

**The Corporation of the Town of Deep River**

**MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mayor David Thompson  
Deputy Mayor Mary MacCafferty  
Councillors Daniel Banks  
Ronald Desrochers  
Terry Myers  
Ruth Syme

**Absent:**

Councillor Christopher Carroll

**Staff:**

Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk  
Dawn Recoskie, Deputy Clerk  
Khizar Hayat, Director of Public Works  
Shelly Cull, Recreation Manager  
John Walden, Planning and Development Manager

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thompson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Myers declared a pecuniary interest with respect to item #11.1 as he is employed by the Deep River Community Association.

**3. APPROVAL/ALTERATION OF MEETING AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda:

#8.5 2011JW001INF – Public Meeting for Zoning and Official Plan Amendment for property at Highway 17 and Deep River Road (Michael Gasman's property)

#12.1 Fire Services Committee Update – Mayor Thompson

**4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

NIL

**5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

**5.1** April 6, 2011 – Public Meeting

**RESOLUTION # 2011-86**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Banks

**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Mayor MacCafferty

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Public Meeting of April 6, 2011, as printed and circulated to all members of Council, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**5.2** April 6, 2011 – Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION # 2011-87**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Banks

**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Mayor MacCafferty

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Council Meeting of April 6, 2011, as printed and circulated to all members of Council, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**5.3** April 13, 2011 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

**RESOLUTION # 2011-88**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Banks

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Desrochers

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 13, 2011, as printed and circulated to all members of Council, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1** A/O List Review

The Chip Truck Lease was added to the May 4, 2011 council meeting agenda.

## 6.2 Riverbank Committee Resolution

Discussion took place regarding the use of the reserve funds from the sale of Deep River Hydro to help fund the waterfront project. It was noted the funds in the reserve are to be used for “legacy projects” and the waterfront should qualify.

Discussion took place regarding the plan for maintenance and cleaning of the washrooms should they be constructed.

It was noted the \$7,400 requested is available in the operating budget.

### **RESOLUTION # 2011-89**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Myers

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Banks

**WHEREAS** the Riverbank project has revitalized the waterfront that has now become a focal point of the community for our residents and tourists;

**AND WHEREAS** Council recognizes the importance of maintaining and promoting further development to enhance the beauty of the waterfront to be experienced by all;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the Riverbank Committee in their efforts by:

1. Supporting the development of accessible washrooms;
2. Supporting the Lamure Beach walking trail project development;
3. Approving the committee structure of the Riverbank Committee as attached;  
and
4. Allocating \$7,400.00 in the 2011 operating budget to be used for the Canada goose deterrent program if required.

**CARRIED**

**6.3** 2011 Census Resolution

**RESOLUTION # 2011-90**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Desrochers

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Myers

**WHEREAS** Statistics Canada will conduct the Census of Population on Tuesday, May 10, 2011;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River supports the census because census information is important for our community and is vital for planning services such as schools, daycare, police services, and fire protection;

**AND WHEREAS** the *Statistics Act* requires that personal information provided on census questionnaires will be kept strictly confidential;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River supports the 2011 Census and encourages all residents to complete their census forms online at [www.census2011.gc.ca](http://www.census2011.gc.ca) or by mail, by Tuesday, May 10, 2011, so that accurate and complete data will be available to support programs and services that benefit us all.

**CARRIED**

**6.4** 2011DR001ISS – Lease-Federal Election

Deputy Clerk, Dawn Recoskie, provided an overview of her report. By-law 19-2011 will be presented to enter into the lease agreement.

**7. BY-LAWS**

**7.1** By-law No. 18-2011

**RESOLUTION # 2011-91**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Myers

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Banks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following by-law be read a first and second time;

By-law No. 18-2011 – A by-law to authorize entering into a Poundkeeper Contract with the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION # 2011-92**

**MOVED BY:** Deputy Mayor MacCafferty  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Banks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following by-law be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto;

By-law No. 18-2011 – A by-law to authorize entering into a Poundkeeper Contract with the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

**CARRIED**

**7.2** By-law No. 19-2011

**RESOLUTION # 2011-93**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Banks  
**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Mayor MacCafferty

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following by-law be read a first and second time;

By-law No. 19-2011 – A by-law to authorize entering into a Lease Agreement with Elections Canada represented by the Returning Officer for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION # 2011-94**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Myers  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Desrochers

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following by-law be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto;

By-law No. 19-2011 – A by-law to authorize entering into a Lease Agreement with Elections Canada represented by the Returning Officer for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

**CARRIED**

**8. ISSUE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**8.1 2011SC002ISS – Deep River & Area Minor Soccer Club-Bill Rounding Park**

Recreation Manager, Shelly Cull, provided an overview of her report. Direction was given to proceed with the recommendation to maintain three mini fields at Bill Rounding Park this spring and summer to accommodate the soccer club's request with a financial implication of approximately \$3,953.39 for staffing, lining, grass cutting, and washroom rental fee.

**8.2 2011SC003ISS – Municipal Alcohol Policy**

Recreation Manager, Shelly Cull, provided an overview of her report. Direction was given to hold a public meeting to receive comments regarding the draft municipal alcohol policy. Direction was given to invite user groups to the public meeting. Direction was also given to have a representative from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario present at the public meeting.

**8.3 2011KH006ISS – Buildings Energy Audits-Deep River 2011**

Director of Public Works, Khizar Hayat, provided an overview of his report. It was noted the funds required for the energy audit would need to be added to the operating budget if approved by council.

