

The Corporation of the Town of Deep River

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Council Chambers

7:00 p.m.

Present:

Deputy Mayor
Councillors

Mary MacCafferty
Daniel Banks
Ronald Desrochers
Terry Myers
Councillor Ruth Syme

Absent:

Mayor David Thompson
Councillor Christopher Carroll

Staff:

Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk
Dawn Recoskie, Deputy Clerk
Shelly Cull, Recreation Manager
Fire Chief Jim Hogue
Khizar Hyatt, Director of Public Works
Brian Quibell, Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor MacCafferty opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

NIL

3. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF MEETING AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made.

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Deep River Gymnastics Club – Lianne Wheeler, Heather Geiger & Heather Hiltz

Lianne Wheeler represented the group and provided an overview of her presentation. Ms. Wheeler advised the Deep River Gymnastics Club needs a new location as Mackenzie Community School will not be able to accommodate the group's equipment storage needs once the students and equipment from Morison Public School transition to Mackenzie. The group is requesting the use of the gym at Morison Public School should Council decide to purchase the building. It was suggested that the Deep River Gymnastics Club could contact the school

board to see if the group could use the gym at Morison until the school board makes a decision regarding the sale of the building as this process could take several months. It was also noted that many discussions and decisions still have to take place at the council table regarding the Morison School building; no commitment has been made yet to purchase the building. Ms. Wheeler invited members of council and the public to attend the group's open house scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at Mackenzie.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF DELEGATIONS

NIL

6. REPORTS FROM OTHER SPECIAL PURPOSE BODIES

NIL

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS – STAFF BRIEFING NOTES

7.1 Council

7.1.1 A/O List

The A/O list was reviewed and no changes were made.

7.2 Administration

7.2.1 Administration Monthly Report

Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk, presented the report. She highlighted staff training conducted recently with the Fire Department and the Health and Safety Committee. Ms. Larose commented on the CAO Forum that she attended recently where there was a presentation regarding the Development Permit System. She indicated this is something that would interest the Official Plan Committee as it also encompasses Community Improvement Plans, Minor variances and the zoning by-laws. Discussion also took place regarding the newsletter which will be sent out to residents in the very near future and the implementation of a question and answer forum on the municipal website.

7.3 Finance

7.3.1 Operating and Water/Sewer Reports

Brian Quibell, Treasurer, presented the report

7.4 Recreation

7.4.1 Recreation Monthly Report

Shelly Cull, Recreation Manager, presented the report.

7.5 Public Works

7.5.1 Public Works Monthly Report

Khizar Hayat, Director of Public Works, presented the report. Mr. Hayat informed council of a natural gas pressure leak at the water treatment plant. He indicated the gas had to be turned off as of April 13th, 2011 and will be fixed on April 14th, 2011. Council requested an update when the issue is resolved.

7.5.2 2011KH005ISS – Ontario SPCA Poundkeeper Contract Renewal

Khizar Hayat, Director of Public Works, provided an overview of his report. Council directed staff to bring a by-law back to the April 20, 2011 meeting to enter into the agreement with the Ontario SPCA for a three year term.

7.6 Fire Department

7.6.1 Fire Department Monthly Report

Fire Chief Jim Hogue presented the report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

NIL

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Invitation to attend Annual Warden's Golf Tournament – Warden Bob Sweet

The correspondence was received as information.

9.2 Ice Time-Deep River Arena – Deep River & Area Minor Hockey Association

Council directed a copy of the letter be provided to the Recreation Manager. The letter was received as information.

10. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

NIL

11. CLOSED SESSION

NIL

12. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION # 2011-85

MOVED BY: Councillor Myers
SECONDED BY: Councillor Desrochers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby adjourns the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Mary MacCafferty

CAO/Clerk – Michelle Larose