall is this the same size as proposal by library.
3. George Blake stated that to bring the library in at this time does not change the state of this building. He would like to hear from Mr. Patmore first.

<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>
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Deputy Mayor Ken Finnerty took the Chair at 8:00 p.m. for this portion of the meeting.

**REPORTS**

1. **Water & Sewer Rate Review**

A report was provided by Karen Dunlop on the need and requirement for maintenance and the reduction of funding from the Province. The proposed rate structure was reviewed. The economic development impact has been discussed with Mr. Symon.

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Members of the Committee discussed the proposal. Clean water is needed and the system has to pay for itself. Increases have been laid out for the future. Councillor Butler suggested that a strong letter be sent to the Provincial and Federal Governments advising them that this is a burden to small rural communities.

Ruth Abercrombie stated that an increase is needed. Water rates and bag tags should go up every year. We want good quality water. The users are paying for it.

Doug Hendry stated that it is difficult to cover a shortfall. Local Government Week could include water conservation for children. Possibly include tips with the water bill on ways to reduce consumption. All new developments should include low flush toilets. Karen Dunlop advised that low flow toilets are a building code requirement and a flyer will be included with water bills and posted on web. Jim Beeler added that conservation will be a benefit to the Municipality and staff are looking to promote this.

A resolution was presented and recommended to Council that the water and sewer rates be amended. (See Resolutions B.)

2. **Water & Sewer Budget**

The C.A.O. looked for a date to finalize the water/sewer budget. Staff will circulate updated information and bring back to next committee meeting.

3. **Landfill Annual Reports**

A summary of the report was provided. Karen Dunlop advised that iron and road salt impact the results of the Kemptville site on County Rd. 44. The Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Natural Resources are discussing this impact. There are currently no orders on the site and staff continue to monitor. A resolution was presented and recommended to Council that the 2007 waste disposal site annual reports be received. (See Resolutions C.)

4. **Oxford Mills Garage Expansion**

A public meeting will be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Maplewood Hall in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment. An update on the presentation was provided. The current garage can be viewed before and after the public meeting. An update on comments received will be presented at the October Committee of the Whole meeting.

5. **Ban on Plastic Bags**

Mayor Gooch advised that County Council is concerned of all forms of non-biodegradable bags, etc. A recent AMO session focused on this type of hazard. Pressure is being made to the Province for a Provincial ban. Look for further discussion at a Waste Reduction Committee meeting.

Doug Hendry stated that pet owners and young parents support using plastic bags. Possible charge for a bag instead of banning them with monies to be used for a useful purpose. Mayor Gooch advised that the Minister of the Environment is looking at this.

Ruth Abercrombie advised that many plastic items can be recycled.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. A presentation on gasification will be held in the Municipal Centre on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & MEDIA**

1. Ruth Abercrombie stated that the Accessibility Advisory Committee thanks the Deputy Mayor for the report from Kevin Henry on what items have been addressed. Kevin is looking to get more small items completed. The Mayor was commended on telling developers about the Municipal accessibility code.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

- A. Moved by Barb Tobin and seconded by Terry Butler that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that a regulating by-law and amended price list for Kemptville Union Cemetery be approved.

CARRIED

- B. Moved by Barb Tobin and seconded by Bill Gooch that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the Water and Sewer Rates be amended as follows:

- Increase Base rate to \$41.00 per unit per month (base rate)
- Increase Consumption rate to \$2.30/cubic meter after 5.0 cubic meters
- Increase the Pipe size factor by 2 for service connections greater than 1 inch.
- Annual 5% increase to the base and consumption rates each October 1<sup>st</sup> in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

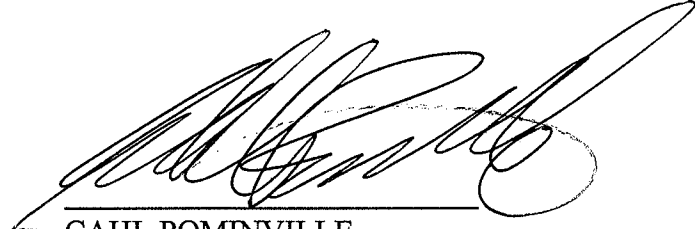
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- C. Moved by Terry Butler and seconded by Tim Sutton that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the 2007 Annual Reports for Kemptville Waste Disposal Site (KWDS), South Gower Waste Disposal Site (SGWDS), Oxford Mills Waste Disposal Site (OMWDS) and Burritts Rapids (BRWDS) be received.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

  
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BILL GOOCH  
Mayor

  
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CAHL POMINVILLE  
Clerk