

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE –
PUBLIC WORKS, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & FACILITIES
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017
6:30 PM
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Present: Councillor Michael Barrett, Chair
Mayor Pat Sayeau
Deputy Mayor Peggy Taylor
Councillor Karie Smail
Hugh Cameron, Advisory Member
Mark Packwood, Advisory Member

Regrets: Councillor Gerry Morrell

Staff: Dave Grant, Director of Operations
Mike Spencer, Manager of Parks, Recreation & Facilities
Rebecca Williams, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

Councillor Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: K. Smail seconded by: P. Taylor that Committee approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & the General Nature Thereof – None

4. Business Arising from Previous Public Works, Environmental Services & Facilities Committee Minutes (if any) –

Members asked for a status update with respect to the Industrial Park Sewer Rates and the Giant Tiger/Newport Drive Excavation Cost. Staff noted that letters have been sent out to residents and businesses that will be affected by the increase to the operation and maintenance volumetric rate charge. It was noted that staff are in contact with JL Richards and Giant Tiger with respect to the excavation costs.

Members enquired if the Johnstown ATV Club has provided the Township with the proper maps outlining the requested expanded road network. Members requested to review the map. Members noted that they have received complaints about signs being places on private land and trails.

5. Delegations & Presentations

a) Kyle Johnston – ED19

Councillor Barrett noted that Mr. Johnston was unable to attend as the delegation, however due to the large response and number of public members in the gallery for ED19, Committee would provide an overview of the email Mr. Johnston sent to Warden Jones.

Councillor Barrett provided an overview of the email from Mr. Johnston, noting that there are two concerns with respect to the continued validity of the EA approval of ED19. Mr. Johnston's draft motion was reviewed, highlighting the two operative clauses asking the Minister of Environment for his written legal opinion of the validity of the EA for ED19, and that the Minister be asked to clarify under what circumstances he would be prepared to entertain an application for reconsideration of the EA approval for ED19 and whether such an application would need to be made by the UCLG County Council or by any person in the public. Members noted that the "Citizens against the ED19 dump" group has retained the Canadian Environmental Law Association assistance if future legal action needs to be taken.

It was noted that Mr. Johnston recently met with Mayor Sayeau and Mayor Baptista to discuss various processes to approach the situation. It was noted that both Mayor Sayeau and Mayor Baptista have motions coming forward at the March 23 County Council meeting, which will incorporate concerns from Mr. Johnston as well as various clauses from his draft motion. Members briefly discussed the legal liability concerns with respect to the investments from Leeds-Grenville municipalities.

It was the consensus of Committee to allow for a question period from the public.

Questions/comments were raised with respect to the following:

- Who owns ED19?
- What will Mayor Sayeau's motion include at County Council?
- What is the Townships and UCLG legal liability? Approximate costs?
- How can we ensure that Tomlinson will not expand or bring in waste from outside of Leeds-Grenville?
- Can ED19 be considered a "write-off" since it was purchased over 20 years ago?
- Why would Tomlinson be interested in purchasing such a large amount of acres when the area is approximately 165 acres in size with about 35 acres designated for the landfill footprint?
- UCLG should not sell ED19 to a private business. ED19 should be owned by the government/public and only opened when there is sufficient need within the UCLG.

- What about the approximate 100 acres in the centre of ED19 that is still privately owned? Does it need to be purchased before Tomlinson or any other private business can continue with the development of ED19 dump?
- Mayor Scott mentioned that he cannot comment because he needs to see what obligations the UCLG and municipalities have to Tomlinson.
- Why did Mayor Sayeau not make the public aware of ED19 when he was first elected as mayor?
- Will the Township and/or UCLG investigate and determine if there are any endangered species in the ED19 area?

6. Discussion Items – None

7. Action/Information Items

a) Spencerville Mill Park – SBCC Partnership Project

Committee reviewed the Riverside Park Project, noting the possibility of converting Water Street to a one-way street. Members discussed various social and operational factors that would be affected if Water Street was reduced to one-way. Members enquired if residents on both Water and South Street would be consulted.

Members discussed the conversion to a one-way street, noting traffic flow and snow removal concerns if the street were to be reduced to a one-way street. Committee briefly discussed the parking availability and how it would be affected if Water Street remained a two-way street. It was the consensus of Committee to keep Water Street as a two-way street and to remove part two of the recommendation.

Moved by: P. Sayeau seconded by: K. Smail that Committee recommends that Council directs staff to undertake the pre-work required in 2017 in anticipation of proceeding with “Riverside Park” phased-in community partnership project with funding from Township CIP Projects.

