

Minutes of Committee of the Whole  
November 12, 2019



Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Council Chambers

Meeting #31

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

Staff: Louise Fragnito, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Mark Segsworth, Director of Public Services, Angela Maddocks, Clerk.

1. Call to Order
  - a) Mayor Vandewal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
  
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 - not applicable
5. \*\*\*Recess - \*\*\* - not applicable
6. Public Meeting - not applicable
7. Delegations
  - a) Katrina Furlanetto, Incoming General Manager, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority, re: CRCA 2020 Budget

Mayor Vandewal welcomed Ms. Furlanetto and acknowledged Geoff Rae, current General Manager who will be retiring at year end.

Ms. Furlanetto provided an overview the Cataraqui Conservation that area and properties owned within their jurisdiction. She reviewed the ongoing challenges to find efficiencies through shared services and digital processes. She reviewed the Cataraqui Conservation 2020 budget with details on the impact of the municipal levy for South Frontenac.

- b) Roger Brice, re: overfishing, disturbing the peace, illegal parking and trash - Devil Lake Causeway

Roger Brice referred to the material included in the agenda package that outlined their concerns about commercial fishing along the Devil Lake Causeway, and the disregard for private property and illegal parking. He recognized that this problem is not unique to this area however he is concerned about protecting their neighbourhood and the fish habitat. A Devil Lake Association group is being developed to magnify the concern about protecting the special and unique resource of the lake. The Ministry of Natural

Resources and Forestry are aware of the commercial fishing issue and have laid charges however most of the fishing takes place at night. Mr. Brice believes that the commercial fishermen come from the Toronto area noting they have no regard for safety or respect for private property.

Roger Jones voiced his concerns about the decimation of fish. He has lived in the area for 68 years and has a harvesting permit to collect shiner minnows for resale and is therefore on the lake several days per week. He explained that Jones Bay is the best spawning area however the fishermen are affecting the spawning process and he wants to see an end to the commercial fishing.

Edith Regnerus expressed her concern about the garbage left behind by the commercial fishermen. She has picked up 5 to 15 gallons of garbage that they leave behind showing a complete disregard for the area. The fishermen also defecate on public and private property.

Tonia Jones lives on the north side of the causeway and is constantly challenged with clear site lines to safely pull out of her own driveway. Drivers are doing three point turns on the curve of the road and there is concern about safety due to this practice.

Council was sympathetic to the issue and supported working towards a solution. There will be a report coming from Public Services to extend the "no parking" area along the causeway, at the November 19 Council meeting.

Mark Segsworth noted that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry do conduct night patrol but not every night and they have not yet witnessed any commercial fishing. He noted that fishing is currently not an issue but gave assurance that we will continue to work with the residents, the OPP and MNR in hopes of addressing the various concerns.

The delegations were encouraged to call the OPP when trespassing is occurring. Chatham, Peterborough, Port Hope and Westport are other known areas that have experienced the same problem of commercial fishing. Wilma Kenny confirmed that she had been in Port Hope in the spring and there were two MNR officers in attendance who were strictly enforcing the fishing regulations. It was suggested that staff reach out to the other communities to get an idea of how they dealt with commercial fishing.

8. Reports Requiring Direction
- a) RFP for Garbage and Recycle Collection

Mark Segsworth noted that there have been changes due to the new provincial government and the new Waste Free Ontario Act with a focus on extended producer responsibility.

The following items were discussed:

- If the RFP was issued by "area" is this more difficult to bid on? Could a contractor bid on just one area? Multi national companies bidding on and taking over local business is a possibility.
- Concern that having only one contractor solely is a risk especially if equipment breakdown occurs
- What is the appropriate length for new contracts?
- Bag Tags - there has not been an increase in the fee. Could they be sold only at stores and how would they be valued? There could be a reduction in the taxation component if residents are required to purchase. A suggestion was made to have a "buy back" incentive if any changes were made to the actual use of the bag tag system. Is there data to support that the use of bag tags has decreased garbage?

- Have we looked at what the cost would be to do in-house garbage collection?
- Private Lanes - there is substantial cost to creating turn around areas for community bins.
- Recycling bins - the fee has not changed. We don't want to make it difficult to recycle but bins need to be recognizable to ensure consistent collection.

The Director of Public Services will bring back a report on items discussed to the December 3 Council meeting.

9. Reports for Information

a) Sustane Technologies Inc. - Report from Councillor Revill

Councillor Revill shared his presentation with respect to his visit to the Sustane Technologies Plant in Chester, Nova Scotia. He responded to questions about the catchment area and if the plant required a guaranteed amount of waste. The plant is another player in the market of waste management.

10. Rise & Report from Committees of Council

a) County Council

Councillor Revill reported that Fairmount Home will be undergoing an accreditation exercise, budget deliberations are underway. The conflict between the County and the City of Kingston regarding paramedic costs is ongoing.

b) Arena Board

Councillor Roberts reported that winter programming is underway and the new ice surfacer is working well.

c) Police Services Board

Deputy Mayor Sleeth reported that the Board met last week with two representatives from Orillia attending the meeting to discuss the new contract. There is very little change financially but still not lots of details. It is possible that there will be an amalgamation with other local Police Services Boards.

The annual public meeting is scheduled for November 28 at 7:00 pm.

d) Portland Heritage Committee

No updates.

11. Information Items

a) Tim Lanthier, Interim General Manager, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, re: Letter to Minister Jeff Yurek seeking direction on mandatory and non-mandatory programs and funding of said programs.

b) Township of Ramara - Letter to Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks re: Conservation Authority Exit Clause

c) Village of Westport - Recreation Cost Sharing Model

Council was not supportive of entertaining a recreation cost sharing model with the village of Westport.

12. Notice of Motions - not applicable

13. Announcements/Statements by Councillors - not applicable

14. Question of Clarity (from the public on outcome of agenda items)

a) There were no questions from those in attendance.

15. Closed Session - not applicable

16. Adjournment

a) The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.