



**CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE
COUNCIL MINUTES**

**December 11, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Held in Council Chambers, 285 County Road 44**

PRESENT Mayor Nancy Peckford
Deputy Mayor John Barclay
Councillor Doreen O'Sullivan
Councillor Kristin Strackerjan
Councillor Deb Wilson

Staff Present Amy Martin, Director of Planning and Development
Karen Dunlop, Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Finley, Director of Public Works and Environmental Services
Chloe Preston, Municipal Clerk
Mary Remmig, Deputy Clerk
Phil Mosher, Deputy Director Planning & Development
Housing Accelerator Fun Manager, Jackie Schoemaker Holmes

Others Present Yogi Arcand, Corey Lockwood, Braden Lockwood, Sean Ward

A. HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING

B. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Nancy Peckford called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

C. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The land acknowledgement was read by Councillor Deb Wilson.

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Amendment to move items under K.7 be moved to the top of item K. for discussion.

Amendment to remove the Asset Management Plan from consent and defer to December 17, 2024.

C-2024-405

Moved by Kristin Strackerjan

Seconded by John Barclay

Be it resolved that:

The Council agenda for December 11, 2024 be approved as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

E. CLOSED SESSION

None.

F. OUT OF CLOSED

None.

G. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

H. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

1. Extension of Municipal Services to Commercial Lands

Wendy Embleton and Brad Gaffney addressed Council regarding an extension of Municipal Services to County Road 19 to service commercial lands.

Director of Public Works Mike Finley confirmed the work being undertaken on the Water Wastewater Master Plan.

C-2024-406

Moved by Deb Wilson

Seconded by Doreen O'Sullivan

THAT Council receive the delegation by Wendy Embleton and Brad Gaffney titles "Extension of Municipal Services to Commercial Lands" for information purposes;

AND THAT Council direct staff to explore the options presented in the delegation by April 2025.

CARRIED

I. CONSENT AGENDA

C-2024-407

Moved by John Barclay
Seconded by Doreen O'Sullivan

Be it resolved that:

The following consent agenda items be approved as presented:

- Minutes of Previous Meetings;
- North Grenville Civic Awards; and,
- Old Town Kemptville BIA Board of Directors - Significant Resolutions

CARRIED

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings (See Item J.)

C-2024-407

Moved by John Barclay
Seconded by Doreen O'Sullivan

THAT the following meeting minutes be adopted as presented:

- Regular Meeting Minutes - November 13, 2024; and,
- Special Meeting Minutes - December 3, 2024.

CARRIED

2. North Grenville Civic Awards (See Item K.6.1.)

C-2024-407

Moved by John Barclay
Seconded by Doreen O'Sullivan

THAT Council approve the addition of the following awards to the Civic Awards Program:

1. Citizen of the Year Award
2. Volunteer of the Year Award
3. Compassionate Care Award

CARRIED

3. Old Town Kemptville BIA Board of Directors - Significant Resolutions (See Item L.2.)

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C-2024-407

Moved by John Barclay

Seconded by Doreen O'Sullivan

THAT Council of the Municipality of North Grenville receive Talia Hreljac's resignation from the OTK BIA Board of Management;

AND THAT Council of the Municipality of North Grenville appoint Brandy Gould to the OTK BIA Board of Management.

CARRIED

C-2024-407

Moved by John Barclay

Seconded by Doreen O'Sullivan

THAT Council of the Municipality of North Grenville accept the OTK BIA Board of Management Resolution hiring Talia Hreljac as the Interim Executive Director until March 1, 2025 for information.

CARRIED

C-2024-407

Moved by John Barclay

Seconded by Doreen O'Sullivan

THAT Council of the Municipality of North Grenville Debbie Wilson to the OTK BIA Board of Management.

CARRIED

J. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - CONSENT

1. **Regular Meeting Minutes - November 13, 2024**
2. **Special Meeting Minutes - December 3, 2024**

K. REPORTS

1. **Planning and Development**

1. **ZBA-17-24 1980 Beach Road**

Director of Planning and Development, Amy Martin delivered and overview of the staff report.

C-2024-408

Moved by Kristin Strackerjan

Seconded by Deb Wilson

THAT Council enact and approve By-Law 115-24 to rezone the lands at 1980 Beach Road from Agriculture One (A1) to Agriculture Two (A2) and Agriculture One – Exception Thirteen (A1-13).

CARRIED

2. **ZBA-08-24**

Deputy Director of Planning and Development, Phil Mosher delivered an overview of the staff report.

Mayor Nancy Peckford called a short recess at 8:00 p.m.

C-2024-410

Moved by Kristin Strackerjan

Seconded by Deb Wilson

THAT Council approve By-Law 116-24, being a site specific zoning by-law amendment at Part Lots 21 and 22, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Oxford-on-Rideau, now the Municipality of North Grenville, to re-zone the lands from Rural (RU) to Residential – First Density – Exception Zone (R1-46) and Rural – Exception Zone (RU-72).

