

The Corporation of the Town of Deep River

MINUTES

**PUBLIC MEETING
STAND UP AND BE HEARD**

Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Regrets:

Councillor Ruth Syme

Staff:

Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk
Louise McLaughlin, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thompson opened the meeting at 6:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

NIL

3. APPROVAL/ALTERATION OF MEETING AGENDA

NIL

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 4.1** Community Centre – Katie Robertson, President of the Deep River Residents for a Community Centre, presented a Powerpoint presentation to Council. Ms. Robertson explained that they are a volunteer association established for the purpose of promoting the need for a community centre for Deep River and area residents and to represent the views of the residents to the appropriate levels of government, educational and other organizations. Ms. Robertson pointed out that there is an immediate need for space now and requested Council to help find a temporary space for the gymnastics club and for a youth centre. They would like a new recreation complex building considered and for the Town to collaborate with their committee to help them achieve their objectives and fulfill their mission. Mayor Thompson thanked Ms. Robertson for her presentation.

- 4.2** Farmers' Market – Mr. Andrew Bergeron proposed the establishment of a permanent farmers' market in the town of Deep River. He provided details about the benefits of a farmers' market and requested a permanent venue be established for start up next year. Mayor Thompson thanked Mr. Bergeron for bringing his request to Council and provided him with a Business Plan and two books on the topic.
- 4.3** Animal Control and Property Standards By-law – Mr. Lorne Milani provided an overview of his concerns around animal control in Deep River and the need for a property standards by-law. Mr. Milani explained that certain properties in Deep River need to be addressed and that having a property standards by-law would help in controlling owners who do not look after their properties. Mr. Milani requested that the current animal control by-laws (cats and dogs) be updated and infraction fines be increased. Ms. Marion Thompson also concurred with Mr. Milani on the need for updated animal control by-laws and the need for a property standards by-law. Mayor Thompson thanked Mr. Milani for his input and talked about the recent appointment of a by-law enforcement officer and that the town is planning on moving forward with updating by-laws and increasing fines as a better deterrent.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor David Thompson

CAO/Clerk – Michelle Larose