

Finance, Administration & Operations Committee

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 4:30 pm
City Hall, Council Chambers

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Members:

Councillor J. FullartonL, Chair
Councillor T. Blanchard
Councillor P. Deery
Councillor J. Earle
Mayor D. Henderson, Ex-Officio

Others:

Councillor D. LeSueur

Staff:

C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations
D. Dick, Director of Corporate Services
S. MacDonald, City Clerk (Recording Secretary)
L. McArthur, Deputy Police Chief
P. Raabe, Director of Environmental Services
R. Rayner, Deputy Fire Chief

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Electric Vehicles
Gord McFarlane

G. McFarlane presented an overview on the use of electric vehicles.

C. Cosgrove confirmed that staff will research electric vehicles as an option for the building division vehicle purchase included in the 2018 Budget. A report will be brought to the committee prior to the vehicle purchase.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

1. Motion to Support the Widening of Highway 401
Town of Prescott

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

WHEREAS the volume of traffic along Highway 401 through Eastern Ontario is at the point where the current four-lane design is inadequate;

AND WHEREAS the congestion due to the rising number of commercial and regular vehicles is putting the safety of motorists and first responders at risk;

AND WHEREAS since May 2017 there have been 12 fatal crashes on Highway 401 between Trenton and Cornwall that have claimed the lives of 16 people and injured 18 others;

AND WHEREAS these collisions result in prolonged closures of the highway that put a strain on emergency resources and create dangerous conditions on secondary roads not designed for heavy traffic volumes;

AND WHEREAS expanding Highway 401 to six lanes through Eastern Ontario is essential to public safety and supporting the region's economy;

AND WHEREAS in response to the dangerous situation on the highway through Eastern Ontario, the Minister of Transportation stated: "At this time, the ministry does not have plans to widen Highway 401 through this area."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the City of Brockville supports expanding Highway 401 through Eastern Ontario to six lanes and that the Ministry of Transportation add the expansion plans to its Southern Highways Program.

AND FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Transportation, AMO, ROMA and the MPPs representing Eastern Ontario.

CARRIED

Mayor Henderson elaborated on the Ministry of Transportation's highway widening guidelines and overpass replacement/reconstruction criteria. He indicated this motion would not likely yield any expansion or widening in the immediate future, but would hopefully affect the future development of Highway 401.

STAFF REPORTS

1. 2018-006-01
2018 Municipal Election
Council Restrictions after Nomination Day

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT Council receive report 2018-006-01, 2018 Municipal Election, Council Restrictions after Nomination Day for information purposes.

CARRIED

2. 2018-007-01
Provincial-Municipal Gas Tax Agreement

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT Report No. 2018-007-01 dated January 8, 2018 regarding Provincial-Municipal Gas Tax Agreements be received for information.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Director of Corporate Services be authorized to sign the "Municipal Funding Agreement for the Transfer of Dedicated Gas Tax Funds" on behalf of the City of Brockville.

AND FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to bring forward a by-law to execute the Municipal Funding Agreement between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the City of Brockville, and all subsequent agreements or amendments with respect to the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

3. 2018-010-01
Fire Dispatch Communications Service Agreement

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Fire Dispatch Communication Service Agreement between the City of Brockville and the Corporation of the Town of Prescott for the period of five years commencing on January 1st, 2017 and ending on December 31st, 2021.

CARRIED

4. 2018-009-01
Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario for the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program.

CARRIED

5. 2018-008-01
Lease of Caboose - Escape Room

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT the City of Brockville enter into a lease with Ottawa Tasting Tours for the use of the caboose in Armagh S. Price Park as an "Escape Room".

CARRIED

6. 2017-122-12
2016-2017 Fire Master Plan

This matter was removed from the agenda pending receipt of a report from the Fire Department on the costs associated with the recommendations. The report will be brought to a future Finance, Administration and Operations Committee.

7. 2018-003-01
Water & Wastewater Systems Quarterly Report (Oct. - Dec. 2017)

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT Report 2018-003-01 Water & Wastewater Systems Quarterly Report (Oct. - Dec. 2017) be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS - REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

1. Notice of Motion
Motion to Rescind - Suspending the three month sales of parking permits from Council meeting of November 28, 2017
(Mayor Henderson)

Mayor Henderson provided notice that at the meeting of Council on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, a Motion to Rescind will be on the agenda for consideration.

FAO - CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT the following items be placed on Consent Agenda:

1. Motion to Support the Widening of Highway 401
2. 2018-006-01 2018
Municipal Election Council Restrictions after Nomination Day
3. 2018-007-01
Provincial-Municipal Gas Tax Agreement

4. 2018-010-01
Fire Dispatch Communications Service Agreement
5. 2018-009-01
Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program
6. 2018-008-01
Lease of Caboose - Escape Room
7. 2018-003-01
Water & Wastewater Systems Quarterly Report (Oct. - Dec. 2017)

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT the Finance, Administration and Operations Committee adjourn its meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for February 20, 2018.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.

**2017-120-11
DBIA - Complimentary Parking Program**

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Report 2017-120-11 be received for information; and

THAT Council suspend the sale of Parking Passes beyond a 1 month period,
pending a comprehensive Parking Rate Review

CARRIED