

CANDIDATE'S QUESTIONS TO MUNICIPAL STAFF

The questions below are posed by candidates. They submit their questions to the Municipality and receive answers every Monday. The answers are made available to all candidates and to the public.

Question 1:

Could you please provide details on all committees and sub-committees of Council, as well as all advisory groups?

Answer:

A list of the Municipality's committees is available on the website under Town Hall > Boards and Committees.

<http://www.mississippimills.ca/en/townhall/boardscommittees.asp>

Question 2:

Could I have a copy of the Excel file with 2017 detailed financial information?

Answer:

Financial information, including budgets, audited financial statements and reports, is available on the website under Town Hall > Departments > Finance.

<http://www.mississippimills.ca/en/townhall/financialstatements.asp>

Question 3:

Could you provide me with details on the substantial increase in the municipality's long term debt between 2013 and 2014?

Answer:

In 2014 the Municipality entered into a loan agreement with Infrastructure Ontario for \$7.88 million to finance the construction of the new wastewater treatment plant.

Question 4:

Could you please provide me with copies of the municipality's Audited Financial Statements for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014?

Answer:

Audited Financial Statements for 2010 - 2017 are available on our website under Town Hall > Departments > Finance > Financial Statements & Financial Reports.

<http://www.mississippimills.ca/en/townhall/financialstatements.asp>

Question 5:

Could you please provide me with a list of property that the municipality owns broken down by Ward and zoning?

Answer:

The following document includes a list of municipally owned property as of December 31, 2017. Please refer to the Community Official Plan for zoning designations.

<http://www.mississippimills.ca/en/work/maps.asp> (Town Hall > Departments > Planning)

Question 6:

I would like to know the names of the members of each committee.

Answer:

A list of the current committee members can be found on the website at the top of the page under Town Hall > Boards and Committees.

<http://www.mississippimills.ca/en/townhall/boardscommittees.asp>

Question 7:

How many of the current Council must run in the 2018 Election to avoid a Lame Duck Council?

Answer:

Section 275 of the Municipal Act explains Restricted Acts after Nomination Day, also known as Lame Duck period. The Municipal Act can be found here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01m25#BK345>

Question 8:

If there are water use restrictions, will the splash pad be affected with reduced or no open hours?

Answer:

Please refer to By-law 04-14 and our website at the below link. As to whether the splash pad would be impacted by a future drought, it would depend on the severity of the drought and the impact on our wells. The drought we had two years ago did not require any conservation measures to be implemented.

<http://www.mississippimills.ca/en/live/waterrestrictions.asp>

Question 9:

Can you point me to where I can find the Town's policy on Asset Management?

Answer:

The Asset Management Plan is available on the website under Town Hall > Departments > Finance > Financial Statements & Financial Reports.

<http://www.mississippimills.ca/en/townhall/financialstatements.asp>

Question 10:

Does anyone know how they made the decision to use recycled tires for the new playground at Gemmill?

Answer:

This was a decision made by The Gemmill Park Working group. It was chosen for multiple reasons some being that it cushions falls, is accessible, environmentally friendly and low maintenance.

Question 11:

Can you please tell me where I can find or provide me with a list of all contracts awarded, the \$ amounts of each, who received the contract and who approved them during the last 4 years, please?

Answer:

The municipality does not keep a running list of all contracts awarded, each department is responsible for their respective contracts. Staff routinely bring forward reports for Council approval or for information purposes regarding contracts. These reports would include the specifics you requested such as contract amount, services, who it was awarded to, etc. These reports are included in the Council and Committee of the Whole agendas which can be found on the Municipal website under: Town Hall > Mayor & Council > Agenda & Minutes

<http://www.mississippimills.ca/en/document/document.aspx?param=2Bh08jOBOMjCLQ86X55IA5HLbgeQuAleQuAI>

Additionally, the Municipal budget agendas also include information on approved budgets for certain projects. They too can be found in the Agenda & Minutes section of the Municipal website. The approved Municipal budgets can be found on the Municipal website under: Town Hall > Budget, Finance & Taxes > Budget

