

# City of Brockville Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 6:00 pm City Hall, Council Chambers

# **Council Members Present:**

Mayor D. Henderson

Councillor J. Baker

Councillor T. Blanchard

Councillor L. Bursey

Councillor J. Earle

Councillor J. Fullarton

Councillor D. LeSueur

Councillor M. McFall

#### Absent:

Councillor D. Beatty

Councillor M. Kalivas

#### Staff:

Mr. B. Casselman, City Manager

Mr. D. Dick, Director of Corporate Services

Mr. C. Dwyre, Fire Chief

Ms. L. Ferguson, Manager of Finance

Mr. S. Fraser, Acting Police Chief

Ms. D. Gordon, Financial Analyst - General

Mr. E. Malcomnson, Supervisor - Wastewater Systems

Ms. L. Murray, Deputy City Clerk (Recording Secretary)

Ms. M. Pascoe Merkley, Director of Planning

Mr. P. Raabe, Director of Environmental Services

Mr. D. Richards, Supervisor - Water Systems

Ms. C. Ward, Treasury Services Officer - Reserves and Capital

#### Others:

Ms. Lindsay Pennell, Eastern Ontario Network

Ms. Taylor Renkema, 104.9 JRFM

Mr. Ron Zajac, Recorder and Times

# **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

### DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

# **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Nil.

## MOTION TO MOVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton Seconded by: Councillor Baker

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

Carried

# **CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Nil.

## **DELEGATIONS**

 Steve Read (Chair, Sherwood Park Manor)

Mr. Read and Mr. O'Rourke addressed Council on the proposed funding for Sherwood Park Manor (SPM).

Councillor Blanchard asked if they could increase the fees they charge per bed. Mr. O'Rourke responded no, they are regulated by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care on how much they can charge. They get a per diem and the resident must pay the balance.

Councillor McFall asked for some background on their mortgage with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). Mr. Read explained that their mortgage was about 40 years old and at a very high rate for todays standards. Although there is a prepayment penalty, they are hoping with the assistance of MPP Steve Clarke to have the mortgage renegotiated to a more current rate. He added that this would reduce their annual expenses by approximately \$35,000. Councillor McFall asked Council if they could follow-up with a letter of support. Council agreed this would be a good idea.

All of Council explained that they are sympathetic to SPM's situation, but really feel that the other Municipal partners need to also come to the table to assist with this problem as well.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

 Dental Health and Water Fluoridation (Leeds Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit)

Dr. Mike Hamilton, a Public Health Dentist introduced himself and Ms. Rebecca Cavanaugh from the Dental Care Department at the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Health Unit. Dr. Hamilton referred to the package, in the agenda, that had been compiled by the Health Unit regarding their support of fluoridation of the city's drinking water. He then explained that the City's drinking water contains a very small amount of fluoride. He noted that it is beneficial to have small amounts repeatedly over the teeth than larger doses like in toothpaste.

 Dr. Kim Hansen (Brockville Dental Association)

Dr. Hansen introduced himself and explained that he is here on behalf of the Brockville Dental Association. Dr. Hansen referred to his letter where he offered the support of all area Dentists in the continuation of fluoridation of Brockville's water.

# **PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

 Sherwood Park Manor Request for Funding (Councillor McFall)

Moved by: Councillor McFall

THAT Council provide funding to Sherwood Park Manor in the amount of \$75,000 commencing in 2014 for a period of one (1) year from the Operating Budget.

Referred (February 25 Council Meeting)
As amended on a Later Vote

## Motion to refer

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council postpone the decision on SPM until February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in order to get all the partners involved to meet and discuss financial participation.

Carried

# 2. 2014 Budget - User Fee

Moved by: Fullarton

THAT the user fees be adopted as presented.

Carried

# Amendment to Motion

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

THAT Council reduce the proposed increase to the 2014 Building Permit Fees from 10% to 5%.

Defeated

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

Mr. Casselman explained that he had circulated the information Council had requested at the last meeting regarding these fees at neighbouring municipalities. He referred Council to those pages in the agenda.

Councillor Blanchard asked Mr. Casselman to respond to the questions/comments Mr. Veenstra had forwarded regarding the new data. Ms. Pascoe Merkley explained that she had forwarded Mr. Veenstra's concerns to Mr. Caskenette, Chief Building Official and reiterated his response.

Councillor Bursey offered concern over the timing of raising the permit fees that much, as it is likely that the Development Charges may be reinstated this year as well.

# 3. **2014 Budget – Removal of Fluoride**

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

THAT the City reduce the budget by \$10,000 by removing fluoridation of the City's Drinking Water.

Defeated

# 4. 2014 Water and Wastewater Budgets

Mr. Dick reviewed this presentation.

There was no decision made on these budgets at this time and they will be dealt with at the next Council meeting.

# **REPORTS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Nil.

# **NEW BUSINESS - REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Nil.

# **MOTION TO RETURN TO COUNCIL**

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

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 Fullarton Seconded by: Councillor Baker

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

Carried

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil.

## **EMERGENCY BUSINESS**

Nil.

# **BY-LAWS**

Nil.

# **CONFIRMATORY BYLAW FIRST AND SECOND READING**

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

Seconded by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT By-law Number 006-2014 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on January 21, 2014 be read a first and second time.

Carried

# **CONFIRMATORY BYLAW THIRD READING**

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

Seconded by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT By-law Number 006-2014 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on January 21, 2014 be now read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be recorded.

Carried

# MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be an Art Show at the Brockville General Hospital in the Corridor Lobby this Sunday, January 26th, from 3 to 4 pm, featuring the Railway Tunnel.

# **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

Seconded by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for January 28, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.	Carried
Mayor	City Clerk