



**Rural-Urban Liaison Advisory Committee
Wednesday, June 26, 2019 Notes
Frontenac Room, County Administration Building,
2069 Battersea Road, Glenburnie
6:30 pm.**

Present: County of Frontenac
Ron Higgins, Warden
Ron Vandewal, Councillor
Kelly Pender, Chief Administrative Officer
Susan Brant, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
Paul Charbonneau, retiring Director of Emergency and Transportation Services
Gale Chevalier, incoming Director of Emergency and Transportation Services
Lisa Hirvi, Administrator - Fairmount Home
Brianna Saunders, Administrative Clerk (Recording Secretary)

Present: City of Kingston
Bryan Paterson, Mayor
Ryan Boehme, Councillor
Gary Oosterhof, Councillor
Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner of Community and Family Services and Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Desiree Kennedy, Treasurer
Alan McLeod, Director of Legal Services/City Solicitor

1. Call to Order

Warden Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Adoption of Minutes

a) Minutes of Meeting held September 12, 2016

Staff were unable to locate a copy of the finalized minutes of the previous meeting held September 12, 2016.

3. Briefings

▪ Overview of the Restructuring Order and Cost Sharing Agreements

Mr. Kelly Pender, Chief Administrative Officer for the County of Frontenac provided a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Restructuring Order of 1997 along with the Cost Sharing Agreements, including those currently in place. A copy of Mr. Pender's presentation is attached to the record in the Clerk's Office.

4. County of Frontenac Program Review - Budget Challenges and Expectations

1. Frontenac Paramedics

Mr. Pender continued with a PowerPoint presentation on the Program Review, including Budget Challenges and Expectations of the Frontenac Paramedics, a copy of which is attached to the record in the Clerk's Office.

2. Fairmount Home

Mr. Pender continued with a PowerPoint presentation on the Program Review, including Budget Challenges and Expectations of Fairmount Home, a copy of which is attached to the record in the Clerk's Office.

5. City of Kingston Program Review - Budget Challenges and Expectations

1. Community and Family Services

Lanie Hurdle, Acting Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Kingston provided an overview of the Community and Family Services activities including Budget Challenges and Expectations of the City of Kingston

Ms. Hurdle noted the recent announcement that there will be a \$400,000 reduction in child care funding for 2019.

2. Housing and Homelessness

Ms Hurdle, provided an overview of the Housing and Homelessness activities including Budget Challenges and Expectations of the City of Kingston.

Ms. Hurdle noted that the City of Kingston is anticipating a \$40,000 short fall from the province in regards to homelessness funding and stated they the City will use reserves to cover the funding loss. The Province will be putting \$114,000 into the step down funding, translating to a positive effect on the budget. She also announced that there will be capital funding for the next three years, and noted that she feels confident that it will be subsidized. The City will make the operational changes needed to meet the 2.5% increase.

3. Provincial Offences

Ms. Hurdle provided an overview of the Provincial Offences impact including Budget Challenges and Expectations of the City of Kingston

4. City of Kingston – Communication & Budget Concerns

The City of Kingston has a concern with the 2019 Budget that was provided by the County of Frontenac. The 2019 Budget showed an increase of 14.4 % for Fairmount Home and 8.4% for Frontenac Paramedic Services. The City of Kingston has stated that they have only allotted for a 5% increase for both services and noted that they did not think that council will accept any increase that is over the allotted 5%. The City is proposing that they go back to Kingston City Council with the 7.7% increase for Frontenac Paramedic Services and 6.9% increase for Fairmount, with the increase taken from City reserves to cover the increase from 5%. The City has stated that the County should pay the difference from County of Frontenac reserves for 2019.

Mr. Pender, CAO noted that although we can take the money out of the reserves to compensate for the difference for 2019 this will make next year's budget problems bigger. The County has been phasing an additional FPS shift increase over a three year period as FPS is not currently meeting its response time standards. If there is a shift reduction for Frontenac Paramedic Services or Fairmount homes this will only make the situation worse.

Mr. Pender noted that under the cost sharing agreement the dispute resolution process is prescribed as progressing from the Chief Administrative Officers, RULAC, mediation, arbitration. However, the arbitrator only has jurisdiction over the apportionment formula aspect of the agreement.

Ms. Brant, Treasurer for the County of Frontenac advised that staff does not support the City's request to fund operating costs from County reserves as this will create an even greater increase in 2020.

In response to a procedural question, Mr. Pender advised that as a decided matter, the only recourse to deal with the Mayor's proposal to utilize County's reserves was through a reconsideration motion at the July 17, 2019 County Council meeting. It was suggested that City Staff and County Staff meet to determine the exact amount of County reserves that the Mayor proposed be used to fund the City's increase.

In the absence of reconsideration by the County, the Mayor indicated the City is prepared to go to court if the levy to the City is not reduced.

Moved By: Councillor Boehme
Seconded By: Councillor Vandewal

Be It Resolved That the County of Frontenac reopen the 2019 budget for Frontenac Paramedic Service and Fairmount Home for budget levy.

Carried

6. Other Business



7. Confirmation of Next Meeting

The date of the next RULAC meeting will be hosted by the City of Kingston with a date to be confirmed.

Mr. Pender indicated that the consultant providing the ten year review of paramedic services would be presenting to County Council on September 18, 2019 and that the Warden/Mayor may wish to consider a meeting on that date or provide an invitation to the City members of RULAC to be present for the review presentation. The Warden/Mayor will take this matter under advisement when selecting a meeting date.

8. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Vandewal

Seconded By: Councillor Boehme

That the meeting hereby adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Carried