<http://www.mississippimills.ca/en/townhall/budget.asp>

In regards to the purchasing and tendering process, all employees must abide by the Purchasing and Tendering By-law. Additionally, the Delegation of Authority by-law stipulates what can be authorized by staff without Council approval and what would require Council approval. The Purchasing and Tendering By-law can be found on the municipal website under: Work > Bids, Tenders & RFPs

http://www.mississippimills.ca/en/work/bidstenders.asp?_mid_=16068

The consolidated Delegated Authority By-law is attached.

Question 12:

I received notice of a special Council meeting this Friday at 1:00pm, 1) Why is it being held so early when a lot of people are still at work? 2) The Agenda has an item regarding " Sale of Business Park Lot 25" - Where can I find the location of this lot? 3) Another Item on the Agenda is " CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW – 18-69" - Where can I find a complete list of By-Laws including his one? The website only lists Frequently requested By-Laws.

Answer:

The agenda on July 6th at 1pm is a Special Council meeting for in camera items only. Please refer to the website for Procedural by-law 17-03. Section 28 describes the specific provisions regarding Special Meetings.

http://www.mississippimills.ca/en/townhall/bylaws.asp?_mid_=16009

A map of the business park lots can be found on the website at the following location:

<http://www.mississippimills.ca/en/work/businesspark.asp>

Confirmatory by-laws are routine by-laws that confirm the proceedings of every council meeting. A copy of the last confirmatory by-law is attached for your reference.

By-laws that are discussed and voted on at council meetings are included in the agenda packages as well as the corresponding minutes. Please refer to the agendas and minutes on the website at

<http://www.mississippimills.ca/en/document/document.aspx?param=2Bh08jOBOMjCLQ86X55IA5HLbqeQuAleQuAl>

Question 13:

According to Section 50 of the Procedural By-Law 17-03 - In general, Special Meetings of Council should be scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, commencing at 6:00 p.m. Section 52 - In an emergency situation, at the discretion of the Mayor in consultation with the Clerk, the notice in Section 50 may be waived, subject to a confirmation of the majority of Council. What was the emergency to call a Special meeting on a Friday at 1:00pm?

I still can't find a list of all the By-Laws. Does one exist? The numbering of the By-Laws, suggests that there are a lot more than the frequently requested ones listed on The Website.

Answer:

Section 50 of the by-law states that "In general the meetings should take place at 6:00 pm" however, it is not mandatory. The meeting at 1:00 on Friday was called at that time for the two time sensitive in-camera items listed on the agenda. The section of by-law 17-03 which you mention below refers to the notice requirement for an emergency situation only. Meaning that the 48 hours' notice required to hold a special meeting could be waived in an emergency situation. You are correct; there are many more by-laws than what are listed on the website. We have attached the by-law lists from 2017 and 2018. If you would like more please advise.

Question 14:

How is the municipality following up in regards to Steve Maynard posting his “Maynard for Mayor” car sign in June, when the Mississippi Mills' Election Signs BY-LAW NO. 18-21 states: No person shall place or permit to be placed an election sign for a municipal election until after Labour Day of an election year.

I've heard that a notice of infraction was provided in June to Mr. Maynard, and the next step was to pursue the offence under the Provincial Offences Act. Current status? What is the penalty for this offence?

Answer:

Section 21 of the Election Sign By-law 18-21 states that any person who contravenes any provision of the by-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine or penalty as provided for in the *Provincial Offences Act* R.S.O. 1990.

Mr. Maynard was notified of an infraction in writing and the matter is now being pursued through the *Provincial Offences Act*.

Question 15:

Could you please provide me with the latest design plans and price estimates and/or bids received to complete the work on the Ottawa Street Landscaping Plan?

