

# CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

# Special Committee of the Whole (Daytime) No. 22

# November 20, 2019, 2:30 p.m. Held in the North Grenville Municipal Centre

PRESENT Mayor Nancy Peckford

Deputy Mayor Jim McManaman

Councillor John Barclay Councillor Doreen O'Sullivan Councillor Kristin Strackerjan

Staff Present Cahl Pominville, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

Karen Dunlop, Director of Public Works Jill Sturdy, Communications Coordinator

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#### A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### SPCW(D)-2019-038

Moved by John Barclay Seconded by Doreen O'Sullivan

That the Committee of the Whole (Daytime) agenda for November 20, 2019 be approved as amended.

- Addition to New Business: Kemptville Campus and Interim CAO

# **CARRIED**

# B. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

# C. COMMUNICATIONS

- Jill provided an update on the County Rd. 43 campaign. We are using the Economic Development Summit this Friday as a launch. Mayor Peckford advised that the County approved the entire project but current approval is from County Rd. 44 to the Kemptville Creek Bridge. Jill noted that we want to show support for this critical piece of infrastructure. This will provide information to residents that we still need Federal support in order for this project to proceed. We will look to get quotes from key players at the Economic Development Summit this Friday. A new window decal logo was distributed. There will be 500 in total to be distributed. A letter from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will go to business leaders in the municipality. Matt and Hillary, as well as Council, will assist with distribution.
- NG Times. Mayor Peckford noted that the budget article was delayed. Councillor O'Sullivan will go in the paper next week with an article on the Library. Councillor Strackerjan will submit an article on the Hospital the following week. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will submit an article on the Kemptville Campus in the new year. The Deputy Mayor will look to an article on Planning & Building in January.
- A holiday video will prepared by Council. Highlight video for the year will come from the Mayor. Your highlights need to be submitted to the Mayor and Jill by the November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Councillor Strackerjan would like to confirm afternoon meeting dates so that she can schedule her time off. Mayor Peckford suggested that Monday and Wednesday would be the best days for daytime meetings.

#### D. DISCUSSION FORUMS

- There will be two budget forums held in November. There are none scheduled for January to March. The Committee discussed suggestions- Parks & Recreation in January; meeting with Advisory Committee Chairs in the Spring; Rural Affairs; Waste Management, Road Safety.

### E. WORK PLAN UPDATE

- Council and the Senior Management Team are will be meeting on December 11. This will replace a Daytime Committee of the Whole meeting.

# F. REVIEW OF UPCOMING COUNCIL/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

- We will look to have some windows in committee of the Whole meetings in July and August. We have had many consultations during the year.

#### G. NEW BUSINESS

## 1. Kemptville Campus Update

- Karen Bedard from Kemptville Live attended the Board meeting to review their work plan. A renegotiation of the participation agreement and a sustainable housing initiative was discussed.
- Mayor Peckford advised that staff have made a recommendation for the Habitat for Humanity location on the Campus and the Campus Board ratified. Councillor Barclay noted that he had a fear that building houses on the Campus property has come forward again after approval of looking into a Habitat for Humanity home on the property.
- Mayor Peckford advised that Brian Carré was originally on the Board but requested to be removed. There was discussion with legal counsel to not expand the Board during the early stages of the campus. It was important for the new Council to stabilize the Campus before expanding the Board. The governance structure is now in place. It is best to be prudent to not engage in Board expansion until it has been stabilized. The participation agreement has not came up at any Board meeting. We had work to do in order to have the vision align with the Municipality. Legal counsel advised that the Chair of Council should Chair the Board. It is also sensible to have the Deputy Mayor on the Board.
- Deputy Mayor McManaman noted that Municipal Council has veto power over a recommendation by the Campus Board. Mayor Peckford advised that the advice from legal counsel was that at this time to have another Municipal representative on the Board. The relationship with the Alumni Association had been damaged and a lawsuit was pending when the Municipality took over the Campus. This relationship has been restored.
- Councillor Barclay noted that there had been many previous groups promoting the Campus. This has been our first discussion on the Campus to be brought up to date. Has there been any discussion on the expanded board? Mayor Peckford advised that the master plan is a key piece to create the final path for the Campus. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Master Plan closes in early December with draft completion by March 31.
- Councillor O'Sullivan agreed that optics does not show the Campus as an arms-length operation.
- Deputy Mayor McManaman advised that if there is development proposal in the future, the Council of the day has the overriding power to veto. This master plan will include input by Council and the public.
- Mayor Peckford advised that in June we didn't know if Pat Remillard was going to continue in her capacity beyond October. Ms. Remillard has reconsidered and has agreed to stay with the Campus to the end of December.
- Councillor Barclay suggested that an expanded Board hire the Executive Director. Mayor Peckford was concerned if there would be enough time for an expanded Board to come up to speed to understand what they need in an Executive Director.
- Mayor Peckford advised that Brian Carré was brilliant on the acquisition of the Campus lands and buildings.
- Councillor Barclay noted that currently there is no community control. Mayor Peckford advised that the master plan will assist us.

- Mayor Peckford directed that the Kemptville Campus be put on our agenda as a regular item.
- Mayor Peckford advised that there was only one bid received to do an Executive Director search. It is not a viable tender. We will be looking for an RFP to combine with a CAO search with the same company.
- Mayor Peckford advised that the Board will be bringing all four School Boards together for a meeting to discuss collaboration.
- 2. Advisory Committees - Executive Meeting
  - To the next agenda
- 3. Santa Claus Parade
  - To the next agenda
- 4. Council Code of Conduct
  - To the next agenda
- 5. Interim CAO
  - Councillor Barclay advised that Mr. Cormier suggested another candidate for the Interim CAO position. Mayor Peckford suggested that they submit their name. Interviews will take place on November 29.

#### H. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & MEDIA

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT** I.

NANCY PECKFORD	CAHL POMINVILLE
Mayor	Clerk