

Finance, Administration & Operations Committee

Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 4:15 pm City Hall, Council Chambers

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Members:

Councillor T. Blanchard, Chair

Councillor P. Deery

Councillor J. Earle

Councillor J. Fullarton

Mayor D. Henderson, Ex-Officio

Other Members:

Councillor L. Bursey Councillor D. LeSueur

Staff:

Ms. V. Baker, Clerk's Secretary (Recording Secretary)

Mr. C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations

Ms. M. D'Annibale, Public Relations Student

Mr. D. Dick, Director of Corporate Services

Mr. C. Dwyre, Fire Chief

Ms. S. MacDonald, City Clerk

Mr. A. McGinnis, Planner II

Mr. P. Raabe, Director of Environmental Services

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

DELEGATION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

Carilyne Hebert Contact North

Ms. Hebert provided an overview of the program which runs locally in partnership with the Brockville Public Library.

CORRESPONDENCE

"Artscape" Model Proposal for Trinity Church Youth Advisory Committee

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT the correspondence dated January 29, 2015 from the Youth Advisory Committee with respect to the "Artscape" Model proposed for Trinity Church be received.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

1. 2015-018-02

Fairview, The Wm. Willson-Page House 40 Crawford Street, Brockville Designation of Historical and Architectural Significance

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT Council approve the request to repeal By-law 59-85, being a by-law to Designate the property known as the "Fairview", The "WM. Willson-Page House", 40 Crawford Street, for historical and architectural significance.

CARRIED

Ms. MacDonald spoke to the report. She stated that with the report from Heritage Brockville and the official plan from the Planning department, staff recommends that Council deny this request.

Mr. Bullock stated that the original designation was done at the owners' request.

Councillor Blanchard asked if there had been any hurdles concerning these designated houses being sold. Mr. Bullock stated that there are only four houses that are designated in Brockville and only one has sold and with no problems.

Mr. Borelli explained the family situation concerning this home.

Councillor Fullarton asked how long the process was for de-listing a property. Ms. MacDonald said the process would take 6 to 8 weeks to complete.

Councillor Fullarton said that the home will fall into disrepair if not sold and that this home cannot be seen from the street and has no designation plaque.

Mayor Henderson stated that they realize that the heritage designation is important but Council must stay practical on matters of real estate.

2015-010-02
 2014 Annual Summary Report
 Water Pollution Control Centre

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT the 2014 Annual Summary Report on the City of Brockville's Water Pollution Control Centre, Attachment 1 to Report 2015-010-02 be received; and

THAT the Director of Environmental Services be designated to sign the 2014 Annual Summary Report on the City of Brockville's Water Pollution Control Centre; and

THAT the 2014 Annual Summary Report on the City of Brockville's Water Pollution Control Centre be forwarded to the MOECC District Office - Kingston.

CARRIED

Mr. Raabe spoke to the report.

Councillor Fullarton asked if the cake disposal was an added cost. Mr. Raabe explained that it is a cost to the City but is included in the reported figures.

Councillor Earle asked if any comparisons had been done with other municipalities concerning turning the cake into a commercial fertilizer. Mr. Cosgrove stated that in the past this had been researched. The findings were that it would be an additional cost and for that reason a decision was made not to go ahead at that time.

3. 2015-011-02

2014 Annual Water Quality Report Brockville Drinking Water Systems

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT the 2014 Annual Water Quality Report on the Brockville Drinking Water System, Attachment 1 to Report 2015-011-02, be received; and

THAT the Director of Environmental Services be designated to sign the 2014 Annual Water Quality Report on the Brockville Drinking Water System.

CARRIED

Mr. Raabe spoke to the report.

4. 2015-017-02

Railway Tunnel - Engineering Design and Tender Documents, BRTC

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT Inspec-Sol Inc. be retained to complete the engineering design and preparation of tender documents for the work required to open the Brockville Railway Tunnel to the public, for an upset limit fee of \$132,500 (one hundred thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars) plus HST;

THAT this expenditure be charged to account 9701101-9037001.

CARRIED

Councillor Earle has concerns about undertaking another study of the Tunnel. Councillor LeSueur said that this was not another study but is the next step in identifying the cost of the tunnel.

Mr. Cosgrove stated that it involves drawing up tender documents so contractors can bid on the work that needs to be completed. Mr. Cosgrove stated that the work would include stabilization of some rock and masonry, drainage, public safety code requirements and laying of a pathway in the tunnel.

Mayor Henderson asked the financial status. Councillor LeSueur stated that \$143,000 was in the capital budget which did not include the 2015 and 2016 of \$75,000 per year capital contributions.

Mayor Henderson asked the length of time the engineering design documents would be relevant. Mr. Cosgrove stated that they would be relevant for at least five years.

5. 2015-019-02 Licensing of Buskers

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT Council authorize the passing of a by-law to provide for the licensing of buskers.

CARRIED

Ms. MacDonald spoke to the report.

Councillor Bursey said that the section in the proposed by-law that states that only participants from Leeds and Grenville be allowed to participate, be removed and that it should be open to all performers. Councillor Deery agreed that having locals only could hinder the City from having the highest quality entertainment available to lure tourists.

Councillor Earle was concerned about the interviewing process and he feels it is too involved. Ms. MacDonald stated that most performers would have a DVD or be on You-Tube so they could be interviewed that way.

Councillor Fullarton suggested removing the "local only" component of the by-law.

6. 2015-020-02 2014 Interim Variance Report

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT Council receives the Interim Variance Report as of December 31, 2014 Report No. 2015-020-02, for information purposes.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Transit Advisory Committee Councillor Bursey

No motion was made in regard to this matter.

FAO - CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT the following items be placed on the Consent Agenda:

- "Artscape" Model Proposal for Trinity Church Youth Advisory Committee
- 2015-010-02
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- 2015-011-02
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- 2015-017-02
 Railway tunnel Engineering Design and Tender Documents, BRTC
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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT the Finance, Administration and Operations Committee adjourn its meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for March 17, 2015.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.