Answer:

The cost estimates of the work will have to be increased relative to the annual inflation rate, but the scope of work has not changed since the most recent plan was approved by Council at the February 7, 2017 meeting. Attached is the staff report with the latest designs plans (February 7, 2017) and the staff report with the latest cost estimate (November 15, 2016).

The information is also available online in the agenda packages for those dates:

<http://www.mississippimills.ca/en/document/document.aspx?param=2Bh08jOBOMjCLQ86X55IA5HLbqeQuAleQuAl>

Question 16:

After the election in October there will be 7 elected officials for MM's, down from 13. There is obviously money's allotted for 13 salaries for the present council. Can you please let me know where the money for these 6 extra salaries is to be allocated to.

Answer:

Council recently approved the remuneration for the new 7 member council. The Treasurer outlined the financial implications in a staff report dated June 26, 2018 (full report available in the June 26th agenda package). The savings resulting from the salary adjustment will be allocated during budget deliberations.

Question 17:

I would like to know if we have a lame duck council. As according to the Ontario Municipal Act Section 275 it would appear such.

Answer:

The lame duck periods are determined on two dates: Nomination Day (July 27) and Election Day (October 22). If, on either of these dates, it can be determined that the new council will include less than 75 percent of the outgoing council, lame duck applies and council is restricted from taking certain actions until the inaugural meeting. Lame duck for Mississippi Mills for the 2018 election is six (6) members of council (By-law 15-45 change of composition of council to 7 members). As of Nomination Day, Council is not in a lame duck position.

For additional details regarding lame duck and the new provisions, refer to the January 16, 2018 staff report in the agenda package.

Question 18:

Which Candidate asked the question:

“How is the municipality following up in regards to Steve Maynard posting his “Maynard for Mayor” car sign in June, when the Mississippi Mills' Election Signs BY-LAW NO. 18-21 states: No person shall place or permit to be placed an election sign for a municipal election until after Labour Day of an election year.

I've heard that a notice of infraction was provided in June to Mr. Maynard, and the next step was to pursue the offence under the Provincial Offences Act. Current status? What is the penalty for this offence?”

Answer:

Candidate McCubbin posed the question after being asked by a number of residents for an update.

Question 19:

How much municipal portion of property tax was rebated for vacant income properties in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017?

Answer:

There is an annual rebate program through the Heritage budget. The amounts for vacancy rebates are as follows:

- 2014-\$7,079.17
- 2015-\$9,445.00
- 2016-\$9,755.00
- 2017-\$12,460.00

CORRECTION: There was an error in the answer to question 19. The figures provided related to heritage rebates and not vacancy rebates. The correct figures for vacancy rebates are below:

- 2014-\$13,127.10
 - 2015--\$10,597.14
 - 2016-\$5,559.98
 - 2017--\$12,434.61
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Question 20:

Regarding Question 19, Can you tell us the break down on the rebates regarding the number of Dwellings that were awarded for these rebates, please.

Answer:

Based on the corrected answer the following are the number of properties per year who received vacancy rebates:

- 2014 - 8 properties
 - 2015 – 6 properties
 - 2016 – 9 properties
 - 2017 – 7 properties
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Question 21:

Are municipal employees prohibited by any Mississippi Mills by-law or policy, from having candidate lawn signs on their property

Answer:

Under the current Employee Code of Conduct policy, Section 6 - Political Involvement and Activity, states that “No employee shall have an involvement in a partisan manner, in municipal elections for Mississippi Mills.”

Additionally, employees must also abide by the Use of Corporate Resources Policy During an Election which can be found on the website.

Question 22:

Can you tell me, where the numbers in Column C (2018 Program Change) of each Budget Summary, come from?

Answer:

It's the difference between column B and D. Column B is the previous year's budget, Column D is the approved/requested budget and Column C is the change between the two.

Question 24:

Why are there 2 line items (1-210-0211-1100 & 1110) for Salaries and Remuneration in the Fire Department's budget.

Answer:

The account ending in 1100 is for the volunteer remuneration for fire call outs and training. The account ending in 1110 is for the salary of the Fire Chief, Inspection Officer and Admin Support Staff.

