

City of Brockville Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 29, 2010, 7:00 PM City Hall - Council Chambers

Roll Call

Council Members:

Mayor D. Henderson

Councillor J. Baker

Councillor G. Beach

Councillor J. Earle

Councillor L. Journal

Councillor M. Kalivas

Councillor H. Noble

Councillor L. Severson

Councillor S. Williams

Absent:

Councillor J. Fullarton

Staff:

Mr. B. Casselman, City Manager/Deputy Clerk (Recording Secretary)

Mr. C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations

Ms. D. Cyr, Director of Finance

Mr. C. Law, Municipal Intern

Ms. M. Pascoe Merkley, Director of Planning

Mr. D. Paul, Director of Economic Development

Mr. P. Raabe, Director of Environmental Services

Others:

Mr. Ron Zajac, Recorder and Times

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION (5:00 P.M.)

Moved by: Councillor Beach Seconded by: Councillor Williams

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

1. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

2. Labour relations or employee negotiations;

3. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas Seconded by: Councillor Williams

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

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Henderson commended the Chamber of Commerce for a job well done with the Wine and Food Fair.

Mr. Curtis Law, Municipal Intern, was acknowledged for his dedication to the City of Brockville over the past year. Mr. Law was involved in assisting each department on a number of initiatives and has been actively involved with the planning of the Canada 55+ Senior Games. The Mayor stated that if the work ethic and enthusiasm shown by Mr. Law is an indication of the future staff, municipal government will be well served. Mr. Law will be finishing his internship with the City of Brockville on July 9, 2010.

Mayor Henderson commented on the trip to China as follows:

"Overall I believe the delegation to China was worthwhile and a good investment. I am particularly conscious of the question of value and our ability to get concrete results. We were able to initiate discussions in areas of tourism, education, and manufacturing. We met with the principals of Canadian Solar, the company that is in discussions with Upper Canada Solar to potentially supply solar panels and equipment; we had a good meeting and a tour of their plant. Their biggest business challenge, a challenge that we heard often in China, was turnover and staff retention. There is considerable wage pressure in China and it is encouraged by the government as they transition to an internal consumer driven economy – this is good news for us as their economy continues to develop. Education opportunities were apparent on a number of fronts with St Lawrence College already having an active recruiting program in China but the biggest and

most immediate positive was the meeting in Rockport the day after we returned – this meeting was with the head of Tourism in China, an appointed position, whom we met with at the Mayors conference. Of 65 Mayors there, we were the only ones to have a private meeting with him, and in turn, when he came to Canada to be a part of the special agreement signing in Ottawa, he decided to target the 1000 Islands area for a meeting with over 50 Chinese Tourism Operators - along with some 25 Chinese media covering the meeting – we could not buy that type of tourism exposure – this alone would justify the trip.

On the trip we were treated royally most of the time, we travelled to 10 cities in 14 days with 4 plane trips and the balance by bus. We ate state dinners for lunch and dinner mostly. It was extremely busy, very hot and muggy and quite a bit of smog – the places we saw were booming with construction.

A formal report will be prepared for the July 29th Council Meeting."

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

NIL

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Baker

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of June 8, 2010 be adopted and circulated as read.

CARRIED

MOTION TO MOVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Baker Seconded by: Councillor Beach

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

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Appointment to Heritage Committee

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Dr. Kris Towson be appointed to the Brockville Heritage Committee, whose term will expire November 30, 2013; and

THAT the necessary By-Law be enacted.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Peter Watson, Chair and Ms. Pat MacDonald, General Manager and CEO, St. Lawrence Parks Commission addressed Council with respect to the Upper Canada Discovery Centre and Chrysler Heritage Park Exhibit Concepts.

Mr. Gary Brett, Director of Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Chair provided an update to Council with respect to the Tourism Contract Renewal.

Mr. Conal Cosgrove, Director of Operations provided a verbal update and an overhead presentation regarding the Water Pollution Control Plant.

STAFF REPORTS

2010-103-06 River Rink

Moved by: Councillor Noble

THAT the River Rink Pilot Project be discontinued immediately.

2010-096-06 Contract for Tourism Program Services

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Noble

THAT the contract for Tourism for Tourism Program Services be made for a 2 year term with the option to renew annually by mutual agreement for a further 2 years.

DEFEATED

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the contract for Tourism Program Services be adopted as a 36 month contract plus a one (1) year renewal option by mutual agreement of both parties.

