



**CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE**

DRAFT MINUTES

Special Committee of the Whole No. 17

**Wednesday, November 27, 2019, 6:35 p.m.
Held in Council Chambers, 285 County Road 44**

PRESENT Mayor Nancy Peckford
Deputy Mayor Jim McManaman
Councillor John Barclay
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
Kevin Henry, Facilities Superintendent

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

SPCW-2019-035

Moved by John Barclay
Seconded by Jim McManaman

That the Special Committee of the Whole agenda for November 27, 2019 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

B. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

C. 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMUNITY REQUESTS

1. Kemptville Youth Centre (KYC) - Request for Property Tax Relief - Graham Pincott
 - Background financial information on the KYC was provided. There was a municipal levy of \$1352.00 in 2019. Funding has been reduced and some eliminated

Questions of Committee
Councillor Barclay

- He has advocated this for some time. Marcus Hewitt reviewed Provincial Acts that the KYC would fall under.
- Have you reached out to MPAC for an exemption? Graham advised that they had not. Our Municipal Treasurer will reach out to MPAC for a possible exemption of all taxes.
- What if this may not apply? Marcus Hewitt advised that we could grant back the portion that we collect.

Councillor Strackerjan

- MPAC may take some time. Has there been a look at a less traditional grant being available? Graham noted that they are continuously looking for grants.

Mayor Peckford

- Are there any other municipal grants? Graham advised that have received \$1000 four times for improvements over the last 9 years.

Deputy Mayor McManaman

- How many children do you serve? What are your programs? Graham advised that they serve over 400 youth in our area. There is an average of 15-20 youth daily between 2-8 pm. He reviewed the games and programs available. The youth have been involved in fundraising.

2. Victim Services of Leeds & Grenville - Request for Part-Time Employee for North Grenville - Sonya Jodoin

- Sonya reviewed their mandate, core services and population they serve. Their staffing model has not increased even though they serve 2000 people per year. There will be no funding adjustment in site until 2021. It is easier for community members if there was a member available to them. The number of calls justifies having a staff member located in North Grenville (NG). This would also assist with our volunteer program.

Questions of Committee

Councillor Barclay

- Do you get funding from the County? Sonya advised that they do not. This is the first ask of a municipal government. We have not asked the County for funding.
- How did you arrive at the hours spent? Sonya advised that this is being reviewed. We expect 3 days per week in North Grenville.
- What is your current presence? Sonya advised that there are no staff in North Grenville. We try to come to NG on Fridays but we are not always available.

Councillor Strackerjan

- Is this solely for their salary? Sonya advised that it would cover salary, benefits, laptop, cell phone and mileage. Other resources would be internal. There is no ask for office space but would have to evaluate locations.

Deputy Mayor McManaman

- How many people do you serve in this area? What type of calls do you receive? Sonya advised that she doesn't have a breakdown for NG. We received calls for sexual, domestic, and elder abuse, and human trafficking. We travel to Kemptville several times per week if needed. It would be an advantage to the community to have someone here all the times.
- Who is the organization that supports you? Sonya advised that the Ministry of the Attorney General's office funds all of the victim's services program. They need to address the levels of service.
- Is the funding model based on population? Sonya advised that it is a number focused model. We have exceeded those numbers but they do not have the funds to meet it.
- The Deputy Mayor asked the Mayor to speak to the County. Mayor Peckford advised that there may be a possible 50-50 cost share with the County. She will need the support of the other Mayors.

Mayor Peckford

- Do you see things unique of North Grenville? Is it an increase in demand? Sonya advised that resources are harder to get to for NG residents. Everything is based somewhere else.
- Are you legally mandated to respond? Sonya advised that they are. We will direct them to proper help. There are limited opportunities in Leeds & Grenville.
- Do you want to explore implementation of the Star Program in a local high school? Sonya advised that they provides on-site assistance to students and teachers. It is only located at Thousand Islands Secondary School. The staff person also goes into Brockville Collegiate Institute. We have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Upper Canada District School Board. It is funded by victim's services.

3. Speaker Replacement - Urbandale Arts Centre (UAC) - Barbara Lacelle & Marilyn Conroy

- Marilyn & Barbara reviewed the Kemptville Youth Musical Theatre Company (KYMTC) program including shows and camps. They highlighted concerns with the Urbandale Arts Centre. Their group will contribute \$3000 towards new chairs.

Kevin Henry

- There is \$6000 in the 2020 capital budget to replace the four speakers at the front of the UAC. This might not resolve 100% of the problems. It includes having a third party to look at the system.
- Mayor Peckford noted that the microphones used at Council meetings are dated. Will this be included? Kevin advised that there is \$30,000 in the 2020 budget to update the microphones.
- Councillor Strackerjan noted that a donation would be better used for their programs. The Municipality should be responsible for the facility.
- Barb asked if there is a hearing induction loop. Kevin Henry advised that there is. It is a frequency that works with a hearing aid.

4. Non-stationary Chairs Replacement - Urbandale Arts Centre - Barbara Lacelle
 - Kevin Henry advised that chairs are included in 2022 budget. There have been a number of factors. All items are looked at for health, safety, accessibility. Council can consider moving them forward if they wish.
 - Councillor Strackerjan noted that it is embarrassing to have broken and torn chairs in our facilities.
5. Sponsor Sign Relocation - Urbandale Arts Centre - Barbara Lacelle
 - Kevin Henry advised that municipal staff can move the sign. Our Director will contact the sponsor about relocation.
 - Deputy Mayor McManaman asked where does sponsor funds go? Marcus Hewitt advised that sponsorship goes toward general expenses.
6. Battery Repair for Lift - Urbandale Arts Centre - Barbara Lacelle
 - Kevin Henry advised that this can be addressed in our general budget. We have been in this facility for 15 years. We will look to repair this in the short term.
 - Councillor Barclay noted that this is our facility and we should take care of it. Council will consider the requests.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

NANCY PECKFORD
Mayor

CAHL POMINVILLE
Clerk