Question 25:

The municipality used to make public the attendance records of all members of Council. Are records of attendance available from 2011 – 2018? If so, could you please provide the information?

Answer:

Council attendance reports were created for the years 2013, 2014 and 2016. There were no reports drafted for the other years. These reports can be found in the January 28, 2014, February 17, 2015 and February 21, 2017 Council or Committee of the Whole Agendas which are on the Municipal website.

Question 26:

- a) According to the 2018 Budget, Councillors receive a per diem of approx \$727.00. That's per year, correct? Is this guaranteed, no matter how many meetings are missed?
- b) What is the \$25,000.00 capital expenditure in the 2018 budget under The Council's budget?
- c) Is there a meal for every meeting? The Math doesn't seem to add up (2 X 12 Months X \$150.00) = \$3,600.00 not \$1,100.00 as listed or am I missing something? What is the 2 referring to? Even if it's once a month it would still be more than the \$1,100.00.
- d) For the Staff's benefit package, is each benefit calculated as a percent of the Salary?
- e) For Honorariums, the budget states "Extra meeting Attendance" \$75.00 per meeting. Does that mean there are a certain number of meetings Staff are expected to attend and after they attended the required number of meetings, They receive \$75.00 per any additional meeting which is listed as "Extra"?

Answer:

- a) Please refer to the Councillor Remuneration by-law (attached). Councillors are paid an annual remuneration plus per diems for conference attendance.
 - b) The \$25,000.00 was allocated for livestreaming. Please refer to the capital budget on the web.
 - c) No. There is sometimes meals provided for Council meetings but there is also a meal allowance provided when Councillors attend conferences and training.
 - d) Yes.
 - e) Staff can either bank time in lieu for meetings or take \$75.
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Question 27:

Could you please provide me with detailed budget documents for 2017 which include income statements?

Answer:

Please find attached 2017 income statements. This information may also be found on the Municipal website.

Question 28:

The Property Tax Rebates that you gave us for the last 4 years (please refer to the corrected numbers provided in the answer to question 19). How many property owners have received these rebates for multiple years and are they for the same properties?

Answer:

There was only one property that had a vacancy rebate for all 4 years and that was for different units within the same property. There were 4 properties that had vacancy rebates for 2 years for the same property. There was one property that had vacancy rebates for 3 years for the same property. All of the other rebates were one time only.

Question 29:

Re: Mississippi Mills Public Library policy “The Library and Political Elections”

- a) Did the Librarian, Pamela Harris at the time, inform the Clerk of this policy and when?
- b) Did the two Mississippi Mills councillors on the public library board, inform the Clerk of this policy, and when?
- c) Did the Librarian, Pamela Harris until recently, inform the Library employees of this policy, and when?
- d) Did the Clerk inform affected candidates of this policy, and when?
- e) Since Ms McCubbin is in apparent violation of the Library Board policy and Section 30 of the Municipal Act, what steps will the Clerk take (or, has taken) to address this?

Answer:

- a) No. The Chief Librarian reports to the Public Library Board and therefore is not required to inform to Clerk of this policy or any other library policy.
 - b) No.
 - c) We cannot speak to the actions of the former Chief Librarian, Pamela Harris; however, we can confirm that the new Chief Librarian, Christine Row, did recently provide a copy of the policy to all staff.
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- d) No. The Board is a separate entity from the Municipality and as such it is the responsibility of the Board to communicate their policies to their staff.
 - e) The Municipality obtained a legal opinion and the Clerk certified the list of candidates based on the information obtained.
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Question 30:

- a) Does Mississippi Mills have an employee on site who is tasked with maintaining the MM website or is this contracted to an external resource? Could you please provide names?
- b) What is the yearly amount of budgeted funds allotted to the website maintenance?
- c) Could you please provide the most recent consultant's report in relation to the MM website.