CARRIED

Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor Beach

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the contract for Tourism Program Services with the Brockville and District Chamber of Commerce for a 36 month contract with a one year renewal option to be mutually agreed upon, with the base transfer payment subject to the specified conditions as identified in the contract; and further,

THAT the funds for the tourism program operation be expensed through account #1340 1563 3010.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

REPORTS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Councillor G. Beach, Chair Councillor H. Noble, Councillor L. Severson

Meeting held June 15, 2010.

OPERATIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

2010-088-06

Tender for Contract 2010-05 Cold Milling of Asphalt Pavement at Various Locations

Moved by: Councillor Beach

THAT Council accepts the tender from Roto-Mill Services Ltd. in the amount of Forty-two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Four Dollars and Fifty-seven Cents (\$42,734.57) excluding HST for Contract 2010-05 for the Cold Milling of Asphalt Pavements at various locations.

That this work be charged to account 9301110 9905013 3010.

CARRIED

2010-089-06

Request for No Parking Nov 1 - Mar 31 Emma Street

Moved by: Councillor Beach

THAT parking be prohibited from November 1- March 31 on the south side of Emma Street from 9.0m east of Park Street, 58.7m easterly;

THAT Schedule "2" Subsection 74 of By-law 119-89 is amended accordingly.

2010-091-06

Request for Loading Zone on Wall Street

Moved by: Councillor Beach

THAT a loading zone be created on the west side of Wall Street from 28 metres north of Wall Street, 24 metres north during business hours;

THAT Schedule "8" Subsection 80 of By-law 119-89 is amended accordingly.

CARRIED

2010-093-06

Request for Disabled Person Parking on Buell Street at the Library

Moved by: Councillor Beach

THAT the 2 Hour Complimentary Parking on the east side of Buell Street, from 17.8m south of George Street to 36.5m south of George Street be removed and;

THAT the Disabled Persons Parking Space 17.8m south of George Street, 8.0m southerly be removed and;

THAT a 2 Hour Complimentary Parking Zone be created from 12.5m south of George Street to 36.5m south of George Street and;

THAT a Disabled Persons Parking Space be created 28.4m south of George Street, 8.0m southerly and;

THAT Schedule "3" Subsection 74 of By-law 119-89 is amended accordingly and;

THAT Schedule "11" Subsection 69 of By-law 119-89 is amended accordingly.

2010-099-06

Sewage Holding Tank Replacements on City Islands Quotation 5-2010

Moved by: Councillor Beach

THAT Council accept the quotation from Kehoe Marine Construction (1576254 Ontario Inc.) in the amount of thirty-one thousand seven hundred fifty-two dollars (\$31,752) excluding GST, for the replacement of three sewage tanks on City of Brockville islands; and

THAT funds be reallocated to this project from the following 2010 Parkland Equipment Reserve projects:

- Replacement of five island outhouses (\$15,000)
- Replacement of the plastic outhouse; Black Charlie Island (\$260).

CARRIED

OPERATIONS - REGULAR AGENDA

2010-098-06 Naming of Royal Canadian Regiment Park

Moved by: Councillor Noble

THAT the greenbelt on the east side of Ormond Street from Central Avenue to Bramshot Avenue be named "Royal Canadian Regiment Park"; and

THAT the City cover the cost of the sign (estimated \$1,595.00) to be charged to account 7170 7120 (Community Parks).

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Councillor J. Fullarton, Chair Councillor J. Earle, Councillor L. Journal

Meeting held June 15, 2010.

FIN. ADM. - CONSENT AGENDA

Letter from Mayor McGee, City of Kawartha Lakes Re: Ministry of Environment - "Polluter Pays" Principle

Moved by: Councillor Earle

WHEREAS the City of Brockville has been concerned about the financial impact of Provincial decisions on local taxpayers on matters outside City Hall's control; and

WHEREAS the situation reported by the City of Kawartha Lakes as outlined in the attached letter is a particularly egregious example of such Provincial actions; and

WHEREAS the City of Kawartha has made a compelling case as to the potential impact the Provincial practice could have on the City; and

WHEREAS it is better to deal with this collectively and proactively than when confronted with a local example;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the City of Brockville will contribute \$500 from the Fiscal Policy account to assist in the collective action to repeal this Provincial practice.

CARRIED

2010-085-062010 Capping and Threshold Options

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council adopt the following measures for the 2010 tax year:

- 1. THAT the cost of mandatory capping for the multi-residential, commercial and industrial classes be revenue-neutral; self-financing within the property class; and
- 2. THAT the capping percentage for the multi-residential and commercial classes remain at 5% of the previous year's annualized taxes; and

- 3. THAT the capping percentage for the industrial class be set at 10% of the previous year's annualized taxes; and
- 4. THAT the threshold change option be continued at \$150 for multi-residential and commercial classes; and
- 5. THAT the industrial class threshold be returned to \$150; and
- 6. THAT when a property reaches full current value assessment it is removed from the capping/clawback system; and
- 7. THAT Council authorize the By-law to adopt the 2010 Capping Options for the Protected Property Classes [Attachment #1 to Report 2010-085-06].

