

The Corporation of the Town of Deep River

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Staff: Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk
Dawn Recoskie, Deputy Clerk
Christopher Carroll, Treasurer
Shelly Cull, Recreation Manager
Khizar Hayat, Director of Public Works
Gene Thompson, Fire Chief
John Walden, Planning & Development Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thompson opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

NIL

3. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF MEETING AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda under Item #14 – Councillor Updates:
14.1 North Renfrew Landfill Operations Board – Councillor Syme

The following item was removed from the agenda and deferred to the October 19, 2011 council meeting:

#8.6.2 2011ML011ISS – Fire/Retrofit Inspection – Arena

4. MINUTES

4.1 September 21, 2011 – Council Meeting

RESOLUTION # 2011-239

MOVED BY: Councillor Desrochers

SECONDED BY: Councillor Myers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of September 21, 2011, as printed and circulated to all members of Council, be approved.

CARRIED

4.2 September 26, 2011 – Special Meeting of Council

RESOLUTION # 2011-240

MOVED BY: Councillor Myers

SECONDED BY: Councillor Desrochers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of September 26, 2011, as printed and circulated to all members of Council, be approved.

CARRIED

4.3 September 29, 2011 – Special Meeting of Council

Page 2 was amended to correct a typing error.

RESOLUTION # 2011-241

MOVED BY: Councillor Myers

SECONDED BY: Councillor Desrochers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of September 29, 2011, as printed and circulated to all members of Council, be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NIL

6. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

NIL

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

NIL

8. STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Council

8.1.1 A/O List

The following changes were made to the A/O list:
October 19, 2011 – fire/retrofit inspection issue report for the arena;
October 19, 2011 – issue report for the appointment of an auditor; and
December 7, 2011 – issue report for property standards by-law.

8.1.2 Striking Committee Recommendations – Mayor Thompson

RESOLUTION # 2011-242

MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Banks

SECONDED BY: Councillor Myers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River establish the following five standing committees and appoint a Chair and Vice Chair to each committee as noted:

1. Finance and Administration
Chair – Deputy Mayor Daniel Banks
Vice Chair – Councillor Terry Myers
2. Public Works
Chair – Councillor Ronald Desrochers
Vice Chair – Councillor Ruth Syme
3. Development and Planning
Chair – Councillor Terry Myers
Vice Chair – Deputy Mayor Daniel Banks
4. Recreation
Chair – Councillor Ruth Syme
Vice Chair – Councillor Ronald Desrochers

5. Protection of People and Property
Chair – Councillor Terry Myers
Vice Chair – Deputy Mayor Daniel Banks

AND THAT each member of council shall be an ex-officio member of each committee and meetings shall be held monthly on a regularly scheduled date;

AND THAT after the municipal by-election the above noted appointments shall be reviewed and amended as required and one community member shall be solicited to sit on each of the standing committees.

CARRIED

8.2 Planning & Development

8.2.1 Planning & Development Monthly Report

John Walden, Planning & Development Manager, presented his report. Councillor Desrochers commented that the actual grant that the Deep River Science Academy received was \$137,000.

8.3 Fire Department

8.3.1 Fire Department Monthly Report

Gene Thompson, Fire Chief, presented his report. Discussion took place regarding the upgraded radio communications that allows the fire department to communicate directly with the Renfrew dispatch centre to record critical benchmarks. This direct communication will improve response time and provide for fire fighter safety.

8.4 Public Works

8.4.1 Public Works Monthly Report

Khizar Hayat, Director of Public Works, presented his report. It was noted the Public Works department will be installing the florescent (yellow) signs at the cross walks and also paint the lines for better visibility.

8.5 Recreation

8.5.1 Recreation Monthly Report

Shelly Cull, Recreation Manager, presented her report.

8.5.2 2011SC008ISS – Land Use Licence Agreement for North Renfrew Snowmobile Association and the Deep River Cross Country Ski Club

Shelly Cull, Recreation Manager, provided an overview of her report. Staff was directed to provide by-laws to adopt the agreements at the October 19, 2011 council meeting.

8.6 Administration

8.6.1 Administration Monthly Report

Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk, presented her report.

8.6.2 2011ML011ISS – Fire/Retrofit Inspection – Arena

This item was deferred to the October 19, 2011 council meeting.

9. BY-LAWS

NIL

10. MOTIONS FOR WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

10.1 Wall of Recognition – Mayor Thompson

RESOLUTION # 2011-243

MOVED BY: Councillor Syme

SECONDED BY: Councillor Desrochers

WHEREAS the Town of Deep River is known far and wide with thousands of expatriates living around the world;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipality publicly acknowledge the varied accomplishments of current and former residents in the areas of sports, arts & culture, science, business and the humanities by establishing a Wall of Recognition in the Town Hall lobby with appropriate photographs and descriptive plaques.

CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Thompson advised he attended and acted as an intervenor at the AECL licence renewal hearing on October 4, 2011.

The Mayor attended the County council meeting on September 28, 2011; he was happy to report that although the Town has the highest residential tax rate in the County, the Town was able to reduce its residential tax rate by 7.6% compared to the 18.5% increase experienced by the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria.

Mayor Thompson will be attending the "Turkey Bowl" in Pembroke on October 8, 2011 and will be participating in the ceremonial kick off of the football game between the Mackenzie Mustangs and the Fellowes Falcons.

Mayor Thompson will be hosting a grade 5 class from St. Mary's School in the council chambers on October 7, 2011 as part of the local government curriculum.

13. NEW BUSINESS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL

14. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

14.1 North Renfrew Landfill Operations Board – Councillor Syme

Councillor Syme provided an update on the recent activities of the North Renfrew Landfill Operations Board. She reminded council of the garbage audit that will be taking place on Friday, October 7, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

15. CLOSED SESSION

Deputy Mayor Banks provided his personal comments regarding the negotiation process and the possibility of reaching an appropriate solution for the staffing complement of the fire department.

RESOLUTION # 2011-244

MOVED BY: Councillor Myers

SECONDED BY: Councillor Syme

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into a Closed Session at 8:02 p.m. to address a matter pertaining to:

- labour relations or employee negotiations;

regarding preparation for negotiations with the Deep River Professional Firefighters' Association.

CARRIED

16. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

The CAO/Clerk was directed to research and provide information to Council regarding the upcoming negotiations with the Deep River Firefighters' Association.

17. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION # 2011-245

MOVED BY: Councillor Desrochers

SECONDED BY: Councillor Myers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby adjourns the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor David Thompson

CAO/Clerk – Michelle Larose