CARRIED

2. **Housing Accelerator Fund Update**

Mayor Nancy Peckford called the meeting back to order at 8:16 p.m.

Housing Accelerator Fund Program Manager, Jackie Schoemaker Holmes, delivered an overview of the staff report.

Deputy Mayor John Barclay requested the Municipal lands inventory be shared with Council.

Manager Jackie Schoemaker Holmes confirmed that a second round of Housing Accelerator Funding has been initiated.

Deputy Direct of Planning and Development, Phil Mosher noted the completion of the Stormwater Management Master Plan will assist in completing the Zoning reform.

Mayor Nancy Peckford requested the Additional Residential Unit Program be brought forward to Council.

C-2024-410

Moved by Deb Wilson

Seconded by John Barclay

THAT Council receives the report titled “Housing Accelerator Fund Update” for information purposes;

AND THAT Council direct staff to report back on land inventory and Additional Residential Units (ARUs) at the earliest opportunity.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

2. Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

1. Lindsay Road Allowance – Return Report

Municipal Clerk, Chloe Preston delivered an overview of the staff report.

Mayor Nancy Peckford asked about the property owner's ability to petition under the Drainage Act.

Director of Public Works, Mike Finley overviewed the options available to property owners and confirmed neighbouring property owners were informed of their options.

Chief Administrative Officer, Karen Dunlop clarified the areas within the Conservation Authority's jurisdiction as it related to drainage patterns in the area.

C-2024-411

Moved by Kristin Strackerjan

Seconded by John Barclay

THAT Council pass and enact By-Law 94-24 being a by-law to stop up and closed an unopened road allowance between Lot 15 and Lot 16 in the 6th Concession being all of PIN 68118-0101; AND

THAT Council authorize the sale of the unopened road allowance; AND

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Agreement of Purchase and Sale and any other documents required to facilitate the sale of land.

CARRIED

- 3. Client Services**
- 4. Corporate Services**
- 5. Emergency and Protective Services**
- 6. Finance**

- 1. Asset Management Plan**

The Asset Management Plan was deferred to December 17, 2024 during the Approval of the Agenda.

- 7. Parks, Recreation, and Culture**

- 1. North Grenville Civic Awards - CONSENT**

- 8. Public Works**

L. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Old Town Kemptville BIA Board of Directors - Significant Resolution - CONSENT**

- 2. Resolutions from Other Municipalities**

- 1. Establish Ontario Rural Road Safety Program**

Mayor Nancy Peckford spoke to the initiative from the Ontario Goods Roads Association.

C-2024-412

Moved by John Barclay

Seconded by Doreen O'Sullivan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the motion as circulated by the Good Roads Association, being:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS preventing crashes helps to alleviate the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;

AND WHEREAS roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of North Grenville requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, and Good Roads.

CARRIED

M. OTHER BUSINESS

N. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Active Transportation Connections (West of County Rd 44, Pinehill Rd, Van Buren St)

Councillor O'Sullivan read aloud the Notice of Motion.

Council deliberation of the motion will occur on December 17, 2024.

WHEREAS the Municipality of North Grenville has approved site plans for at least 4 new residential developments west of County Road 44 both North and South of County Road 43 which could have in excess of 1000 new units;

WHEREAS the current expansion of County Road 43 including Multi-use pathways on both sides only extends west as far as County Road 44 and further expansion of County Road 43 to Sommerville Road is estimated to be more than a WHEREAS there is currently no pedestrian crosswalk on County Road 43 west of County Road 44,

WHEREAS there is currently no pedestrian sidewalk on the south side of Van Buren Street and the PXO is located at the Rail Trail;

WHEREAS there is new development proposed on the south side of Van Buren Street of 50 Townhomes, Brookside Phase II Development off Raina Way, with 277 units, and a commercial plaza;

WHEREAS the Municipality of North Grenville has retroactively established active transportation connectivity to previous developments such as eQuinelle and Victoria Park;

WHEREAS an increase in preference for walking and cycling, and a focus on fitness is noted among the population of North Grenville, including walking school bus programs,

WHEREAS a strongly connected community that cares about the health and safety of residents are important pillars of our Strategic Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Health, Wellness, Fitness and Active Transportation Advisory Committee recommends and supports this motion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of North Grenville ensure that Active Transportation connections to all new developments west of County Road 44 to Sommerville Road along both the north and south sides of County Road 43 are established to provide safe options for residents of all ages.

AND THAT this includes a pedestrian crosswalk at Pinehill Rd;

AND THAT these connections be established concurrently with the development and given that the expansion of County Road 43 including multi-

use pathways is in the undetermined future, alternative connections be established;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of North Grenville ensure that Active Transportation connections in the form of a multi-use pathways or sidewalk along the South Side of Van Buren Street, between County Road 19 and Prescott Street, be established concurrently with the new development.

2. Active Transportation Connections (Downtown Kemptville & Reuben Crescent)

Councillor Doreen O'Sullivan read aloud the Notice of Motion.

Council deliberation of the motion will occur on December 17, 2024.

