



**CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE**

DRAFT MINUTES

Special Committee of the Whole No. 16

**Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 2:30 p.m.
Held in Council Chambers, 285 County Road 44**

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
Marcus Hewitt, Director of Finance
John Okum, Director of Emergency & Protective Services/Fire Chief
Karen Dunlop, Director of Public Works
Mark Guy, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Peckford provided an update to the presenters on the purpose of today's meeting and the time constraints for presentations. She reviewed the budget process which is now a four year process.

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Moved by John Barclay
Seconded by Jim McManaman

That the Special Committee of the Whole agenda for November 26, 2019 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

B. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

C. 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET - COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

1. Kemptville & District Home Support Inc. (KDHSI) - Escorted Transportation Service - Susan Smith
 - Susan reviewed the work of KDHSI. She spoke to the escorted transportation program.

Questions of Committee

Mayor Peckford

- Is there an increase from 2018? Susan advised that there was. More people are needing rides and better communication.
- An additional \$63,500 needed. Susan noted that this also includes other programs.
- Do you reimburse drivers for mileage? Susan advised that they pay 40 cents/ km.
- How many drivers do you have? Susan advised that they have 46.

Councillor Barclay

- Is a fee charged? Susan advised that the fees are \$6 return in town and \$45 return for out of town.
- Does the present funding fall short? Susan advised that it does.

Councillor O'Sullivan

- Have you noticed a change in requests with more specialists coming to Kemptville District Hospital? Susan advised that we still have a lot of drives to Ottawa.

2. Beth Donovan Hospice - Expand Bereavement Counselling Services - Sue Walker
 - We have been 27 years in North Grenville. This is the first time requesting funding. An update was provided by Sue on their Bereavement Counselling Service. There is a continuous wait list for this service for the last 4 years. We would like to expand this service.

Questions of Committee

Councillor Barclay

- Are you looking for support over the next 4 years? Sue advised that yes they are.

Councillor O'Sullivan

- Do you do group or individual counselling? Sue advised that we do both.

Mayor Peckford

- Do you use both volunteers and counsellors? Sue advised that we have a counsellor on staff. The volunteers take training. The request would add an extra day by the counsellor which also would give volunteers more training.
- Are they short term visits or sustained? Sue advised that they are usually 6 months to 1 year.
- Do you see value of other services provided by the County? Sue advised that she has worked with the mental health unit before. We go back and forth. Bereavement is a trauma from losing a loved one or a family member. This is distinct from mental health counselling.
- Is Trillium Funding a possible opportunity? Sue advised that it is the only other option but no other Hospice has been successful.

3. North Grenville Community Youth Engagement Task Force - Host a One Day Youth Summit - Kathryn Allwright, Kris Van De Ven, Rebecca Shams
 - This request is to seek funding for a one day summit in the fall for 50 youth. An update was provided by Kris on the events and agenda at the summit. We hope to have future summits and will report back to Council on their findings. Rebecca noted that youth will take part on the planning committee. The emphasis will be on youth engagement. Kathryn reviewed their budget request.

Questions of Committee

Councillor Strackerjan

- What are your funding sources? Is there any grant money out there to support? Kathryn advised that Canada 150 had funding in the past. Are not aware of other government grant opportunities.
- Do you have a goal in mind what you would like to get from the community? Kathryn advised that if we don't get the full amount we will need to search. Rebecca added that if not all is used we can set it aside for the future or use for other ventures.
- Have other groups held a summit? Rebecca advised that Power Up had 3 events with 1 grant.

Councillor O'Sullivan

- Is this for North Grenville only? Rebecca advised that it is for those who live, work or play in North Grenville.
- What is the age group? Rebecca advised that it is for those in Grades 7-12.
- Is there a registration fee? Rebecca advised that it will be a free event.

Councillor Barclay

- What would be a reasonable expectation for private sponsors? Rebecca advised that she is optimistic but cannot put a value on it.
- Additional funds would go to further youth engagement. Is it for this year or 4 years? Kathryn advised that they are requesting funding for 4 years. Sponsors can also do in-kind. Rebecca added that there will be a report at the end of the summit as to how funds could be spent on youth engagement.

Deputy Mayor McManaman

- How were other events funded? What tangibles have you seen in the past? Rebecca provided information on the benefits of youth engagement in general. Past funding was from the Canada 150 Program. They received \$46,000 and had 3 summits with that money.

Mayor Peckford

- Members of Council has sat with this group. North Grenville has never had a youth engagement summit. Tammy noted that none were held in NG.
- Has there been good participation in additional summits. Rebecca noted that there had.
- How do you assist rural and urban residents? Rebecca advised that will depend on the youth involved in the planning.
- This would test what the needs are in North Grenville. Rebecca advised that this is one benefit. We can see where their interests are.
- We have some staff support. Your organization is contributing to the summit.

4. Meet Me On Main Street North Grenville - Kemptville District Community Association (KDCA) et al - Wendy Embleton and Debbie Wilson

- Bringing this request forward on behalf of the Oxford Mills, Bishops Mills and Burritts Rapids Community Associations. North Dundas has been successful for the last few years. KDCA has approval from all of the associations to make this happen as a group. We want to bring exposure to our hamlets.

Questions of Committee

Mayor Peckford

- What is the cost of these events? Wendy advised that they would host for four consecutive weeks. They have buy-in from all community associations.
- Will it be different from North Dundas? Wendy advised that they would look to do more community exposure. There will be food and entertainment. Each community can show off what they have.