Answer:

- a) The Municipality does not have one employee responsible for maintaining the website. It is the responsibility of each department to manage their respective pages on the website.
 - b) There is no budget allocated to website maintenance. There is an annual budget of \$3,375.00 for licensing and web hosting.
 - c) Last year, the Municipality brought forward a Communications Plan that was put together internally. Please see attached report which includes the website audit.
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Question 31:

Our Election Sign bylaw says that we can't place signs on the road allowance or the boulevard.

How do we know where the 'town" ends and lot begins. Many of these lot lines are inside or behind hedges or fences and thus the signs would not be visible from the road limiting our ability to communicate with voters. Many more of the lot lines are part of a sodded lawn with not reference points. Some houses abut the side walk.

Answer:

The relative position of the property line varies from street to street based on the width of the right-of-way, the width of the road and sidewalk, and the setback of the homes from the street. Some of the older areas have no setback whatsoever as noted in the question where the home is immediately beside the sidewalk. Using common landmarks is usually the best option – utility poles, water values, sidewalks and hydrants will almost always be located on municipal property.

Question 32:

I posted question 22 asking about the Program Change (Column C) and where did it come from. Your answer was - It's the difference between Column B and Column D, that makes sense except in the Budget itself, The calculation states $D=B+C$. Hence my question where did the C figure come from. If C is the difference between B and D, then I guess a better question should have been how did you choose Column D (The actual Budget amount) in all the line items of the budget?

Answer:

Staff develop their budgets based on long term financial plan targets and their estimated needs for the year which are then reviewed with and approved by Council. We had several budget meetings before the 2018 budget was passed.

Question 33:

What are the actual rates per device for Cell and Tablets for all municipal staff that have them?

Answer:

It depends on data use. Most are around \$50-60 per month.

Question 34:

Looking at the bylaw you sent us for the Council remuneration, it was only past this year (2018) and it was retroactive to January 1, 2018. When was it actually passed and what was in place before this By-Law was passed when dealing with Councillor expenses. Further, are the Meal allowances paid if the Seminar and Conferences include free meals?

Answer:

The date the by-law is passed is noted within the by-law. There would have been a similar by-law passed in 2017. No, Councillors shouldn't claim meal allowances if they receive free meals.

Question 35:

The Account Number 2-711-0711-0843 - Don Maynard Park there is a Total Cost of \$100,000.00 and then to Offset that there is Revenue of exactly \$100,000.00. What is this? I've lived across the Park for 9 years and the only thing that has ever been done is grass cutting and watering of the 3 Flower Gardens. Where are these costs coming from and where does the Town miraculously get the equivalent in Revenue? How many other Parks have these same accounting measures done?

Answer:

This was added by Council in 2017 and carried forward into 2018 with the expectation that work would happen in that park although it was not clearly defined as to what that would entail. The funds were to come from the sale of land.

Question 36:

When do all the increases that are budgeted in the 2018 Budget take affect? When do Salaries go up? When are Grants and Rebates given out etc? Is it January 1, 2019? I'm assuming that is the case.

Answer:

Yes, January 1st 2019, although grants get discussed and approved by Council first.

Question 37:

Could we have electronic copies of the Excel spreadsheets of Projected Long Term Financing Schedule and continuity of Reserves?

Answer:

Please see attached excel spreadsheets.

Question 38:

- a) Could you please provide us with the original bylaw that developed the class allocation for sidewalks? We know that there are 3 classes of sidewalks, and the maintenance level depends on the classification, so I am curious about when this was originally developed, and whether it followed the practice of the day or if there was a change in service.
- b) Do you have a general cost estimate for snow clearance per kilometre of sidewalk, per snowfall?
- c) How many kilometres of sidewalk does the municipality clear?
- d) How many kilometres of sidewalks do we have?

