

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DESERONTO

SPECIAL MEETING – MINUTES

FEBRUARY 28 , 2019 – 5:30 P.M. – DESERONTO TOWN HALL

The Town of Deseronto Mission Statement is to provide excellent and affordable services for its residents and to work as a team, dedicated to making living in Deseronto a positive and pleasurable experience.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor	D. Johnston
Deputy Mayor	S. Everhardus - Absent
Councillors	N. Clark A. Hudson K. Smith
CAO /Clerk-Treasurer	C. Martin
Deputy Clerk	G. Maracle

1. **CALL TO ORDER/MAYOR’S ADDRESS – Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Resolution 06-19-01

**Moved by: K. Smith
Seconded by: A. Hudson**

THAT the agenda for the February 28th, 2019 meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

4. **2019 BUDGET & FINANCE**

Mayor Johnston turned the meeting over to C. Martin and she explained the draft budget that she had prepared. Any requests arising from the discussion will be noted below:

Admin

- **Council would like to see a breakdown of the payroll costs for comparison purposes**
- **Larry Dean from Hastings County is to be contacted for an update**
- **The cost of the Sonic Wall could be split, if we go that route**
- **There is \$5,000. currently in the budget that may be removed depending on free program**
- **Obtain a price for a wage comparison/ pay equity study**
- **Do a cost analysis based on Council going paperless**
- **Record the marijuana grant money & expenses**

Fire

- **There may be a capital cost coming for the roof that was recently damaged in the high winds**
- **Council may reduce the amount granted for dress uniforms and encourage the firefighters to fundraise to assist with the cost**

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Quinte Conservation

- Increase the levy amount by approximately \$2000.

Crossing Guards

- Ensure that there is funding for new winter jackets

Roads

- Would like to do the sidewalk on the north side of Dundas between St. George and Mill Streets
- Would like to purchase a “new” leaf vacuum, salt saver blade and a half-ton
- Would like to split the cost of a portable asphalt recycler with the Water & Sewer department
- Joe suggested that rather than buy 3 speed control signs at a cost of \$3,500. each, Council could purchase 1 sign that could be moved around between 3 or 4 posts
- Joe showed Council a Courtyard Clock that could be purchased with the Downtown Revitalization grant

Parks

- Joe would like to hire a person to work in the Parks from April 1st until the end of December
- Council asked Joe to look into the cost of a new stationary dock so that if a grant opportunity comes up, we are prepared
- Council decided to continue with Bob’s porta potty for another year and delay the repair/demo of the old canteen and washroom buildings

Water & Sewer

- Replaced the draft budget in the package with the new one provided
- Would like to increase water & sewer charges by 3%
- Could possibly increase the septage charges
- Will do a billing review based on Napanee’s billing format
- There may be money left from the water plant upgrade to build a new public works office
- The cost of a 60 x 80 steel-frame building would be \$600,000. and it would be 2/3 funded
- There was talk of reviewing the MBQ water contract

Community Centre

- There is the possibility of attracting a hockey team, which will increase the ice rentals
- Brenda presented Council with her suggestion for Arena Policies – they will be reviewed and brought back to a future meeting of Council
- Council would like to start with Step 3 of the sound baffle proposal
- Council discussed the roofing problem
- Brenda suggested that rubber matting be put on the floor for the weight lifting area
- Council requested that cleaning schedules be posted in the gym washrooms
- There was further discussion on remote access to the gym

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Library

- **Although they have not included the money in their budget, they would be pleased if they were able to get the \$2,500. for recreational programming the same as they did last year**

6. BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

15.1 By-law to confirm proceedings

RESOLUTION 06-19-02

**Moved by: K. Smith
Seconded by: N. Clark**

THAT by-law 16-19, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of February 28, 2019, be read a first and second time this 28th day of February 2019.

CARRIED

Resolution 06-19-03

**Moved by: K. Smith
Seconded by: N. Clark**

THAT by-law 16-19, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of February 28, 2019 be read a third and final time this 28th day of February, 2019.

CARRIED

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Resolution 06-19-04

**Moved by: N. Clark
Seconded by:**

THAT the February 28th, 2019 meeting of Council be adjourned



MAYOR



CAO / CLERK-TREASURER