

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC WORKS, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES &
FACILITIES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015
6:30 PM
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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

Staff: Debra McKinstry, CAO/Clerk
Richard Bennett, Treasurer
Dave Grant, Director of Operations/Fire Chief
Mike Spencer, Manger of Parks, Recreation & Facilities
Sheena Earl, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: K. Smail seconded by: P. Taylor that Committee approve 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 Minutes (if any)

Staff was asked if residents on private roads had been notified that sand and salt bins would no longer be filled. Staff responded that letters had been distributed.

5. Delegations & Presentations

a) Josee Brizard, South Nation Conservation – Tree Planting Program

Cheyene Ramsey, Forestry Technician with South Nation Conservation was present on behalf of Ms. Brizard. Ms. Ramsey discussed the provincial Landowner Tree Planting program in association with 50 Million Trees.

She outlined the role of the SNC in this program which includes planting, maintenance and risk assessment.

Ms. Ramsey discussed the Township's planned participation in the program and that with Council support 1,500 seedlings will be provided and planted free of charge in the northwest corner of the South Centre recreation area.

b) Alison MacDonald, South Nation Conservation – Source Water Protection

Ms. MacDonald explained aspects of the Source Water Protection Implementation Fund provided by the province in 2014 and the additional collaboration funding resulting from the partnership of nineteen municipalities across the region. She outlined the source water protection achievements of 2014 and the planned projects for 2015.

Ms. MacDonald requested that \$5,000 of the additional \$15,000 provided to the Township in collaboration funding be donated to the Children's Water Festival held in Spencerville. The festival includes educational outreach and promotes water conservation and is attended by a large number of local elementary students. The Township of Augusta and the Town of Prescott will also be requested to donate \$5,000 each to the festival.

Members discussed the source water protection projects to date and the cost savings resulting from the collaboration.

6. Discussion Items

a) Johnstown Travel Centre (Mayor Sayeau)

Mayor Sayeau described the Township's purchase of the provincial travel centre in Johnstown and the plans to lease this building to the United Counties EMS department following capital improvements. He mentioned that a draft lease had been prepared and will be reviewed by the Township's solicitor.

Mayor Sayeau asked members to consider appropriate lease charges and conditions following capital improvements to be paid for by the Township through borrowing or other means.

Members discussed use of the building and whether there was opportunity to find a secondary renter.

It was the consensus of members that Mayor Sayeau be directed to begin negotiations with the Counties.

b) Metered Water & Wastewater Rates – Village of Cardinal

Discussion took place around the 2014 shortfall, projected revenues for 2015 based on three rating options provided by staff and the projected 2015 expenses including capital projects and transfers to reserves.

It was the consensus of members that Alternative 2 as provided by staff be implemented. This alternative includes rate increases of varying degrees for all meter sizes, a new block rate charge when consumption exceeds 20 cubic meters per month and a per unit base rate charge in multi-residential buildings of two or more units.

Moved by: P. Sayeau seconded by: P. Taylor that Committee recommend that Council accept Alternative #2 as provided by staff.

Carried

A amended by-law setting rates and rate structure for water and wastewater will come forward for third and final reading at the February 26th Regular Council meeting.

Staff was requested to report on the water and wastewater revenues throughout the year.

7. Action/Information Items

a) Landowner Tree Planting Program Agreement (SNC)

Moved by: P. Sayeau seconded by: K. Smail that Committee recommend that Council enter into a Landowner Tree Planting Agreement with South Nation Conservation for the provision and planting of free seedlings at the South Centre recreation area.

Members discussed the association of the planting with the Cardinal Streetscape Plan and protection of the seedlings in the winter months.

Carried

b) Source Water Protection Collaboration Funding

Moved by: K. Smail seconded by: P. Taylor that Committee recommend that Council supports the donation of \$5,000 generated from the collaboration fund of the Source Water Implementation Fund to the St. Lawrence River Institute's delivery of the 2015 Children's Water Festival.

Carried

c) Curbside Waste Collection

Moved by: P. Taylor seconded by: P. Sayeau that Committee recommend that Council amend the current curbside collection by-law to include a bag limit of five

per week per household and that provision of free bags for demonstrated health and financial reasons be inserted.

Members discussed the suggested amendments including the financial impact should the bag limit remain at ten. Concerns were raised with regards to the colour, size and stability of the Township issued bags.

Moved by: P. Taylor that the provision of free bags not be included in the by-law.
No Seconder – Defeated
Original Motion Carried

d) Ice Rental Rates

Moved by: K. Smail seconded by: G. Morrell that Committee recommend that Council amend By-law 2014-31 Recreation Fees for the 2015 spring and summer season and the 2015-2016 regular season including a separate rate for non-residents.

Members discussed a non-resident rate and enforcement of that rate as well as the desire to arrange cost-sharing with Augusta Township.

Carried

e) Summary Reports – Water Systems

Moved by: G. Morrell seconded by: K. Smail that Committee recommends that Council receive and review the 2014 Water Summary Reports for the Cardinal Water System and the Edwardsburgh Industrial Park Distribution System.

Members reviewed the reports. A request that staff include matrixes identifying total water produced and total water billed in the next report was made. A brief discussion of planned and unplanned maintenance on the systems took place.

Carried

f) Dishaw Street Water Main Break

Staff provided an outline of the series of events and recognized the efforts and actions of all involved.

g) 2015 County Roadside Spraying Program (Pre-Budget Approval)

Moved by: P. Taylor seconded by: K. Smail that Committee recommend that Council provide pre-budget approval to participate in the County 2015 roadside spraying tender with the goal of achieving 50% of rural roadside lane kilometers sprayed at the maximum cost of \$12,375.00

Members discussed the 2015 spraying program and pilot program of 2014

including “no spray” signage. A concern was raised that not all affected property owners had been notified of the spraying program in 2014.

Carried

h) AED Unit Replacement (Pre-Budget Approval)

Moved by: K. Smail seconded by: G. Morrell that Committee recommends that Council provide pre-budget approval to purchase two AED units from Physio Control at a cost of \$5,080.80.

Members discussed the age of the current units and the importance of taking advantage of the current discounted price.

Carried

i) Johnstown Drainage Plan Presentation (Pre-Budget Approval)

Moved by: P. Sayeau seconded by: K. Smail that Committee recommend that Council direct staff to engage RV Anderson to prepare and present information regarding the Johnstown Drainage Plan at a public meeting and provide pre-budget approval of an upset limit of \$4,100 for this work.

Concerns were raised with regards to the public reaction and precedent that this presentation will have if focused on the Mary Street outfall.

Carried

8. Councillor Inquires/Notices of Motion

Comments/inquiries were raised with respect to the following:

- Snowplowing at Legion Park
- Johnstown drainage
- Speed device to be moved to Bridge Street

9. Question Period

Questions and comments were raised with respect to the following:

- Provision of free garbage bags for health and financial reasons
- Request for copy of Johnstown Drainage Report

10. Closed Session – None

11. Adjournment

Moved by: P. Sayeau seconded by: K. Smail that the meeting adjourn at 9:29 pm.

Carried

These minutes were approved by open Council this 26th day of February, 2015.

Chair

Deputy Clerk