**RESOLUTION # 2011-95**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Desrochers

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Myers

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the Energy Audits for the Town's buildings and facilities at a cost of \$12,350.00 plus HST as quoted by Jp2g Consultants Inc.

**CARRIED**

**8.4 2011ML005ISS – Use of Town Hall Lobby**

CAO/Clerk, Michelle Larose, provided an overview of her report. No direction was given.

- 8.5** 2011JW001INF – Public Meeting for Zoning and Official Plan Amendment for property at Highway 17 and Deep River Road (Michael Gasmann’s property)

Planning and Development Manager, John Walden, provided an overview of his report. A public meeting will be held on May 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to hear the application.

**9. MOTIONS GIVEN PRIOR NOTICE**

NIL

**10. NEW BUSINESS & NOTICES OF MOTION**

NIL

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

**11.1** Canada Day Fireworks – Deep River Community Association

Councillor Myers abstained from discussion and did not vote regarding this item due to his pecuniary interest.

**RESOLUTION # 2011-96**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Desrochers

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Syme

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River approve a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the annual fireworks display on July 1, 2011;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Fire Chief of the Town of Deep River be authorized to order the fireworks on behalf of the Deep River Community Association.

**CARRIED**

**11.2 Children's Mental Health Week – Phoenix Centre for Children and Families**

**RESOLUTION # 2011-97**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Myers

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Desrochers

**WHEREAS** one in five kids in Ontario struggles with their mental health;

**AND WHEREAS** ensuring the mental health of our children is essential to their growth and development;

**AND WHEREAS** children and adolescents can suffer various mental health problems, including depression, anxiety, eating disorders, conduct disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, schizophrenia and bi-polar disorder;

**AND WHEREAS** many young people who would benefit from mental health services are not receiving the help they need;

**AND WHEREAS** learning to recognize the early warning signs of mental health problems and where to obtain necessary assistance and treatment gives children and youth better opportunities to lead full and productive lives;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River hereby proclaims the week of May 1-7, 2011 as Children's Mental Health Week and encourages all citizens to work together to raise awareness of the mental health needs of the children in our community.

**CARRIED**

**11.3 Revenue from HST Charged on Gasoline and Diesel Sales – City of Mississauga**

**RESOLUTION # 2011-98**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Banks

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Desrochers

**WHEREAS** the Corporation of the City of Mississauga passed Resolution 0081-2011 on March 30, 2011;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River supports said resolution (copy attached);

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River requests that the Government of Ontario consider directing a portion of the revenue derived from HST charged on gasoline and diesel sales to a new predictable funding mechanism that will allow the Town of Deep River and other Ontario municipalities to make the critical investments needed to be effective stewards of transportation infrastructure.

**CARRIED**



**11.4** The Arts and the Quality of Life – Ontario Arts Council

The letter was received as information.

**11.5** Farmland Tax Rebate Program and Managed Forest Incentive Program – County of Renfrew

The letter was received as information.

**11.6** Canadian Pacific Railway-Clean-up of Rail Corridor – Wayne Kirby, CAO/Clerk, Town of Laurentian Hills

The letter was received as information.

**11.7** Night Without Shelter – Jane Linauskas, Mackenzie High School

Mayor Thompson advised he will be attending the event at 5:30 a.m. He indicated the students are performing a great exercise and learning about homelessness.

**11.8** Community Living Month – Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley

The letter was received as information.

**11.9** Invitation to attend Options 2011 – Algonquin College

The letter was received as information.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS & INFORMATION ITEMS**

**12.1** Fire Services Committee Update – Mayor Thompson

Mayor Thompson provided a verbal update on the fire services report received from the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM). He indicated nine standard operating guidelines (SOG's) for the Deep River Fire Department have been updated with work to continue on the SOG's in April and May. Four firefighters received Legislation 101 training and the whole department received Incident Management training in March. Portable repeaters have been purchased to improve the frequency range for the department's communications. High risk occupancies within the municipality have been inspected with the final report due in about three to four weeks.

Mayor Thompson commented on the staffing complement of the fire department. The OFM's report suggested adding a complement of 35 to 40 volunteer firefighters to the current 10 full-time firefighters; this would increase the budget by approximately \$250,000 over the current \$1 million budget. Another suggestion was to maintain the existing force and add another 12 full-time firefighters. Mayor Thompson commented the OFM hasn't taken the municipality's ability to pay into consideration when making these recommendations. He advised there are 161 municipalities in Ontario with a population of 5,000 or less and Deep River is the only one with a full-time Fire Department. 30 of the municipalities have composite departments (full-time and volunteer) and the remaining 130 municipalities have strictly volunteer firefighters.

Councillor Banks added to the discussion asking for further comment from the community regarding whether the community is supportive of a full-time fire department, a composite fire department, or a fully volunteer fire department.

- 12.2** On a different topic, Mayor Thompson advised he had read an article in the Ottawa Citizen recently regarding the proposed graphite mine in Bissett Creek which would lead to many potential economic spin-offs for the area.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

NIL

**14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

- 14.1** By-law No. 20-2011

**RESOLUTION # 2011-99**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Desrochers

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Myers

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following by-law be read a first and second time;

By-law No. 20-2011 – A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River at the meeting held on April 20, 2011.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION # 2011-100**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Desrochers  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Banks

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**CARRIED**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION # 2011-101**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Desrochers  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Myers

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council hereby adjourns the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor David Thompson

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CAO/Clerk – Michelle Larose