

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Roll Call

Committee Members:

Councillor J. Fullarton, Chair
Councillor J. Earle
Mayor D. Henderson, Ex-Officio

Staff:

Mr. J. Baker, Director of Human Resources
Ms. T. Brons, Administrative Coordinator (Recording Secretary)
Mr. B. Casselman, City Manager
Mr. C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations
Ms. D. Cyr, Director of Finance
Mr. E. Malcolmson, Supervisor – Water Systems
Mr. P. Raabe, Director of Environmental Services
Ms. S. Seale, City Clerk

Others:

Ron Zajac, Recorder and Times
D. Beatty, Councillor Elect

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

1. 2010-152-11
Request for Relocation of the Accessible Parking Spot in Front of the
Wedgewood on King Street

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT the accessible parking spot in front of 25 King Street East be
relocated to 55 King Street East; and

THAT Schedule 11 of City of Brockville By-law 119-890, a By-Law to
Regulate Parking is amended accordingly.

CARRIED

2. 2010-147-11
Water & Wastewater Systems Quarterly Report
(July - September 2010)

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Report 2010-147-11 Water & Wastewater Systems Quarterly Report
(July - September 2010) be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

3. 2010-146-11
2010 Work Plan Third Quarter Report

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Report 2010-146-11 2010 Work Plan Quarterly Report, be received
for information purposes.

CARRIED

Mr. Bob Casselman, City Manager, provided an overview of the report.

Councillor Fullarton requested comments from the City Clerk with respect to the Municipal Election. Ms. S. Seale, City Clerk, noted that overall the Election was successful and commented that the biggest concern, as in the past, was the Voters List received from MPAC. A report will be provided to Council with regard to the Election in the near future.

Councillor Earle commented that he read an article regarding the Solar Program being more efficient within the next year and recommended that the City Manager look into this.

4. 2010-148-11
Tax Reductions and Cancellations for 2010

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT Council authorize the cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes pursuant to provisions of The Municipal Act, 2001 in the amount of \$57,197.01 and charge the municipal portion of \$32,730.49 to Tax Write Off Account 01-5-010100-2041 (Work Tech 1900-00600-2041).

CARRIED

5. 2010-149-11
Request for Transfer of Funds
Re: Study on Expansion of Museum

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council authorize the transfer of up to \$5,000 from the T.C. Cossitt Reserve Fund; and

THAT these funds be used to hire a museum consultant to explore options for a possible expansion to the museum in regard to site survey; museum survey and needs assessment; conceptual program; conceptual plan for addition; and a cost estimate for addition.

CARRIED

6. 2010-150-11
Statistical Comparisons of 2010 Tax Rates
File: F22-48

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT the statistical comparison of 2010 Tax Rates be received (Attachment 1 to Report #2010-150-11).

CARRIED

Ms. D. Cyr, Director of Finance provided an overview of the report and noted that this report is generated annually.

Ms. Cyr commented that the City of Brockville is ranked in the same position as last year and noted the importance of comparing municipalities that have or provide similar services.

Councillor Earle requested a report be included to indicate comparatives with respect to taxes, hydro and water costs. Mr. B. Casselman noted that the Staff are currently researching the comparables and will provide a report.

7. 2010-151-11
Treasurer's Report
Variance September 2010
File: F05-43

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT Council receives the Treasurer's Report - Variance as of September 30th, 2010, with respect to current operations.

CARRIED

Ms. D. Cyr, Director of Finance, provided a summary of the Variance Analysis.

Mr. J. Baker, Director of Human Resources, provided detail with respect to the noted WSIB deficit. Mr. Baker informed the Committee that the Provincial Government changed policies with respect to Fire Fighters and coverage of loss of earnings claims (WSIB). The cost of this compensation is \$300,000.00 for 2 claims. The City is currently appealing the payments but the appeal process could take a year before being heard.

There was discussion with respect to the noted 27th pay in 2010 for Fire Fighters which happens every 11 years. The Director of Finance indicated that a bi-weekly pay period is being implemented in 2011 to eliminate this. Councillor Earle requested a summary of the increase in Fire Fighter pay over the last 12 years.

Councillor Fullarton, Chair, noted the main question surrounding the report is what staff is doing to decrease the deficit. The City Manager indicated that staff have been taking measures to mitigate expenditures and are being challenged to come up with different solutions.

8. 2010-153-11
2009 Development Charges Annual Report
File: F21-02

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council receives the 2009 Annual Report and Continuity Financial Statement with respect to the City's Development Charge Reserve Funds [Attachment 1 to Report # 2010-153-11];

AND THAT this be forwarded as required to:

Municipal Finance Branch
Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
777 Bay Street, 13th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT the following items be forwarded to Council on the Consent Agenda:

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CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.