



Regular Council Minutes

9:00 AM - Friday, October 25, 2024

Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Gerry Lichty, Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Councillor Roy Huetl, Councillor Stephanie Regent, Councillor Vernon Hermer (Electronic Participation), and Councillor Fred Fowler

Absent with Regret: Councillor Wayne Good

Also Present: Corey Klatt, Chief Administrative Officer, Dipl. M.A.; Tara Mieske, Clerk/Planning Manager (CPM), Dipl.M.A. Dipl.M.M.; Adam Robinson, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief (DESMC); Brooke Ross, Manager of Community Development (MCD), Dipl.M.A.; Gregg Wise, Public Works Foreman (PWF)

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

We begin this gathering by acknowledging and celebrating these traditional lands as a gathering place of the first peoples and their ancestors who are entrusted to care for Mother Earth since time immemorial. We do so respecting both the land and the Indigenous People who continue to walk with us through this world. Today, the Township of North Frontenac is committed to working with Indigenous Peoples and all residents to pursue a united path of reconciliation.

3. Approval of Agenda

a) *October 25, 2024*

346-24 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council approves the Agenda dated October 25, 2024, as amended.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None declared.

5. Business Profile

None.

6. Presentations

None.

7. Delegations

a) *Perth and Smiths Falls Hospital*

347-24 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the presentation providing an annual update from Bruce Rigby, Chair of the MRI Committee, Perth & Smiths Falls District Hospital Foundation, and thanks Mr. Rigby for his time spent today.

Carried

8. Adoption of Minutes

a) *Minutes of the Meeting(s) to be adopted by Council*

348-24 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council adopts the Minutes as circulated, of:

1. A Meeting of the Personnel and Audit Committee held October 3, 2024; and
2. A Regular Meeting of Council held October 4, 2024.

Carried

9. Business Arising Out of Minutes

a) *Resolution #196-24: 2024 Community Grants - Clar Mill Community Volunteers*

349-24 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler

Whereas at the meeting held May 16, 2024, Council passed Resolution #196-24 receiving for information the Manager of Community Development's Administrative Report entitled "2024 Community Grants Applications: and approved \$1,000 for the Clar Mill Community Volunteers (CMCV) for the purchase of arm chairs for the Clar Mill Community Hall;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council receives for information a letter dated October 8, 2024, from the CMCV advising there are similar chairs located in the Clar Mill Hall available for public use; and that the CMCV is requesting permission to use the funds to purchase two child height tables and folding tables to be used at the Clar-Mill Hall;

And That Council approves the change of use for the funds.

Carried

b) *Joint Council Meeting - September 9, 2024: Mazinaw Property Owners Association (MPOA) - Invasive Species*

350-24 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Whereas, at the Joint Council meeting between North Frontenac Council and Addington

Highlands Council held September 9, 2024, the Mazinaw Property Owners' Association (MPOA) Request to Both Councils re: Issue Official Tax Receipts and Eurasian Milfoil Invasive Species was included as a discussion topic on the agenda;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council receives a letter dated October 8, 2024, from the MPOA regarding government action to manage Eurasian Water-Milfoil Invasive Species;

And That Council instructs the CAO to contact the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to advise of the concern regarding the importance of provincial management of Eurasian Water-Milfoil;

And That Council supports the request for a meeting with representatives from the Township of North Frontenac; representatives from the Township of Addington Highlands; MPs and MPPs in both ridings; senior level representatives from MNRF, the Department of Oceans and Fisheries and the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority;

And That Council receives for information the Township of Addington Highlands Council Resolution advising they are agreeable to meeting with the above noted representatives; and Council instructs the CAO to work with Addington Highland's CAO to coordinate a meeting;

And That the Council representative(s) for North Frontenac will be Stephanie Regent and Roy Huetl;

And That the MPOA's request for Council to pursue the "Ontario Protecting Environment from Harmful Invasive Species" \$16 million grant be deferred until after the discussion with the Township of Addington Highlands and/or the meeting with the above noted representatives has occurred.

Carried

c) ***Resolution #260-23: K&P Trail Development - Agreement for the use of Township Property***

351-24 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Whereas Council passed Resolution #260-23 at their meeting on June 9, 2023 supporting the development of the K&P trail and a partnership agreement between the County and the Township for the use of properties and roads under the control of the Township and instructing the Clerk to draft an Agreement with the County;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council receives the draft Agreement included under the By-law section;

And That Council instructs County and Township staff to amend the Agreement to only include the properties south of the Mississippi River;

And That the properties north of the Mississippi River be included after a plan has been established for construction;

And That a clause be added regarding potential damage being the responsibility of the County.