Answer:

- a) Resolution 415-11 and the referenced sidewalk winter control policy are attached. There was no decrease in service in formalizing the policy from the practice of the day.
 - b) \$1,200 per km per snowfall, which includes both plowing and removal.
 - c) Approximately 28 km.
 - d) Approximately 36 km in total, of which 28 km are Class 1 and 2, and 8 km are Class 3.
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Question 39:

I have been asked about the Brand Clarity report and I was hoping to direct to the website however I see it is not attached to the answers. My question is, Can I post the report on my facebook page? If I cannot present the report on my facebook page, what direction should I give residents who want to read it?

Answer:

The Communications Plan and the report prepared by Brand Clarity are both public documents therefore you can share them on your Facebook account.

The links to the reports are as follows:

Communications Plan (pages 119-228):

http://www.mississippimills.ca/uploads/12/Doc_636440274575303567.pdf

Brand Clarity Presentation (pages 23-49):

http://www.mississippimills.ca/uploads/12/Doc_636397910476093510.pdf

Question 40:

Regarding Class 3 Sidewalk clearing - How many homes, businesses are located in the Class 3 designation?

Answer:

We do not have that data available.

Question 41:

Regarding the Reserves Spreadsheet - You have no figures for 2017 Actual and 2018 current. Why? We are in September 2018, are you telling us you do not know what was in the reserves as of Dec 31, 2017 and you do not know our current balance?

Answer:

The spreadsheet provided was from the 2018 budget package, therefore at that time it was only estimates because it was done in October of 2017. The treasurer will only reconcile reserves at the end of each year as their funding capital, and that only happens once capital projects are complete. Please refer to the financial statements posted on the web for more up to date financial information.

Question 42:

In order to pass the budget, is the Budget voted on as a whole or is each Department's budget voted on separately? What was Ms. McCubbin's involvement in the Library's portion of the Budget? Did she vote on the entire budget?

Answer:

The Library Budget is submitted and approved by the Board, Councillor McCubbin is not part of those discussions as she does not sit on the Library Board. Councillor McCubbin did declare a pecuniary interest during the all-day budget meeting with Staff and Council when the Library budget was presented by the Chief Librarian and did not participate in the discussion (November 28, 2017). The final budget was passed by Council at the December 19, 2017 Council meeting.

Question 43:

Please provide a detailed update on the progress of the road and public works going in behind Honeybourne Street from Paterson.

Answer:

Menzie Street is being constructed by the developer of the subdivision and being cost shared with the Municipality. The works are well underway and expected to be completed by the end of October.

Question 44:

Please provide a detailed update on the development of the 4-acre Park on one side of Horton at the end of Laroche Street.

Answer:

At this stage Council has approved the concept plan for the Mill Run park but no detailed designs have been completed. The goal in 2019 is to complete the detail design for the park as well as try and have some of the construction completed.

Question 45:

I have been asked many, many times from residents that own property in MM and elsewhere and are paying taxes if they can vote in both places?

Answer:

Section 17.2 of the *Municipal Elections Act* lists the qualifications of electors. To simplify, yes, if you own property in two municipalities you may vote in both municipalities. However, if you own multiple properties in the same municipality you only get one vote.

Question 46:

Who updates the voters list...is it MPACC, the Municipality? If they are not on the voters list and don't receive a PIN # and bring proof of residence to vote what happens?

Answer:

MPAC provides municipalities with the voters' list. Municipalities are able to add, make corrections or delete an elector. In order to be added to the voters' list the individual will need to visit the Municipal Office at 3131 Old Perth Road during business hours with proof of identity and residence. A voter PIN can also be issued at the same time after October 3rd.

If individuals are unable to make it to the Municipal Office during regular business hours there are extended hours on Saturday, October 20th 10:00am – 4:00pm and October 22nd 8:30 am – 8:00 pm at the following locations:

- Almonte Old Town Hall
 - Municipal Office
 - Stewart Community Centre
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Staff will also be visiting retirement homes and complex care & long term care facilities. Details of dates and times can be found on the website:
<https://www.mississippimills.ca/en/townhall/Voter-Information.asp>

Question 47:

We have been telling people that we won't be borrowing for infrastructure any further. We have a borrowing by law for nearly \$1,000,000 on the agenda. When is the cutoff date for our financial plan?