Councillor Barclay

- Is the concept to close a street? Wendy advised that this is the concept but does not have to happen. We can use parks, parking lots and side streets to accommodate traffic flow.
- The purpose is to draw people to the hamlets. Wendy advised that we will be able to give exposure to each of the hamlets.
- Will other community associations be contributing any funds? Wendy advised that the budget is bare bones. Each organization is responsible for running it in their community above the funding provided.

Councillor Strackerjan

- Is this a 4 year budget request? Wendy advised that the request is for \$11,450 for each of the 4 years.

Deputy Mayor McManaman

- What will the money be used for? What are your goals & exposure? What will the money get the taxpayer? Wendy advised that it would be used for advertising, signage, chairs, tables, washrooms, etc.

Mayor Peckford

- Is there an alignment to Business Retention + Expansion? North Dundas has had success. Herb Cloutier advised that he has had the conversations with North Dundas. Wendy advised that it will showcase our local communities.
- What did you learn from North Dundas? Herb advised that he attended most of them. They were well attended and were fun. They were successful due to the grass roots of the communities. The spin off benefits were significant. Each community looking to have them in the future. In North Grenville the communities will be driving the requests to have it in the future.

Wendy Embleton advised that KDCA is the liaison with the Municipality. There will be a sub-committee to include all other community associations.

Mark Guy noted that he is from North Dundas. Their focus was community unity not economic development.

5. Glengables Park - Play Structure Request - Andrea Adams and Kristin Smith

- The current space is under-utilized. They proposed three options. Kristin has spoken to playground planners in Ottawa and included capital and maintenance costs. Andrea noted that the space already exists. It will bring the residents together.

Questions of Committee

Mayor Peckford

- Did you bring this forward in the Parks, Recreation and Culture study? Andrea advised that they hadn't.
- Why do residents have an appetite for this space? Kristin advised that they are frequently packing kids up in the car and going to the park at eQuinelle. We would like to bike to a park. Andrea added that there will be a sense of community when neighbours can get together.
- Is the neighbourhood evolving? Andrea advised that both subdivisions are completed. Residents are usually retired or young families. Most resales have been to young families.
- Do development charge funds remain for the playground? Karen Dunlop advised that the proceeds of the sale of lots was used for tree removal, seeding, fencing, etc.
- It would be good to include this in our Parks & Recreation master plan. A play structure in this subdivision has been on our radar.
- What is the value of the cash-in-lieu for parkland received for Glengables? Mark Guy and Karen Dunlop advised that they don't have the value but will look it up in the subdivision agreement.

Councillor Strackerjan

- You have provided options. Did you look to year round usefulness? Kristin advised that the space is not winter maintained. Summer use only.
- Mark Guy noted that we look at accessibility first and foremost. The Municipality doesn't maintain playgrounds in the winter. Staff would look to discuss with the community as to what they are looking for.
- Can we have more options for the winter? We should look into them. Mark Guy advised that staff have not looked into winter operation but we could. When he came in 2012 he understood that some lots were sold to cover the cost of play equipment. It has remained as a passive park. In 2014 development charges included funds for a play structure. The first draft of the 2019 budget also included a play structure.

Councillor O'Sullivan

- Do you have a Community Association? Andrea advised that they do not a formal association, just a Facebook group.
- The draft Parks & Recreation plan is due in a few weeks. I suggest reviewing it to see what it says about parks in rural subdivisions.

6. History of North Grenville Publication - David Shanahan

- Councillor Barclay spoke on David Shanahan's behalf. The project is \$30,000 over two years. It will be a scholarly book about 200 pages of the history of North Grenville. Some money could be recouped from book sales.
- Mayor Peckford noted that many other municipalities have such a book. North Grenville doesn't have one. In 2023 it is our 25th anniversary. It would be helpful for us to know what number of hours this project might take. Councillor Barclay noted that the cost is well below what he charges other clients.

7. Crossing Guards - Cynthia Davidson

- Cahl Pominville advised that Ms. Davidson declined to make a presentation. Committee reviewed the submission which was included in the agenda package.

8. Licence Agreement Fees - Kemptville Live - Karen Bedard

- Karen provided information on licence fee which has increased from \$3500 to 16,500 per year. Looking to keep their budget in line and have sustainability for years to come.

Questions of Committee

Mayor Peckford

- Kemptville Live now has a long term agreement with the campus.

Councillor Barclay

- Kemptville Live is now paying rent for building space. Shouldn't the Campus Board be negotiating this lease agreement? Karen advised that with last year's licence agreement, Council was going to help towards these fees. Kemptville Live has never asked for funding before.
- Are there any plans for a second festival? Karen advised that we might be able to build on the success of Kemptville Live.

Mayor Peckford

- What are your biggest cost drivers? Karen advised that they have a \$1.1 million budget for 2020. We have to watch all of our expenses and revenues. We heavily rely on ticket sales.
- With the Provincial and Federal funding changing, what do you receive? Karen advised that is 10% of our revenue.

Deputy Mayor McManaman

- With sponsorship funding going down over the years, will you need sponsors that cover a larger area? Karen advised that we look to encourage them to sponsor.
- Can Kemptville Live partner with other groups for their event? Karen advised that they have spoken to other groups.

9. Crosswalk - VanBuren St. at Raina Way - Jean Hartjes

- Councillor O'Sullivan advised that Ms. Hartjes had made a presentation last year for sidewalks on the south side of Van Buren St. This year she is asking for a crosswalk to be able to access the sidewalk on the north side of the street.
- Councillor Barclay asked if we have to go to County. What would be the cost? Karen Dunlop advised that painting and signs are not expensive but we have to speak to the County about a possible 4-way stop. We would also need to have a traffic count.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

NANCY PECKFORD
Mayor

CAHL POMINVILLE
Clerk