Carried

10. Communications

a) ***Clerk's Administrative Report - Communications 'A' Section***

352-24 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information Section 'A' Items of the Clerk's Administrative Report entitled "Communications of Interest."

Carried

b) ***Communications 'B' Section - Action Items***

B1. *Town of Tweed - Request for Support: Canada Community-Building Funds - AMO Resolution*

353-24 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Municipality of Tweed's Resolution advising the Municipality is entering into an agreement to receive the Canada Community-Building Funds (CCBF), administered by the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) on behalf of the Federal Government;

And That non-residential construction price inflation has risen 29% since 2020, with municipalities facing soaring costs for infrastructure projects without a corresponding growth in revenue;

And That there is a requirement for municipalities to complete an asset management plan and housing needs analysis, with both plans showing the large funding gap between infrastructure and housing needs and funds available through taxation;

And That municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10 year Investing Canada Infrastructure Program has ended;

And That the Council of North Frontenac supports the Municipality of Tweed's request to the Federal Government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CBBF agreement for 2024-2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years;

And That Council instructs the Clerk to provide this resolution to the Municipality of Tweed, MFOA, AMO, Federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland and MP Scott Reid.

Carried

B2. *Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury - Request for Support: Ontario Deposit Return Program Expansion Endorsement*

354-24 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information a letter dated September 20, 2024, from the Township of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

And That, as the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, the Township of North Frontenac recognizes the potential for similar success with non-alcoholic beverages;

And That, in June 2023, MECP highlighted they are considering the adoption of a

deposit and return system for non-alcoholic beverages, which presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter and encourage sustainable practices among consumers;

And That the Township of North Frontenac supports the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include non-alcoholic beverage containers to enhance environmental stewardship and foster a culture of sustainability within our community;

And That Council instructs the Clerk to provide a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks; Minister of Finance, and John Jordan, MPP.

Carried

B3. *OPP Municipal Billing Bureau - Annual Billing Statement*

355-24 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information a letter dated October 4, 2024, from the Municipal Policing Bureau with the 2025 Annual Billing Statement Package;

And That there is an increase of \$178,294 (21.39%) over last year, which correlates to an approximate 2.5% levy increase for the 2025 Budget;

And That Council requests the Mayor send a letter to the Municipal Policing Board, Solicitor General, the Premier, MPP John Jordan, AMO and all other municipalities, objecting to the large increases in costs for policing.

Carried

B4. *Lions Club of Land O' Lakes re: Santa Claus Parade*

356-24 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information a letter dated October 18, 2024 from Lions Club of Land O'Lakes advising the Annual Northbrook Santa Claus Parade will take place on Saturday, November 23 at 5:30 p.m. and inviting the Township of North Frontenac to have a float in the parade and thanking Council for the generous donation to the parade;

And That as the Kaladar/Barrie Fire Department has participated in past parades and it is jointly operated by the Township of North Frontenac and the Township of Addington Highlands they may wish to participate in the parade at the discretion of the Fire Chief;

And That Council approves providing Public Works trucks and/or equipment subject to availability of staff and provided there isn't inclement weather;

And That Council does not wish to participate in the Santa Claus Parade by adding a float, at this time.

Carried

11. Council, CAO, and Managers' Administrative Reports

a) *Public Works Manager: Purchase of a Combination Tandem Plow Truck - Sole Sourced*

357-24 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Public Works Manager's (PWM) Administrative Report entitled "Purchase of a Combination Tandem Plow Truck - Sole Sourced";

And That Council approves the sole source purchase of a new Combination Tandem Plow Truck at a negotiated price that is within the maximum approved budget of \$415,000.

Carried

Note: The PWF left the meeting at this time.

- b) **CAO: Proposed Work Plan for the 2024-2028 North Frontenac Strategic Plan.**
358-24 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the CAO's Administrative Report entitled "Proposed Work Plan for the 2024-2028 North Frontenac Strategic Plan";

And That Council approves the proposed Work Plan as prepared by the Managers and CAO;

And That the Strategic Work Plan will be reviewed annually during Budget Deliberations.