CARRIED

2010-090-06 2010 Tax Ratio Options

Moved by: Councillor Earle

That Council authorize the tax ratios for all classes as per the attached schedule for the 2010 tax year; and

That Council authorize the By-law to set the tax ratios for all classes for 2010 [Attachment #6 to Report 2010-090-06].

CARRIED

2010-095-06 2010 Debt Capacity Limit

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT the Debt Capacity Limit for 2010, as calculated and updated by the Treasurer be received.

2010-100-06

Joint Compliance Audit Committee

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT the Clerk be directed to continue to work with neighbouring Municipal Clerks to establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee as per the attached Terms of Reference, followed by recommendation for appointments.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS - REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor H. Noble

Re: Ontario Good Roads Association Minimum Maintenance Standards

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT the motion be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee.

DEFEATED

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the City of Brockville contribute \$1,000 from Fiscal Policy to the MMS Litigation Fund.

DEFEATED

Moved by: Councillor Noble

WHEREAS the attached letter from the Ontario Good Roads Association identifies the multimillion dollar savings associated with having minimum standards of maintenance of municipal roads such that they can be considered safe thereby precluding vexatious and ill founded claims for injury; and

WHEREAS if such standards are struck down by the courts there will be no standard by which courts can decide if municipal roads are safe or if local governments are adequately and responsibly maintaining their roads; and WHEREAS in the absence of any standard courts tend to side with petitioners and emotional arguments and award massive damage awards seeing local governments as having very deep pockets and holding local governments to very high standards of responsibility; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Good Roads Association needs funds to defend the present system against a court challenge and the legal weight of representing a large number of financially participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS maintaining the present system is the city's first line of defense against potentially huge claims on our insurance which eventually is funded by our taxpayers; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Brockville will contribute \$2,000 from Fiscal Policy (approximately 10 cents per capita) to the MMS Litigation Fund.

DEFEATED

Councillor H. Noble

Re: 2010 Brockville Refugee Island Breakfast

Moved by: Councillor Noble

WHEREAS the Brockville Refugee Island Breakfast has just completed its fifth year of operation; and

WHEREAS this is the result of many sponsors of food and supplies; and

WHEREAS the dive charters and others assist with transportation; and

WHEREAS the organization, lugging of equipment, ordering of food, setting up, taking down and marketing is a tremendous amount of work of which the backbone is Dave Paul and the Brockville Flying Club whose initiative and dedication makes it happen; and

WHEREAS this event has become ever more popular and allows residents and visitors alike to experience one of Brockville' treasures which are unique to our city...the Islands.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. On the occasion of this fifth anniversary of the Island Breakfast, City Council wishes to thank all the sponsors and volunteers and especially acknowledge the

huge contribution of planning, time, energy and labour of the Brockville Flying Club to make this city event "take off" as it has; and

2. That a copy of this resolution be provided to the sponsors and the Brockville Flying Club.

CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Baker

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 Baker Seconded by: Councillor Beach

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

051-2010	A By-law to A	Authorize the A	Appointment of	f Municipal Law
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Enforcement Officers and Peace Officers as it Applies to the Private

Property of The Royal Canadian Legion 180 Park Street

052-2010 A By-law to Amend By-law Number 040-2004

Being a By-law to Establish and Regulate Certain Parks/Islands and

Wharves in the Municipality of the City of Brockville and the

Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley

BYLAWS FIRST AND SECOND READING

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas Seconded by: Councillor Williams

THAT By-laws Numbered 051-2010 to 052-2010 be introduced and the same be now read a first and second time.

CARRIED

BYLAWS THIRD READING

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas Seconded by: Councillor Williams

THAT By-laws Numbered 051-2010 to 052-2010 be now read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be recorded.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BYLAW FIRST AND SECOND READING

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas Seconded by: Councillor Williams

THAT By-law Number 053-2010 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on June 29, 2010 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BYLAW THIRD READING

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas Seconded by: Councillor Williams

THAT By-law Number 053-2010 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on June 29, 2010 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

Mayor D. Henderson commented that the Official Friendship Agreement with 1000 Islands China has now been signed.

Mayor Henderson also reminded everyone of the Canada Day Celebrations being held in Brockville and encouraged participation in the events.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas Seconded by: Councillor Williams

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for July 27, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.	
MAYOR	CLERK