



City of Brockville Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Council Chambers

Roll Call

Council Members:

Mayor D. Henderson
Councillor J. Baker
Councillor D. Beatty
Councillor T. Blanchard
Councillor L. Bursey (6:13 p.m.)
Councillor J. Earle (6:13 p.m.)
Councillor M. Kalivas
Councillor D. LeSueur
Councillor M. McFall (6:44 p.m.)

Absent:

Councillor J. Fullarton

Staff:

Mr. B. Casselman, City Manager
Mr. C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations
Ms. D. Cyr, Director of Finance
Mr. C. Dwyre, Deputy Fire Chief
Ms. M. Pascoe Merkley, Director of Planning
Mr. D. Paul, Director of Economic Development
Mr. P. Raabe, Director of Environmental Services
Ms. S. Seale, City Clerk (Recording Secretary)

Others:

Mr. Ron Zajac, Recorder and Times

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Henderson summarized the budget process to date.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

MOTION TO MOVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Earle

Seconded by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT we adjourn and meet as Committee of the Whole Council, with the Mayor in the Chair.

CARRIED

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Proposed Changes to the Fees under the Building Code Act

Mayor Henderson announced the purpose of the Public Meeting.

In accordance with Section 7.0 of the Ontario Building Code Act, S.O. 1992, this public meeting is being held by Council prior to the passing of a by-law to impose or change fees respecting applications for issuance of building permits. Notice of this meeting was placed on the City of Brockville's website on November 16th, 2011. A copy of the proposed Building Permit Fees and fees for other building matters was provided by email to the local builders on Wednesday, January 11th, 2011.

The City of Brockville undertakes a review of all user fees annually, including fees for Building Permits and other Building Division services. The Building Code Act establishes that the total amount of fees authorized to be collected are not to exceed the anticipated reasonable costs to administer and enforce the act.

The fees proposed for 2012 provide for partial recovery of costs associated with enforcement of the Ontario Building Code in this municipality.

One new Building Division fee has been introduced for 2012:

1. Residential Occupancy Permits - \$50.00 per dwelling unit.

The effective date of the 2012 rates and fees is proposed for April 2, 2012.

Mayor Henderson called for anyone to speak with regard to the proposed changes to the fees under the Building Code Act.

No persons were in attendance regarding the fees.

The Public meeting was declared adjourned.

STAFF REPORTS

1. 2012 BUDGET

Mr. Casselman briefed Members of Council on the current operation budget. He indicated that with the inclusion of the external service delivery review, the uploading of court security transportation costs and other minor adjustments, the net changes to the originally presented operating budget was approximately \$10,300.

Senior Managers and Staff presented their departments user fees.

Planning, Building and Animal Control

Ms. Pascoe Merkley noted that Brockville's Planning and Building fees remain some of the lowest, even with the proposed 10% increase.

Ms. Pascoe Merkley was requested to provide comparator building fee rates for Elizabethtown-Kitley.

ACTION ↑ - MPM

Arts Centre

Mr. Dunn noted corrections to the Arts Centre user fees

Mr. Dunn and Mrs. Cyr requested that Council also approve 2013 rates for the BAC fees to avoid revenue shortfalls for advance bookings.

Councillor McFall entered the meeting (6:44 pm).

Arenas, Parks, Public Works and Transit

It was noted that the Brockville Girl's Hockey rates for 2011 and 2012 were incorrect and should be the same as the Youth Prime time/hours - BMHA/BFSC

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Discussion ensued regarding "Ball Fields - Adult Use" rates. Councillor Baker stated that the adult rates for the ball fields are too low when compared to arena rates for youth.

Moved by: Councillor Baker

THAT the 2012 fees for Ball Fields - Adult Use" be increased to the following rates:

Softball fields w/lights & no maint. \$20.00
Softball fields w/o lights & no maint. \$16.00
Tournaments per day/field \$100.00

Motion to Defer

Moved by: Councillor McFall

THAT the increased be deferred until comparator ball fields rates are provided by staff.

DEFEATED

The vote on the original motion was now taken and the motion was carried.

Original Motion

Moved by: Councillor Baker

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CARRIED

Council discussed the need to compare ball field rates to other municipalities. Mr. Cosgrove was instructed to provide comparative rates.

Mr. Cosgrove was asked to provide the cost per rider for the Transit system.

ACTION ↑ - CJC

Councillor Blanchard asked for that Council be provided with a calculation of the tax rate based on an average residentially assessed property.

ACTION ↑ - DC

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION (8:44 PM)

Moved by: Councillor Earle

Seconded by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT pursuant to *Municipal Act*, 2001, Section 239 Sub. 2 (d), Council resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole, In Camera, closed to the public to consider:

1. labour relations or employee negotiations;

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA

Moved by: Councillor McFall

Seconded by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT Council rise from Committee of the Whole, In Camera and the Chairman report that all recommendations adopted in Committee of the Whole, In Camera, be adopted.

CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT we revert from Committee of the Whole Council, to Council.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Earle
Seconded by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole Council be adopted and that the necessary actions or by-laws be enacted.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BYLAW FIRST AND SECOND READING

Moved by: Councillor McFall
Seconded by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT By-law Number 003-2012 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on January 17, 2012 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BYLAW THIRD READING

Moved by: Councillor McFall
Seconded by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT By-law Number 003-2012 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on January 17, 2012 be now read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be recorded.

CARRIED

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor McFall
Seconded by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk