

Meeting No. 1

Date: January 4th, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Sydenham

Present: Mayor, Gary Davison
Councillors, John McDougall
Allan McPhail
Cam Naish
Bill Robinson
Del Stowe
Ron Vandewal
Larry York

Absent: Mark Tinlin

Staff: Wayne Orr, Chief Administrative Officer

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Delegations - nil

4. Business Items

(i) Committee Structure

Wayne Orr presented to Council a summary of the feedback from the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 14th which had been distributed to Council electronically on December 22nd.

The initial focus was discussion with regard to the last page, the proposed Council structure. There was discussion on how this came to be and what initiated the changes that were suggested.

Wayne Orr walked through how this structure would operate and the various roles of both staff and the committees of Council. There was discussion amongst Councillors about the merits, concerns, drawbacks and benefits of such a proposal. General comments included; a need to keep the structure simple, if it isn't broke not to fix it, the importance of keeping public access to council committees rather than having all day functions and that this proposal seems to go too far too quickly. Through discussion there appeared to be a consensus that a Public Works Committee as well as a Corporate Services Committee and Development Services Committee would be appropriate. However a Community Services Committee was not felt to be necessary while the ongoing role of Committee of the Whole was felt to be necessary.

Council did acknowledge the need to have the entire Committee of the Whole working on strategic planning, growth changes, and economic development as an initiative through this term of Council.

Council then went through by committee, the Council appointees as well as the number of citizen appointees that would be appropriate. Council then proceeded to discuss which committees would be advertised and which would be appointed or extended.

A summary sheet is attached which outlines the feedback with regard to the particular committees and Council structure.

5. Adjournment

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.