

Minutes of Committee of the Whole  
September 10, 2019



Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Council Chambers

Meeting # 24

Present: Mayor Ron Vandewal, Pat Barr, Ray Leonard, Doug Morey, Norm Roberts, Randy Ruttan, Ron Sleeth, Ross Sutherland

Staff: Neil Carbone, Chief Administrative Officer, Angela Maddocks, Clerk, Mark Segsworth, Director of Public Services, Claire Dodds, Director of Development Services, Louise Fragnito, Director of Corporate Services and Treasurer.

1. Call to Order
  - a) Mayor Vandewal called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
  
2. Declaration of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof
  - a) There were no declarations.
  
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a) The agenda was adopted as presented.
  
4. Scheduled Closed Session - n/a
5. \*\*\*Recess - reconvene\*\*\* - n/a
6. Public Meeting - n/a
7. Delegations
  - a) Ron Hipfner, re: Garbage Pickup

Mr. Hipfner's written submission on garbage pickup was included in the agenda. He circulated a map that indicated those areas where garbage and recycling is not picked up on the same day; there are many households on private lanes who are currently taking their waste and recycling to the pick up point on two different days.

Mayor Vandewal thanked him for his input noting this matter will be considered in the new contracts for garbage and recycling.

8. Reports Requiring Direction
  - a) Bill 108 Presentation

Claire Dodds reviewed Bill 108: More Homes, More Choice Act with a focus on the impact of changes to the Planning Act, Development Charges Act, Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act and the Ontario Heritage Act.

- b) Applewood Condominium - Removal of Holding Zone

A by-law will be presented to Council on September 17, 2019 to remove the holding "H" symbol from the Vacant Land Plan of Condominium No. 76: Applewood.

c) Long Range Financial Plan Update

The updated assumptions for the Long Range Financial Plan were reviewed as highlighted in the report from the Director of Corporate Services and Treasurer.

Council comments included the following:

- Question about the origins of the second Seniors Housing project identified as a 2027 project
- Concern about the projected cost of a new administration office in 2022
- Concern that numbers do not yet reflect the financial implications identified in the Strategic Planning session conducted earlier in the day.
- Are there "placeholders" put in for things that are not needed?
- What is the relationship between not being successful in getting any grants and the amount of reserves?
- What is an ideal amount to have in reserves?

Neil Carbone confirmed the staff recommendation of between 2.5% to 3.0% and stated that this was appropriate in order to maintain capital reserves while also anticipating future capital needs. He noted that there is only a short term gain in retaining a 2% target, but that it make make it more challenging to fund future infrastructure or result in reduced capital reserves.

Overall the consensus from Council was to direct staff to prepare the preliminary 2020 capital and operating budgets with a target increase of 2%.

Neil Carbone recommended that Council allow staff to bring back a revised Long Range Plan with recommendations on how best to achieve the target rate of 2%.

9. Reports for Information - n/a  
10. Rise & Report from Committees of Council  
a) County Council

There were no updates.

b) Arena Board

The new season starts on Friday, September 13 with special events and the unveiling of the new ice-surfacers. Councillor Roberts encouraged Council and staff to attend.

c) Police Services Board

No updates to report.

d) Portland Heritage

The committee has changed their title. Councillor Morey will arrange for notification of that change as nothing has been circulated to the Clerks office.

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11. Information Items
  - a) Geoff Rae, General Manager, CRCA, re: Review of DRAFT 2020 Budget
  - b) City of Kingston - Proposed Amendments to Official Plan & Zoning By-laws
12. Notice of Motions - n/a
13. Announcements/Statements by Councillors
  - a) There were no updates or announcements.
14. Question of Clarity (from the public on outcome of agenda items) - n/a
15. Closed Session - n/a
16. Adjournment
  - a) The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.