Carried

- c) **Clerk/Planning Manager: Renewal of Agreement with Kingston Humane Society for Pound Services and Changes in Fees**

359-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Clerk/Planning Manager's Administrative Report entitled "Renewal of Agreement with Kingston Humane Society for Pound Services and Changes in Fees";

And That Council defers the Agreement with the Kingston Humane Society for Pound Services until further information can be provided by the CAO on options.

Carried

- d) **Clerk/Planning Manager: Shore Road Allowance Closure and By-law - Radtke**
360-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Clerk/Planning Manager's Administrative Report entitled "Shore Road Allowance Closure and Sale By-law – Radtke";

And That, as required by By-law #20-23, All That Part of the Road Allowance adjacent to Part of Lot 6, Concession 8, geographic Township of Clarendon, being Part 1 on Registered Plan 13R-12610 (Big Gull Lake) be declared as surplus and sold to the adjoining owners. Appraisals of the properties are not necessary as these are Shore Road Allowances;

And That Council will consider a By-law later in the meeting to Stop-up, Close and Sell portions of the Shore Road Allowance.

Carried

e) ***Clerk/Planning Manager: Concession and Shore Road Allowance Closure and By-law - Clayton***

361-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Clerk/Planning Manager's Administrative Report entitled "Concession and Shore Road Allowance Closure and By-law - Clayton";

And That, as required by By-law #20-23, Road Allowance between Lots 12 and 13, Concessions 8 and 9, geographic Township of Barrie, being Part 10 on Registered Plan 13R-13510 and Part 11 on Registered Plan 13R-5891; and Part of the Shore Road Allowance described as Part 1 on 13R-13551 save and except Part 9 on Registered Plan 13R-5891 (Mississagagon Lake) be declared as surplus and sold to the adjoining owners; and that an appraisal of the properties is not necessary as these are Road Allowances;

And That Council will consider a By-law later in the meeting to Stop-up, Close and Sell the identified portions of the Concession and a Shore Road Allowance.

Carried

f) ***Clerk/Planning Manager: Proposed Amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law #63-23 - Commissioning Documents, Planning Fees, Sale of Road Allowances and Licence Agreements***

362-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Clerk/Planning Manager's Administrative Report entitled "Proposed Amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law #63-23";

And That Council approves the proposed fees in principle as follows:

- Commissioning a Document - \$25.00
- Amendment to a Site Plan Agreement - \$1,200
- Consent for Easement Concurrent with an Application for a New Lot - \$250
- Land Costs for Concession, Lot, Reserve, Forced Road Application - \$0.55 per square foot;
- Fee for Licence Agreement Application - \$300
- Annual Fee for Licence Agreement - \$150

And That Council instructs the Clerk to schedule a Public Meeting for Council to receive any public comments and consider adopting a new By-law with the updated Schedules.

Carried

12. External Committees/Local Boards/Task Force Notes and Reports

a) *Economic Development Task Force*

363-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the October 2, 2024 Notes of the Economic Development Task Force.

Carried

13. Giving Notice of Motion (By a Member of Council to the Clerk for Council's consideration for inclusion on the next Meeting Agenda)

None.

14. Motions, Written Notice of which has been Given (By a Member of Council and approved by Council at a prior Meeting)

None.

15. Council Portfolio Verbal Reports

a) *Each Council member has a portfolio for which they are responsible and provided a verbal report for information purposes.*

16. Introduction and Reading of By-laws

a) *By-law(s) to be Considered:*

364-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis

Be It Resolved That leave be given the Mover to introduce the following By-law(s) that have been circulated to all members of Council:

- #2024-63 To Close, Stop up and Sell a Concession Road Allowance and Shore Road Allowance;
- #2024-64 To Close, Stop up and Sell a Shore Road Allowance;

And That these By-law(s) be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

17. Public Forum

None.

18. Closed Session

None.

19. Rise and Report (Overview of the Closed Session by the Presiding Officer)

None.

20. Confirmatory By-law

a) ***Confirming By-law #2024-66***

365-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis

Be It Resolved That By-law #2024-66, being a By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council for its Regular Meeting held October 25, 2024, be read a first, second, and third time and finally passed.

Carried

21. Adjournment

a) ***Adjournment of Meeting***

366-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis

Be It Resolved That Council adjourns the Meeting at 11:16 a.m. until November 22, 2024, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk