

**CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE**

DRAFT MINUTES

Special Committee of the Whole (Daytime) No. 6

**February 19, 2020, 2:30 p.m.
Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44**

PRESENT	Mayor Nancy Peckford Deputy Mayor Jim McManaman Councillor John Barclay Councillor Doreen O'Sullivan
Staff Present	Gary Dyke, Chief Administrative Officer Cahl Pominville, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk Jill Sturdy, Corporate Media Relations Officer

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Moved by	Doreen O'Sullivan
Seconded by	Jim McManaman

That the Committee of the Whole (Daytime) agenda for February 19, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

B. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

C. COMMUNICATIONS

- Jill Sturdy- Two draft media releases have been prepared for the Mayor's approval. Currently working on a release for the end of next week for the March safety theme- "Roundabouts". Mayor Peckford noted that there will be a release on Friday on staffing.
- Jill Sturdy- The Mayor's article has been published in the NG Times. Councillor Barclay advised that he will be submitting his article this Friday for the NG Times. Councillor O'Sullivan will be submitting the following week.
- Mayor Peckford- There was a letter to the editor about proposed tax rates. MPAC assessments are not in the control of Council. We have to be clear about the facts. This Council is looking to slow the tax rate increase.
- Councillor Barclay- Attended MPAC presentations while at the ROMA conference. The next review is in 2021. We will have more media releases as budget meetings continue. Staffing compliment needs to be explained as the budget has gone up over the years but staffing levels have not kept pace.
- Mayor Peckford- Local media were crucial to breaking the Van Turken story.

D. DISCUSSION FORUMS

- The Waste Management Forum will be held on February 25 at Maplewood Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- Jill Sturdy- Have received requests about livestreaming the Discussion Forums. We do have difficulties. Deputy Mayor McManaman noted that maybe we could live stream the presentations but not the citizens comments. The Committee discussed and supported this.
- Mayor Peckford- Requested staff to look at the challenges of quality audio when doing Facebook Live. Jill Sturdy will review.
- Jill Sturdy- Representatives from the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) and the County CAO are available on April 28. We will move the Parks and Recreation

forum in May to Riverside Park. That still leaves March 31 as Rural Affairs in Bishops Mills. Gary Dyke noted that EORN has a commitment to put a point of presence outside of Brockville. An internet connectivity survey would be good to do prior to the meeting.

E. COUNTY RD. 43 UPDATE

- Jill Sturdy- We have now reached 1000 signatures on our petition. We will need to determine a strategy on how best to submit them. Not everyone is familiar with what improvements are being made. We have prepared promotional graphics to assist. Planning Department is to prepare an aerial concept of the improvements.

F. WORKPLAN UPDATE

- Gary Dyke- We have forwarded a document to Council prepared by the Senior Management Team. We continue to work on this project.

G. KEMPTVILLE CAMPUS UPDATE

- Mayor Peckford- Provided an update at last night’s Council meeting on the master plan public meeting, etc. We were represented, along with Pat Remillard, for the Kemptville Campus presentation at the Upper Canada District School Board. A draft master plan is to be completed by March 31. Councillor Barclay noted that he hopes the master plan addresses potential housing development on the property. Mayor Peckford noted that we may want to issue something on Habitat for Humanity to ensure residents understand the details.

H. AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

- The Task Force will make their final presentation at the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 3.

I. REVIEW OF UPCOMING COUNCIL/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

- Cahl Pominville provided an update. Gary Dyke noted that staff are not looking for any approvals of capacity allocation at that meeting. This will be a presentation and receiving of a draft policy. We will hold a stakeholders meetings. It will come back to Council at a later date.
- Councillor Barclay- A resident may come forward about a statement of indigenous rights. Gary Dyke noted that it is important to involve all of Council on proper wording for a resolution. Mayor Peckford added that we should have contact with all groups to ensure all are covered. We need to ensure our relationships as well.

J. NEW BUSINESS

- Gary Dyke provided an update on tonight’s budget meeting. Marcus Hewitt will provide a presentation. The budget has now been handed over to Council. Any changes that Council may wish to make, we will modify the document in real time.
1. Advisory Committees Joint Meeting - February 20
 - Jill Sturdy provided an update. Facilitator Lynne Tyler will ensure the meeting will flow well.
 2. Community Grants Program
 - An update on previous years was provided by Cahl Pominville. Committee directed that Mary Ashby will handle this project.
 - Councillor Barclay- A sub-committee of Heritage is working on awards criteria.

K. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & MEDIA
None

L. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

NANCY PECKFORD
Mayor

CAHL POMINVILLE
Clerk