



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

**December 17, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Held in Council Chambers, 285 County Road 44**

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

Staff Present Amy Martin, Director of Planning and Development
 Karen Dunlop, Chief Administrative Officer
 Randy Urslak, Deputy Fire Chief
 Chloe Preston, Municipal Clerk
 Carly Wheeler, Director of Finance/Treasurer
 Mark Guy

Others Present Roger Dougherty, Finance Asset Management Coordinator
 Dave Dancey, Deputy Treasurer/Director of Finance

A. HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING

B. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Nancy Peckford called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. in Meeting Room 1.

C. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The land acknowledgement was read by Mayor Nancy Peckford.

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

C-2024-419

Moved by Doreen O'Sullivan

Seconded by Kristin Strackerjan

Be it resolved that:

The Council agenda for December 17, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

E. CLOSED SESSION

C-2024-420

Moved by Deb Wilson

Seconded by Doreen O'Sullivan

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of North Grenville move into Closed Session in accordance with Section 239(2)(k) respecting a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board regarding stream funding and related considerations for a sports dome.

CARRIED

1. Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Funding Stream 2

F. OUT OF CLOSED

Council moved into the Council Chambers for the remainder of the meeting.

Councillor Kristin Strackerjan read aloud the Land Acknowledgment statement in open session.

C-2024-421

Moved by Kristin Strackerjan

Seconded by Deb Wilson

THAT Council move into Open Session at 7:04 p.m.;

AND THAT Council direct staff in accordance with the closed meeting discussion.

CARRIED

G. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None at this time.

H. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

None.

1. 2023 Financial Audit

Lori Huber from KPMG presented the 2023 Financial Audit report.

Councillor Strackerjan noted an error in the Financial Statement Highlights on Page 11 of the Final Report under expenses. The budgeted amounts for Health Services and Recreation and Culture Services were included in the incorrect row.

C-2024-422

Moved by Kristin Strackerjan

Seconded by Doreen O'Sullivan

THAT Council approve and accept the Consolidated Financial Statements for the Municipality of North Grenville Year Ended December 31, 2023 and the Audit Findings Report prepared by KPMG with the amendment to expenses on the Financial Statement Highlights to demonstrate Health Services having a budget of \$210,518.00 and Recreation and Culture Services having a budget of \$4,724,419.00.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

I. CONSENT AGENDA

J. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

K. REPORTS

- 1. Office of the Chief Administrative Officer**
- 2. Client Services**
- 3. Corporate Services**
- 4. Emergency and Protective Services**
- 5. Finance**

1. Asset Management Plan 2024

Finance Asset Management Coordinator, Roger Dougherty, delivered an overview of the staff report.

Councillor Doreen O'Sullivan asked about the inclusion of natural assets.

Coordinator Roger Dougherty spoke to the natural assets that were recognized in the plan. He explained how natural assets could be covered in more detail.

Treasurer/Director of Finance, Carly Wheeler, noted that replacement costs for natural assets have not been considered given that there is no fulsome inventory of these assets.

Chief Administrative Officer, Karen Dunlop responded to questions of Council and explained how budgetary priorities change based on actual asset conditions.

Mayor Nancy Peckford called a recess at 8:16 p.m.

C-2024-423

Moved by Deb Wilson

Seconded by Kristin Strackerjan

THAT Council receives Report Number FIN-2024-011 and approve the Municipality of North Grenville's Asset Management Plan 2024 as updated to include core and non-core assets.

CARRIED

6. Parks, Recreation, and Culture

7. Planning and Development

8. Public Works

L. CORRESPONDENCE

M. OTHER BUSINESS

N. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

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

Mayor Nancy Peckford called the meeting back to session at 8:24 p.m.

Councillor Doreen O'Sullivan considered amending the motion to include Concession Road as well as separating the motion into two smaller motions.

Municipal Clerk, Chloe Preston, advised that deferral of the motion may be an option to allow for further refinement of the motion.

Councillor Kristin Strackerjan thought the motion could be rephrased to focus on active transportation connections in area of significant change,

Mayor Nancy Peckford acknowledged that the Municipality does not current have an Active Transportation Plan, however understands this project will come forward as part of the Municipal budget.

Councillor Kristin Strackerjan expressed preference to having more detail and attention paid to connections by way of an active transportation plan.

Councillor Doreen O'Sullivan thought the importance of bringing forward the motion is to identify areas that need to be addressed sooner instead of catching up later.

Councillor Kristin Strackerjan wanted to see true pedestrian connectivity and not piecemealing for new development connections.

Director of Planning and Development, Amy Martin confirmed how planning staff rely on master planning documents to guide new development and explained the importance of ensuring connectivity.

C-2024-424

Moved by Doreen O'Sullivan

Seconded by Deb Wilson

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 2000 new residential units and commercial establishments,

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 decade in the future,

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 and the PXO is located at the Rail Trail,

WHEREAS there is new development proposed on the south side of Van Buren of 50 Town homes, 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 Plans.

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

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 Rd 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 Road. 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 MUP or sidewalk along the South Side of Van Buren, between County Road 19 and Prescott Street, be established concurrently with the new development.

CARRIED

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

Mayor Nancy Peckford acknowledged that an Active Transportation Plan is needed for the Municipality and recognized the motion as identifying "hot spots" of interest or priority.

Chief Administrative Officer, Karen Dunlop confirmed traffic engineering considerations need to be taken into account and, although design would may be considered and pursued in 2025, construction would likely not occur. She confirmed undertaking an Active Transportation Plan in 2025 is doable.

C-2024-425

Moved by Doreen O'Sullivan

Seconded by Deb Wilson

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.

CARRIED

O. INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

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

Q. CLOSE OF MEETING

1. Confirmation By-Law

C-2024-426

Moved by Doreen O'Sullivan

Seconded by Deb Wilson

Be it resolved that:

By-Law 120-24 to confirm the proceedings of Council at its regular meeting held on December 17, 2024 be adopted and passed.

CARRIED

2. Resolution to Adjourn

C-2024-427

Moved by Kristin Strackerjan

Seconded by Doreen O'Sullivan

Be it resolved that:

this regular meeting of Council adjourn at 9:00p.m.

CARRIED