

Meeting No. 32
Date: October 9, 2012
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Sydenham

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

Staff: Lindsay Mills, Planner/Deputy Clerk
Rick Chesebrough, Fire Chief

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. Scheduled Closed Session – nil.

4. Recess – nil.

5. Delegations

(i) David Townsend from the Southern Frontenac Community Services Corporation provided an annual update using a power point presentation. Some of his main points were as follows:

Regarding the Grace Centre, the Corporation is undertaking three phases of renovations including building a new extension that will enable it to function as a community centre and a complete SFCSC home with a capacity to expand programs and services by at least 25 percent within the first full year. He noted that the current users of the hall are arts & culture, sparks and brownies and VON SMART programs for seniors.

Regarding senior services Mr. Townsend described that in 2011, SFCSC provided services to over 625 seniors who received over 1,000 different services. Funding was from the South East Local Health Integration Network (50%), user fees (30%) and donations (20%).

Regarding family services they provided help to more than 225 families in 2011 and the food bank served 423 families representing 783 adults and 551 children. Also, in 2011 13 homeless people were served. Mr. Townsend described the family services offered as including transportation, food bank, good food box, utility bank, rent bank and the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program.

Councillor Tinlin asked how far afield do the clients come from.

Mr. Townsend said that they come from all over South Frontenac except Bedford but they also come from Kingston north of the 401. He noted that family services go further into Bedford and Central and North Frontenac.

Councillor Stowe asked about the future of their services in light of an aging population.

Mr. Townsend said that they have a growing problem trying to feed people and he feels it will get worse especially since, on January 1, the province cut \$1.6 million from their funding. He added that they presently have about 190 volunteers and that they will need to rely on them even more. He said they plan to advertise themselves better to make people more aware of what they do.

6. Reports Requiring Action

(i) Proposed Official Plan Amendment re Plans of Condominium: Ministry Requirements for frontage on a public road.

L. Mills, Planner, explained that a number of proposed new Official Plan policies were presented to Council on October 2, 2012 and Council was in general agreement with them. He noted, however, that there was some question about whether the land on which condominium developments occur should be required to front on a public road or whether it could be a lot that is accessed by a private lane. Mr. Mills' recommendation was that they should front on a public road. He also referred to the letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing which supported the proposed amendments put forward by the Township but which appeared to be indicating that new private roads in the Township will only be permitted within a condominium development scenario and not anywhere else in the Township.

L. Mills added that once we resolve this matter the whole Official Plan amendment can be forwarded to the Ministry for final approval.

There was very little discussion on this but the consensus was to require the land to have frontage on a public road. Mayor Davison noted that it had already been discussed at length at previous meetings and directed the planner to bring it forward to Council.

(ii) Proposed Amendment to the Burning By-law:

R. Chesebrough explained that amendments to the Burning by-law are required to include fireworks in the level 1 total bans. It also proposes to remove the permit issuing process and to increase fees so that they are consistent with fees for motor vehicle accident response which is \$410 per hour per truck.

Councillor McPhail referred to section 4(b) regarding levels of fire bans and asked for clarification that, if the propane or naphtha gas cooking equipment is equipped with a shut-off valve, then it is not included in the ban.

R. Chesebrough responded that that is correct.

Councillor Vandewal expressed concern about enforcement of the by-law regarding fireworks and the total ban.

R. Chesebrough replied that it would be the same as enforcement for any other Township by-law.

(iii) Community Meeting Re: Harrowsmith Post Office

L. Mills described that a meeting was held on September 26, 2012 at the St. Paul's United Church to discuss the location of community mailboxes in Harrowsmith. He said that Canada Post has stated that they won't continue to have a corporate store in Harrowsmith. They have placed them in the park area away from the core of the hamlet. This has raised concerns that they are not accessible by foot but only by vehicle and that they are not safe

or sheltered. It appears that they did not fully consult with Council regarding the placement of the community mailboxes.

L. Mills added that Canada Post is looking for any legitimate business owner to re-establish a post office franchise.

There was no discussion on this.

(iv) 2013 Budget Direction

L. Mills referred to a report dated October 4, 2012 from Wayne Orr which, in summary, states that known increases are added to the budget but that any proposed budgetary increase put forward by staff needs a rationale.

There was no discussion on this matter.

7. Reports for Information

i) Quarterly Building Report

There was no discussion on this.

8. Rise and Report

- Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority**

Councillor McPhail said that according to new MPAC numbers assessment has increased so growth is occurring and that we're slightly above last year.

- Rideau Valley Conservation Authority**

Councillor Tinlin reported on the status of the government grant and its impact on the budget.

- Quinte Conservation Authority**

Councillor Robinson stated that they are concerned about the water levels and dam construction. He added that they have let two staff members go.

- Portland Historical Society**

Deputy Mayor McDougall said that there is nothing to report.

9. Information Items

(i) Letter from John Bolognone, City Clerk, City of Kingston Re: City Council Meeting, September 18, 2012 Contraband Tobacco:

There was no discussion on this letter.

(ii) AMO Breaking News re Arbitration reform:

The communication AMO requested Council's support for arbitration reform. Council did not agree to support this.

(iii) Verona Cattail Festival:

There was no discussion on this.

10. New Business – nil

11. Closed Session – nil

12. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.