



The Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Council Meeting #30-17

MINUTES

A special meeting of Council was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Mayor Shaun McLaughlin
Councillor Duncan Abbott
Councillor Denzil Ferguson
Councillor Alex Gillis
Councillor John Edwards
Councillor Christa Lowry
Councillor Jill McCubbin
Councillor Amanda Pulker-Mok
Councillor Jane Torrance
Councillor Val Wilkinson

ABSENT:

Councillor Paul Watters

Diane Smithson, CAO
Rhonda Whitmarsh, Treasurer

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 672-17

Moved by Councillor Lowry

Seconded by Councillor Pulker-Mok

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

D. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

[None]

E. PUBLIC MEETINGS

1. 2018 Budget

The Treasurer presented the 2018 budget and responded to questions from Council and residents. The following individuals addressed Council:

- Steve Maynard inquired about the long-term debt schedule and whether the long-term debt amounts for 2018 were added into the schedule. The Treasurer advised that the 2018 amounts had not been included. He inquired if the reserves were sufficient to pay for capital without long-term financing after 2018. The Treasurer advised that the current plan is to not use long-term financing after 2018 to pay for capital and that the reserve balances do not start to significantly increase until after 2022.
- Tom Young inquired about whether all of the trucks being purchased were required. The trucks being purchased are not adding to the fleet; they are replacing existing equipment.
- Ted Legg indicated he would like to see performance measures included in future presentations. He inquired about the loss of reserves and the increase in debt in the near term. The Treasurer advised that we are currently using debt financing to complete capital works and we are using reserves to internally finance works. The Municipality plans to self-finance projects in the future.
- Allan Lowry inquired about the funding for the Ottawa Valley Rail Trail if tax dollars are not being utilized and was advised that grant funding, development charges, reserves and sale of land proceeds were being used to fund the trail.
- Steve Maynard inquired about the 17% increase in wages in the Administration Budget. This increase is mostly as a result of adding the Deputy Clerk/Communications Officer position to the staffing complement.
- The Treasurer provided an explanation of reserves in response to a question from Councillor Gillis.

Action: The final 2018 budget will be presented at the next Council meeting for approval.

2. 2018 Water and Sewer Budget

The Director of Roads & Public Works presented the 2018 water and sewer budget and responded to questions from Council and residents. The following individuals addressed Council:

- Ted Legg asked what SCADA meant. The Director of Roads & Public Works advised it is the monitoring, alarms, control systems at the wells and sewage lift stations.
- Tom Young inquired about the water storage tank being planned. The Director of Roads & Public Works indicated it would probably be an underground tank the purpose of which is to keep the water system pressured. The size of the new tank is yet to be determined.
- Tom Young inquired about the increases to the water rates. The water rates will increase by 3% per year to 2024.
- The Director of Roads & Public Works provided an explanation of the works that will form part of the downtown Almonte revitalization project in response to a request by Councillor Ferguson.

Action: The final 2018 water/sewer budget will be presented at the next Council meeting for approval.

F. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

By-law 17-115

Resolution No. 673-17

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Pulker-Mok

THAT By-law 17-115, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills at its special meeting held on the 12th day of December, 2017, be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council this 12th day of December, 2017.

CARRIED

G. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 674-17

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Abbott

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Shaun McLaughlin
MAYOR

Diane Smithson
CAO/DEPUTY CLERK