



MINUTES
Regular Council
Deseronto Town Hall
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
6:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Johnston, Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus, Councillor Norman Clark, and Councillor Kevin Smith

REGRETS: Councillor Jamie Ziemann

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Gail Maracle and Treasurer Mora Nicholls

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnston called the September 13, 2023 Regular meeting of Council to order at 6:34 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 25-23-01

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT the agenda for the September 13, 2023 Regular Council meeting be accepted with the addition of the following items:

- 11.3 Drainage issue at 106 Second Street
 - 11.4 Arena - room rentals
 - Canteen counter renovation
 - 11.5 E-waste collection
- Closed - legal issue

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None noted

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1. Minutes of the August 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Resolution 25-23-02

Moved by Councillor Norman Clark
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT the minutes of the August 9, 2023 Regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.

Carried

5. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. VARIANCE REPORT

8. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

- 8.1. Schedule of Accounts

Resolution 25-23-03

Moved by Councillor Norman Clark
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT Schedule of Accounts numbered 14-2023 in the amount of \$414,309.66 be approved for payment.

Carried

9. STAFF REPORTS

9.1. Staff report regarding OCIF

Resolution 25-23-04

Moved by Councillor Kevin Smith
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus

THAT staff get quotations to re-pave Thomas Street from St. George Street to Brant or Pearl Street.

Carried

9.2. Public Works reports regarding Trees

Resolution 25-23-05

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT Council adopt the Tree Canopy policy as presented by the Public Works Department,
AND FURTHER THAT staff refine the Acceptable Tree Species list to remove such trees as the beech and black walnut and bring back to the next meeting of Council

Carried

Resolution 25-23-06

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT staff cut down the trees as listed on page 1 of the staff report,
FURTHER THAT the tree work listed on page 2 be deferred to the 2024 budget process,
FURTHER THAT staff find funding in the Parks budget to purchase new trees to replace those cut down on St George Street and in Centennial Park,
AND FURTHER THAT any surplus in the Parks budget at year end be put into a reserve for future tree planting

Carried

Resolution 25-23-07

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT staff compile a list of three tree cutting companies that would be available to cut or trim trees within the Town.

Carried

9.3. Public Works report regarding Mill Point Park

Resolution 25-23-08

Resolution 25-23-09

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT Council direct staff to use the bottom example of the Mill Point Park sign, but ghost out the water plant.

Carried

9.4. Fire Department Org Chart

Resolution 25-23-11

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT the Fire Department Organizational Chart be received by Council

Carried

9.5. Fire Department regarding driver's licence re-imbusement

Resolution 25-23-12

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT the topic of re-imbusement for driver's licenses be deferred until the Human Resources policy has been rewritten.

Carried

9.6. Fire Department regarding trainees responding to calls

Resolution 25-23-13

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT Council agrees in principle with probationary firefighters being able to respond to fire calls sooner
AND FURTHER THAT prior to any changes in procedures, the Fire Department will have to write new policies that will have to be approved by Council.

Carried

Resolution 25-23-14

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT effective October 1, 2023, all new firefighter trainees will be paid the probationary rate of pay for one full year, prior to moving up to the firefighter rate of pay.

Carried

9.7. Fire Department regarding incentives

Resolution 25-23-15

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT the Fire Department incentive program be deferred to the 2024 budget process.

Carried

9.8. Deseronto Transit Routes

Staff were directed to work with the Town of Greater Napanee to plan a relaunch of the program and also inquire if Napanee is able to assist with drivers

9.9. BISB Report - July 2023

9.10. BESB - August 2023

Resolution 25-23-16

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT the July 2023 Building Inspection Services Board report and the August 2023 By-Law Enforcement Services Board report be received by Council.

Carried

10. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

11. ACTION ITEMS

- 11.1. Royal Canadian Legion request

Resolution 25-23-17

Moved by Councillor Kevin Smith
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus

THAT Council grant the Royal Canadian Legion permission to close Main Street at 10:30 am Sunday morning for a parade,
AND FURTHER THAT the Public Works Department provide the barricades necessary to close the road

Carried

- 11.2. Notice of Complete Application - 14 Main Street

Resolution 25-23-18

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT Council receive the Notice of Complete Application regarding 14 Main Street

Carried

- 11.3. Drainage at 106 Second Street

Resolution 25-23-19

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT Council authorize the Public Works Department to move forward with the road enhancements, to alleviate the drainage issues at 106 Second Street, as outlined in the letter from Greer Galloway.

Carried

- 11.4. Deseronto Community Centre - Canteen

Resolution 25-23-20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT Council authorize Morden Engineering to go ahead with the alterations to the Community Centre canteen counter at a cost of \$6,200.00 plus HST

Carried

Resolution 25-23-21

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT the monthly rental fees for the Community Centre canteen and skate sharpening room be increased by 10% for the 2023-2024 season.

Carried

- 11.5. E-waste recycling opportunity

Resolution 25-23-22

Moved by Councillor Kevin Smith
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus

THAT staff move forward with the e-waste recycling event with a larger media blitz.

Carried

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 12.1. Hastings County media release
- 12.2. Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucas news release
- 12.3. Letter to Minister of Health
- 12.4. Building Faster Fund

Resolution 25-23-23

Moved by Councillor Norman Clark
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT items 12.1 through to 12.4 be received by Council.

Carried

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

15. BY-LAWS

- 15.1. By-law 42-2023 to enter into a contract with St. Catherine's for Fire Department dispatching

Resolution 25-23-24

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT By-law 42-2023, being a by-law to enter into a contract with St. Catherine's for Fire Department dispatching, having been read a first, second and third time and number assigned, be finally passed this 13th day of September 2023.

Carried

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Everhardus advised that he and the Clerk had met with 4 senior members of the L & A OPP to discuss the Town's concerns.

17. CLOSED SESSION

- 17.1. Closed Session Items Under Section 239
 - b) 3 under Personal matters about an identifiable person
 - f) 2 under Advice subject to solicitor-client privilege

Resolution 25-23-25

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT Council rise at 7:45 pm, under Section 239 of the Municipal Act and move into Closed Session to discuss 5 matters; 3 under 2(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and 2 under 2(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

18. INSTRUCTION TO STAFF

Resolution 25-23-26

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT staff follow the direction of Council as discussed in Closed Session.

Carried

19.

BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

19.1. By-law 42-2023 to confirm the proceedings of Council for
September 13, 2023

Resolution 25-23-27

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT By-law 42-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the
September 13, 2023 Council meeting, having been read a first, second and third
time, be assigned a number and finally passed this 13th day of September 2023.

Carried

20.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 25-23-28

Moved by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT the September 13, 2023 Regular Council meeting be adjourned.

Carried



Mayor



Clerk