Carried

b) Pittston Road Landfill Site MOE Inspection Results

Committee reviewed the MOE Inspection Results, noting the four items that required action. It was noted that MOE required the repair of the passive gas vents and that all wells requiring repair be completed by January 6, 2017. MOE required the completion of the removal of visible tires and that measures be taken to prevent unauthorized paths to the site be blocked off by January 31, 2017.

Members noted that the MOE conducted an unannounced and unaccompanied onsite inspection of the Pittston WDS on November 14, 2016 and the inspection

report was received by the Township on December 29, 2016. Members commented on the short turnaround timeframe to complete the four items that required action. It was noted that staff contacted JP2G Consultants Inc., who assist with site monitoring and sampling, to develop a coordinated action plan that addressed the required actions to be submitted to MOE. Members briefly discussed their concerns about the MOE inspectors being unaccompanied for the onsite inspection of the Pittston WDS.

c) Edwardsburgh Distribution System Summary Report 2016

Committee reviewed the Edwardsburgh Distribution System Summary Report for 2016, noting that the distribution system received a 100% rating on the DWI report. It was noted that the monthly average flow is approximately 60-70% of the total 6000m³ capacity.

d) Cardinal Water System Summary Report 2016

Committee reviewed the Cardinal Water System Summary Report. Staff highlighted that the Cardinal Water System is currently only using approximately 20% of the total water capacity. Members asked for clarification with respect to various system complaints from residents. It was noted that there are mechanisms residents can purchase to lock their outside water tape. Members briefly discussed the costs associated with residential water leaks, noting that the water meter by-law outlines who is responsible for the incurred costs if there is a leak or break on the resident's property.

Moved by: P. Sayeau seconded by: K. Smail that Committee recommends that Council receives and accepts the 2016 Edwardsburgh Distribution System Summary Report and the 2016 Cardinal Water System Summary Report.

Carried

e) Prescott Drinking Water System Annual Report 2016

Committee reviewed the Prescott Drinking Water System Annual Report. Members asked for clarification with respect to the water treatment chemicals used, specifically if Hydrofluorosilicic Acid is used at all water treatment facilities.

f) OCIF Top-up Funding Application Results

The OCIF Application Results were reviewed and staff noted that only 55 of the 264 project applications submitted were selected for funding. Members highlighted that projects were evaluated in relation to their expected benefits in addressing critical health and/or safety concerns, as well as financial need. Members briefly discussed the Village of Westport's current water systems issues, noting that Westport did not receive funding from OMAFRA.

8. Councillor Inquiries/Notices of Motion

Deputy Mayor Taylor enquired about the schedule for the Walking Track during summer months and if the bridge club could use available space at the Ingression Centre during the summer due to the summer camp using the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre.

9. Mayor's Report

Mayor Sayeau reported the following:

- March 23 at 7:00pm Council will meet with the Fire Association to discuss the Fire Chief position
- March 23 UCDSB will be holding a meeting at 6:30pm to discuss future school closures

10. Question Period

Questions/comments were raised with respect to the following:

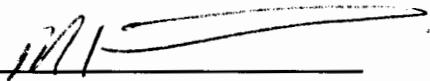
- Will the motions for County Council detail the difference between the current land use and the intent of the use of the land? Will the Minister note and compare the changes to the ED19 lands from 20 years ago?
- How much money did the Township invest?
- Carp dump continues to bring in waste from other areas and it is a growing concern to the Ottawa area
- Will Township and UCLG consider the liability and compensation for residents of the area that would be affected by ED19?
- Township will be known as the "Dump Town" if ED19 is developed
- Concerns with Pittston waste disposal area: gates have been left open and the Township has been using the area as a snow removal dump. Resident concerns that the snow removal will contaminate their private well with the sodium chloride
- Why was certain well monitoring near the Pittston waste disposal site stopped after 2012?
- Why did the UCLG grant Tomlinson's access to ED19 before the deal was finalized?
- Why are there hired trappers on ED19 trapping beavers? Are they trapping other species?
- Did the MOE accept and allow the removal of the beavers from the ED19 site?
- UCLG should be closely monitoring the trapping activities due to the possible endangered species in the area
- Why would Tomlinson hire a trapper if they have not purchased the land yet?
- At the time that Tomlinson was granted access to the ED19 was there a deal on the table?

- 11. Closed Session – None
- 12. Adjournment

Moved by: P. Taylor seconded by: K. Smail that Committee does now adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Carried

These minutes were approved in open Council this 27 day of March, 2017.



Chair



Deputy Clerk