

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE –
PUBLIC WORKS, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & FACILITIES
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016
6:30 PM
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Present: Councillor Michael Barrett, Chair
Deputy Mayor Peggy Taylor
Councillor Karie Smail
Councillor Gerry Morrell
Hugh Cameron, Non-voting Advisory Member
Mark Packwood, Non-voting Advisory Member

Regrets: Mayor Pat Sayeau

Staff: Debra McKinstry, CAO/Clerk
Dave Grant, Director of Operations
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: G. Morrell that Committee approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & the General Nature Thereof

Deputy Mayor Taylor declared an interest in item 7d) Mary St Outfall Update as she is related to property owners adjacent to the works.

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

Members enquired if there was an update from the Johnstown ATV Club. Staff confirmed that the ATV Club will be presenting at the September meeting. In response to an inquiry about the Mayor's report, staff advised that Mayor Sayeau is addressing the HFI Pyrotechnics request for a road closure.

5. Delegations & Presentations

a) Melissa Francis – Leeds and Grenville Immigration Partnership

Melissa Francis, Program Manager for the Leeds and Grenville Immigration Partnership, gave a presentation to Committee outlining their mandate, funding, accessibility, and membership. Ms. Francis noted that the Immigration Partnership is currently in its 6th year of operation, which is funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, and is 1 of 68 partnerships across Canada.

Ms. Francis outlined why immigrants are important to the Leeds and Grenville area, noting that they strengthen the local work force, expand the local business community, and enrich the local communities. Ms. Francis noted that there are currently 445 immigrant students within the Upper Canada District School Board, and the economic benefit to Brockville area alone is approximately \$2,400,000 per year. Ms. Francis highlighted that there are 285 immigrants, approximately 4.1% of the total population, in the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal. It was noted that newcomers in Canada are twice as likely as people born in Canada to have at least one university degree. Ms. Francis highlighted the various tools available to the newcomers, as well as to the organizations and communities who support local immigrants and refugees.

Committee briefly discussed the education and skill level of newcomers and how Canada assesses and determines the equivalence to Canadian educational standards. Members asked if there was a statistic to show the percentage of immigrants that were unemployed after 2 years of being in Canada. Members enquired if the statistics would include students and temporary workers as part of the immigrant population for Leeds and Grenville. Members noted a possible benefit would be if newcomers could be encouraged to relocate from the Greater Toronto Area to Leeds and Grenville for lower cost of living and other job opportunities.

Committee thanked Ms. Francis for her presentation and helpful information.

6. Discussion Items

a) Ontario 150 Grant Program

Members discussed the list of suggested grant projects and proposed the addition of a "Listen to the Lights" event to the proposed Canada Flag Projection on the Port, which would be organized by youth in the community. Members also discussed the idea of building a walking trail along the waterfront east of the Cardinal Legion. Members briefly discussed the barn quilting tour and how it could be implemented.

It was the consensus of Committee to support the following projects:

- Community Celebration Grant: Canada Flag Projection and Listen to the Lights on the Port, and the Barn Quilting Tour

- Partnership Grant: Leaders in Training
- Community Capital Grant: Johnstown Pool Filter

7. Action/Information Items

a) Cardinal Water & Sewer Update (Information Item)

Members briefly review the Cardinal Water & Sewer Update and discussed the reserves. Members commented on the increase to allocated labour, noting that it was due to three large repair jobs that required the assistance of the Public Works Department.

b) Solid Waste Management Overview

Committee reviewed the Solid Waste Management Overview Report, noting the in-depth detail and information provided in the report. Members discussed the proposed full cost recovery method for curbside pickup, noting various concerns such as increased cost to the garbage bags, possible increase to dumping along the roadside, and the difficulty of making composting available to village and hamlet residents. Members discussed various garbage collection options, including extending dump hours throughout the seasons, different methods for Christmas tree collection, brush and leaf collection being available throughout the year, and a location for hazardous waste collection. Members noted the need for residents to recycle more, which would reduce the amount of garbage and garbage bags required.

Members briefly discussed the current scrap metal agreement with Eastern Ontario Boneyard with respect to length of agreement, renewal of agreement, and current receivables. Members generally supported the direction and recommendations contained in the Solid Waste Overview Report and noted that the report was very informative and comprehensive.

c) James St Reconstruction Progress Report (Information Item)

Committee briefly reviewed the James St Reconstruction Progress Report.

d) Mary St Outfall Update (Information Item)

Deputy Mayor Taylor left the room and did not participate in the discussion.

Committee briefly reviewed the Mary St Outfall Update.

e) Fill Disposal Policy

The Director of Operations summarized the Fill Disposal Policy, highlighting regulatory and operational concerns that have been encountered with the current

policy. Members discussed the need for assessment of private property to ensure that Township equipment will not damage the property. Members raised the concern of possible litigation from potential contaminated soil. Staff noted that the receiving property owner would be required to sign a waiver, and the Township could take a soil sample beforehand to ensure the quality of the fill where there was a reason for concern.

Members discussed the idea of the Township selecting designated locations to take fill and allowing residents to pick up the fill themselves. It was noted that there is a lack of suitable areas to take the fill and the cost to truck the fill to a designated location would be counterproductive as well as less efficient. Members discussed how the Township would determine the recipient if there was more demand than supply in a particular instance, and it was agreed that some negotiation and reasonableness will be required on occasion.

Moved by: K. Smail seconded by: G. Morrell that Committee recommends that Council direct staff to prepare a revised fill disposal policy that allows greater flexibility in the disposal of excess material and bring forth a new by-law to Council for consideration.

Carried

f) Site Plan Control Agreement Amendment – Greenfield Ethanol - Air Liquide Canada

Members briefly discussed the Site Plan Control Agreement Amendment and asked for clarification with respect to insurance and liability.

Moved by: K. Smail seconded by P. Taylor that Committee recommends that:

1. Council amend By-law 2007-10 to include a new Schedule “D” (plans) showing lands to be developed under lease to Air Liquide;
2. Notwithstanding the value stated in Clause 15 of the existing Site Plan Control Agreement with GFSA, the municipality requires \$5 million of liability insurance coverage from Air Liquide with the Township as a named insured.

Carried

g) Prescott Water Servicing Agreement (Information Item)

The CAO informed Committee that the information provided does not need a decision at this time, and was provided for Council to review and absorb the information. Further discussion will be required to develop a potential position for negotiations. Committee was advised that there has been no direct communication from Prescott with respect to the Water Servicing Agreement.

8. Councillor Inquiries/Notices of Motion

Deputy Mayor Taylor asked staff if it was possible to provide an analysis of costs to other departments, such as waste disposal versus by-law. Deputy Mayor Taylor requested details of the agreement between the Township and Eastern Ontario Boneyard.

Councillor Morrell noted that various stores in the area accept different forms of hazardous waste as a courtesy to their customers.

9. Mayor's Report – None
10. Question Period – None
11. Closed Session – None
12. Adjournment

Moved by: K. Smail seconded by: P. Taylor that Committee does now adjourn at 8:35 pm.

Carried

These minutes were approved in open Council this 22nd day of August, 2016.


Chair
Deputy Clerk