Answer:

2018 is supposed to be the last year. The loans for some 2018 projects may not be finalized until 2019 as we're waiting for them to wrap up. This still conforms to the plan.

Question 48:

Where are our debt levels in comparison to the predictions in the 2013 Long Term Financial Plan?

Answer:

The Municipality has been following the financial plan in terms of the projects to be financed. We have been fortunate that most project costs have come in lower than expected and all interest rates are lower than forecast. We had been using 3.5% as the annual interest rate and all loans with the exception of some old ones (prior to 2012) are lower than that. The lowest being 2.474%

Question 49:

How will the new asset replacement legislation affect our debt levels?

Answer:

We are in the beginning stages of developing the policy and plan. The new legislation follows a phased in approach for implementation. The first step is the strategic asset management policy that must be approved by July 1, 2019. Council will have to provide direction with regard to asset management.

Question 50:

How are we doing in comparison to other municipalities?

Answer:

Other municipality's debt levels aren't tracked as each has their own needs and strategies when it comes to asset replacement. Each has their own infrastructure needs and depending on the condition, age, etc. of their assets they will have different replacement strategies. Likewise, each municipality has their own financing strategies. Some may incur debt, some may only be pay as you go and some may use their reserves. It is important to also look at the other side of the equation, if a municipality has no debt or little debt, and/or they have lower tax rates or no tax increases this could mean they are not investing in their assets but putting off replacement to avoid tax/user

fee increases and/or debt. Comparisons of only debt may not be meaningful because there is much more to asset management than debt alone.

Question 51:

Jane Torrance has said that there were hundreds of rural residents at public meetings who opposed rural severances. Can you provide data to support this claim?

Answer:

We can confirm that during the COP public consultation process between December 2017-June 2018, the Municipal record indicates that approximately 600 individual residents signed-in to the meetings. We do not have records to substantiate their verbal responses or questions raised at the meeting.

Question 52:

Is there a by-law prohibiting contractors from putting small loads of gravel, top soil etc on the road while they are working on residents' property?

Answer:

By-Law 02-100 states under General Prohibitions Section 2.b that "No person shall, unless otherwise authorized by the provisions of this or any other by-law of the corporation: deposit, drop, scatter, spill or throw any filth, earth, ashes, manure, garbage, paper, handbill, dodger, advertisement, or any vegetable matter, stone, lime, sand, tin, wood, the carcass of any dead animal, fish or fowl, in or upon a roadway, sidewalk or boulevard.

Question 53:

What areas in Mississippi Mills' Audited Financial Statements are not within the Province's Low Risk Indicators?

Answer:

There is only one that is slightly over the low risk threshold and that is debt charges to total operating revenue. Less than 5% is the low risk amount and on the 2017 audited statements, the actual figure is 7%. It is the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) financing that is driving up this figure.

Question 54:

Can you explain or show me where I can find the 2 specific by-laws on the Heritage rebate program and the Property Owner rebate program please.

Answer:

By-law 10-89 Tax Refund on Heritage Properties and 16-62 Heritage Grant Program are attached and can be found here:

<https://www.mississippimills.ca/en/townhall/rebates.asp>

Question 55:

Also, can I ask that since we are getting close to the end of the campaign, that the Election committee answers our questions more frequently than only once a week?

Answer:

We will make every effort to answer candidate questions at the end of each day depending on the complexity of the question. The deadline for all candidate questions will be end of day Thursday October 18th.

Question 56:

Re: Question 53

Are the following ratios not outside the low risk thresholds? Perhaps you can correct/clarify this question before next week:

Net Financial Assets (Net Debt)

% of Operating Revenue (>20%)	2017:	(18.45%)
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% of Taxation and User Charges (>50%)	2017	(23.10%)
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Answer:

(18.45%) Negative 18.45% is higher than negative 20% making it low risk

(23.10%) Negative 23.10% is higher than negative 50% making it low risk