WHEREAS Downtown Kemptville and Reuben Crescent has a mixture of residential, commercial, institutional and recreation establishments as well as limited mixed parking;

WHEREAS the Municipality of North Grenville has approved several additional multi residential unit developments in Downtown Kemptville including 2 developments with a total of 277 units on Reuben Crescent;

WHEREAS there are 3 very busy sports and recreation establishments including the North Grenville Curling Club and the Royal Canadian Legion on 2 corners of Reuben Crescent;

WHEREAS there are currently lengths of sidewalks that are not connected and are on alternate sides of the Reuben Crescent;

WHEREAS Riverside Park, a very actively used park, is also along Reuben Cres which attracts people of all ages who walk, cycle and drive to the park;

WHEREAS an increase in preference for walking and cycling, and a focus on fitness is noted among the population of North Grenville,

WHEREAS a strongly connected community that cares about the health and safety of residents are important pillars of our Strategic Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Health, Wellness, Fitness and Active Transportation Advisory Committee recommend and supports this motion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of North Grenville undertake an Active Transportation Study of the Downtown Commercial Area (C1), with particular attention to Reuben Cres, to determine the best safe options for sidewalks and cycling.

3. Tree Care and Management - Deliberation

Counillor Doreen O'Sullivan spoke to the motion.

Councillor Kristin Strackerjan suggested the Environmental Action Advisory Committee be consulted.

Municipal Clerk, Chloe Preston advised on options to revise the motion to involve the Environmental Action Advisory Committee.

C-2024-413

Moved by Doreen O'Sullivan

Seconded by Kristin Strackerjan

WHEREAS trees are often planted

- As part of roadworks contracts,
- As part of the Commemorative Gift Program in memory of someone or in honor of someone or some event, or to enhance our community,
- As part of recreational parkland development or enhancement.

WHEREAS these trees, as part of landscaping plans in a contract or donation from residents, are funded by taxpayers and therefore become NG assets,

WHEREAS there is solid evidence related to the benefits of trees including;

- The reduction of stress and anxiety. lowering blood pressure, improving mood, alleviating depression particularly in young people, prevention of cognitive decline and overall improved mental and physical health,
- A positive environmental impact including, improved soil quality, improved air quality, decreased air pollution, reduced flooding and erosion, removal of pollutants from rainfall which ultimately replenishes our aquifers,
- Provision of shade, reduction of UV exposure and provision of a natural wind break,
- Visual and esthetic effects include blocking views of commercial buildings and car parks, as well as filtering light and noise.

WHEREAS the Municipality has a responsibility for the care, maintenance and replacement of all its assets,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of North Grenville establish a By-Law to include trees, which have been purchased with tax dollars, as natural assets and establish a policy for the care, maintenance and replacement of such trees in our parks and public spaces;

AND THAT Council assign the initial consultation and deliberation of such By-law to the Environmental Action Advisory Committee to report back on by the end of Q1 2025.

CARRIED

4. Tree Buffer between Uses - Deliberation

Councillor Doreen O'Sullivan spoke to the motion.

Councillor Kristin Strackerjan noted that this is also an ongoing discussion of the Environmental Action Advisory Committee.

Director of Planning and Development, Amy Martin advised on changes to legislation which no longer grant the municipality the authority to enforce this during site plan and advised that the Zoning By-law would be the tool for implementing.

C-2024-414

Moved by Doreen O'Sullivan

Seconded by Kristin Strackerjan

WHEREAS there is solid evidence related to the benefits of trees including.

- The reduction of stress and anxiety. lowering blood pressure, improving mood, alleviating depression particularly in young people, prevention of cognitive decline and overall improved mental and physical health,
- A positive environmental impact including, improved soil quality, improved air quality, decreased air pollution, reduced flooding and erosion, removal of pollutants from rainfall which ultimately replenishes our aquifers,
- Provision of shade, reduction of UV exposure and provision of a natural wind break,
- Visual and esthetic effects include blocking views of commercial buildings and car parks, as well as filtering light and noise.

WHEREAS there are several trails and parks which abut commercial or industrially zoned land,

AND WHEREAS there is a By-Law which establishes a buffer between residential lands and commercial/industrial land,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of North Grenville establish a bylaw to include a similar buffer of native trees in the site plans of

any future commercial/industrial and residential development abutting all municipal recreation trails and parks.

CARRIED

O. INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

1. **By-Law 115-24**

2. **By-Law 116-24**

P. PERIOD FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & MEDIA RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS

Q. CLOSE OF MEETING

1. **Confirmation By-Law**

C-2024-415

Moved by Doreen O'Sullivan

Seconded by John Barclay

Be it resolved that:

By-Law 117-24 to confirm the proceedings of Council at its regular meeting held on December 11, 2024 be adopted and passed.

CARRIED

2. **Resolution to Adjourn**

C-2024-416

Moved by Kristin Strackerjan

Seconded by Deb Wilson

Be it resolved that:

this regular meeting of Council adjourn at 9:33 p.m.

CARRIED