

**Minutes of Committee of the Whole  
November 24, 2020**



**Meeting # 31**

**Time:** 7:13 pm

**Location:** Council Chambers

**Council Present in Council Chambers:** Mayor Ron Vandewal, Ray Leonard, Doug Morey, Alan Revill, Norm Roberts, Randy Ruttan, Ron Sleeth, Ross Sutherland

**Council Present via Electronic Participation:** Pat Barr

**Staff Present in Council Chambers:** Neil Carbone - Chief Administrative Officer, Angela Maddocks - Clerk, Louise Fragnito - Director of Corporate Services and Treasurer, Claire Dodds - Director of Development Services, Mark Segsworth - Director of Public Services

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
- a) Motion

The Clerk conducted the roll call and the attendance is noted above.

Moved by Councillor Sleeth  
Seconded by Councillor Morey

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be called to order at 7:13 p.m.

Carried

2. Approval of Agenda
- a) Motion

Moved by Councillor Ruttan  
Seconded by Councillor Revill

That the agenda for the November 24, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof
- a) There were no declarations.
4. Scheduled Closed Session ( at the end of the agenda)
5. Public Meeting - not applicable
6. Delegations - not applicable
7. Reports Requiring Direction
- a) Non-Public Services - Capital Presentation

Neil Carbone explained that for 2021 there are individual capital detail sheets included for each of the capital projects being proposed for every department. These sheets will provide valuable information about a project's scope, rationale, duration, total cost, current cost and past expenses. All projects have been considered in terms of their relationship to Council's Strategic Plan and whether they are associated with the township's Growth, Asset Renewal or a Service Level Change.

Staff provided clarity on questions related to the new detail sheets with respect to carryovers and funding sources.

Council requested clarity on why a "Servicing Options Study" was included. Mr. Carbone explained that private and communal servicing may not always be the most cost effective or flexible servicing approach for desired forms of development. Recent changes in the Provincial Policy Statement requires consideration of servicing options beyond private and communal. This study will assist with the Official Plan and growth studies. Council questioned the \$100,000 amount associated with this study.

Concerns were expressed about the 2500 gallon tanker with a pump when there is already difficult for these vehicles to get down most private lanes.

Further rationale for the mechanical support vehicle and the rapid response vehicles was requested by Council. They questioned the selling/disposal of existing equipment and the proceeds of \$75,000 as they felt this was not realistic. There were concerns expressed about the purchase of 100 suits for Wildland Firefighting when not all volunteers would not be attending a wildfire at any given time. It was confirmed that currently firefighters are wearing coveralls and bunker gear that is too restrictive and hot to wear for these types of fires. There was discussion about what some of the equipment actually was used for such as the accountability equipment and the blowers.

b) 2021 Budget Support for Community COVID Impacts

Council was concerned about the qualifications of this program. They felt it should be a targeted approach and not administered with "broad strokes". Council felt the financial support should be distributed to people who have not received other funding and wanted more clarity on where/who this funding would go to.

Moved by Councillor Ruttan  
Seconded by Councillor Revill

That the Committee of the Whole support the inclusion of \$250,000 in the 2021 operating budget funded from the Township's working reserve, to be directed to residents and businesses which have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, via local social services and business support agencies, through programs to be determined at a later date.

Carried

8. Reports for Information - not applicable
9. Rise & Report from Committees of Council
  - a) Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

Councillor Revill spoke to the challenges that all conservation authorities are facing now about changes to the Conservation Authorities Act as outlined in 10 a) on this agenda.

- b) Quinte Conservation Authority

Councillor Roberts reported that Quinte is also challenged with these changes.

c) Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

Councillor Barr reported that RVCA is also dealing with how to address these changes. They are currently focused on their 2021 budget.

10. Information Items

a) Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and Planning Act which affect Conservation Authorities

11. Notice of Motions

a) Councillor Revill served a "Notice of Motion" to support local conservation authorities and the removal of Section 6 of the Bill.

It was clarified that there would need to be a Procedural By-law change to address this issue in a Special Council meeting to deal with this matter prior to December 1.

12. Announcements/Statements by Councillors

a) There were no announcements or statements from Councillors.

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

a) There were no questions of clarity.

14. Closed Session

a) Motion - Move into Closed Session in accordance with Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; **to receive a report regarding in-house winter control options.**

Moved by Councillor Leonard

Seconded by Councillor Roberts

That Committee of the Whole move into Closed Session in accordance with Section 239.2 (d) labour relations or employee negotiations; to receive a report regarding in-house winter control options.

Carried

c) Motion - Move out of Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Barr

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sutherland

That Committee of the Whole move out of closed session.

Carried

15. Adjournment

a) Motion

Moved by Councillor Morey

Seconded by Councillor Sleeth

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Carried

