

Council Members Present:

Mayor D. Henderson
Councillor J. Baker
Councillor L. Bursey (late 6:07 pm)
Councillor J. Earle
Councillor J. Fullarton
Councillor M. Kalivas
Councillor D. LeSueur
Councillor M. McFall

Absent:

Councillor D. Beatty
Councillor T. Blanchard

Staff:

Mr. B. Casselman, City Manager
Mr. C. Dwyre, Fire Chief
Ms. L. Ferguson, Acting Director of Finance
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)
Ms. C. Ward, Treasury Officer

Others:

Mr. Ron Zajac, Recorder and Times

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Nil

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 McFall

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

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

DELEGATIONS

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Ten Year Capital Plan

Councillor Baker would prefer to see a business plan instead of a feasibility study. A business plan would provide the cost of operating. He would like to spend money on bricks and mortar not on something which tells us that more people will see it if we build it.

Mayor Henderson asked how the City gets an objective review. For water projects someone with technical skills was hired to do the study. Much of the information provided to date is subjective (tunnel project). Some type of report is needed to provide the facts and figures regarding the economic impact to the city. How to evaluate those subjective projects?

Councillor Kalivas noted that often funding applications require feasibility studies.

Councillor LeSueur commented that it is necessary to have a feasibility study to apply for grants and other funding.

Mayor Henderson was less comfortable with some evaluations but is more comfortable with than without. Need to evaluate assumptions. Some kind of steps and criteria should be developed to be objective. Need to say no sometimes but based on something.

Councillor Earle would like to have a reorganize list, two versions; exiting and new facilities. Under each category 3 sub categories; hard infrastructure; soft infrastructure;

economic development with 2 sub categories, industrial and other, acquiring and servicing new lands job creation. Job creation is important to all members.

Councillor McFall wants a round table discussion to learn the history of projects. Brock Trail is very expensive without large concrete return. Economic development is critical.

Councillor Fullarton spoke to the ability for passionate committees that develop leveraging opportunities for funding of their projects. Like Rotary, the City funded \$230,000 for a project worth over \$1,000,000.

Councillor McFall not only capital funding also need to consider staff resources available. Get real and get serious about trying to rejuvenate industry sector in community. Where are the jobs in the past, manufacturing. Need to focus on job creation projects. Money needs to be spent to bring jobs back to community.

Councillor LeSueur is part of a group working discussing an innovation centre. This is where the jobs and businesses can start in Brockville.

If some of the projects are not “parked” then it does consume staff time and resources added Mayor Henderson.

Councillor Baker exited the meeting 7:50pm.

Councillor LeSueur added that the projects need to include rating for hitting official plan, strategic plan, etc.

Councillor Bursey feels the need to review official plan objectives before looking at other projects. Ms. Pascoe Merkley confirmed that there are approximately 140 objectives related in the Official Plan but some are not capital projects.

Councillor McFall asked for a blank template to complete for evaluation of projects. Mayor Henderson concluded that this prioritization exercise will take a few more meetings.

REPORTS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS - REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Nil.

MOTION TO RETURN TO COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton
Seconded by: Councillor McFall

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 McFall

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 LeSueur
Seconded by: Councillor Earle

THAT By-law Number 019-2013 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 28, 2013 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BYLAW THIRD READING

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur
Seconded by: Councillor Earle

THAT By-law Number 019-2013 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 28, 2013 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

Nil.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur
Seconded by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for March 12, 2013.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk