



The Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Council Meeting

MINUTES

January 31, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Hybrid

3131 Old Perth Road.

PRESENT:

Mayor Lowry
Deputy Mayor Minnille
Councillor Ferguson
Councillor Holmes
Councillor Lowe
Councillor Souter
Councillor Torrance

Staff Present

Ken Kelly, CAO
Jeanne Harfield, Clerk
Erin Levi, Administrative Assistant
Tiffany MacLaren, Manager of Community and Economic
Development

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lowry called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

B. O CANADA

Council stood for the playing of O Canada.

C. MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

Council observed a moment of silent meditation.

D. ATTENDANCE

The Clerk announced attendance.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No 021-23

Moved by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Souter

THAT the agenda be approved as amended to insert item N.2 - HR Matter that is time sensitive and strike out items J.4 - Info List Item A - Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks re: Municipal blue box transition and J.5 - Info List Item B - Town of Plympton-Wyoming re: CN Railway contribution requirements under the Drainage Act.

CARRIED

F. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Mayor Lowry declared a conflict of interest for Item J.1 - Request A Municipal Council Support Resolution for COMPASS Renewable Energy Consulting Inc. , as her family owns property. Councillor Torrance declared a conflict on item J.2 - Mississippi Mills Municipal Grants 2023, as she is a member of the Almonte Legion Pipe Band and Puppets Up!.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution No 022-23

Moved by Councillor Souter

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT the Council minutes dated January 17, 2023, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

H. DELEGATION, DEPUTATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

H.1 Deputation - John Jordan, MPP

MPP John Jordan presented to Council for the first time since he was elected to the provincial legislature. During his deputation, Mr. Jordan touched on local updates, provincial focus on housing and affordability and his constituency office open and available to serve constituents. Members then posed questions to MPP Jordan including: road safety, long term care homes, healthcare workers, wages cap for healthcare

workers (Bill 124), transportation in rural areas, and following up on recent delegations at ROMA. Members of Council also congratulated MPP Jordan on his election success and look forward to working with him going forward.

H.2 Delegation - Lanark County Interval House - Intimate Partner Violence

Erin Lee, Executive Director of Lanark County Interval House, presented to Council an overview of Lanark County Interval House, highlights include: programs and services to women and children in Lanark County, shelters available, second stage shelters, program beyond second stage, inquest into violence against women, 86 recommendations from inquest with a rural focus, campaign "See it, Name it, Change it!" relaunched in September, passing resolution declaring intimate victim violence and epidemic, other steps to take to implement recommendations from the inquest. Members then posed questions including: rural urban versus rural stats, ages of victims, senior women, subsidies and housing units.

Resolution No 023-23

Moved by Councillor Souter

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT the deputation by Erin Lee, Executive Director of Lanark County Interval House re: Lanark County Interval House updates and Intimate Partner Violence, be received as information.

CARRIED

H.3 Deputation - Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

Kim Bennett, Account Manager Zone 6, Municipal Stakeholder Relations presented to council regarding MPAC services. Highlights include: a high-level overview of MPAC offerings, key players, reassessment updates (last date was 2016), province sets the evaluation dates, the assessment cycle, and MPAC Toolkits. Members then posed questions including: assessment evaluation schedule, new properties assessed, and assessment increases impact on amount paid in property taxes.

Resolution No 024-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Lowe

THAT the deputation by Kim Bennett, Account Manager Zone 6, Municipal Stakeholder Relations re: MPAC services be received as information.

CARRIED

I. PUBLIC MEETINGS

None

J. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

J.1 Request A Municipal Council Support Resolution for COMPASS Renewable Energy Consulting Inc.

Mayor Lowry declared a conflict of interest on item J.1, Mayor Lowry left the room and did not participate in the vote or discussion.

Deputy Mayor took over as chair at 7:26 pm

Resolution No 025-23

Moved by Councillor Souter

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT Council grants a Municipal Council Support Resolution for battery energy storage system project bid by COMPASS Renewable Energy Consulting Inc. with a condition that the proposed development be subject to all applicable Municipal and Provincial by-laws and Standards as determined by the Municipality, including any applicable Official Plan policies and Zoning By-law provisions.

CARRIED

Mayor Lowry resumed as Chair at 7:28 pm

J.2 Mississippi Mills Municipal Grants 2023

Councillor Torrance declared a conflict of interest on item J.2, Councillor Torrance left the room and did not participate in the vote or discussion.

Resolution No 026-23

Moved by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Souter

THAT Council approve the following 2023 municipal grants:

- Mississippi Lakes Association - \$500.00
- Madawaska Land Trust - \$1400.00
- Frost Fest Festival – Pakenham Civitan Club - \$2000.00
- Almonte Legion Pipe Band - \$2500.00
- Almonte in Concert Concert Series - \$2500.00
- Puppets Up 2023 Festival - \$2700.00
- Almonte Fair – North Lanark Agricultural Society - \$2700.00
- Almonte Celfest Festival - \$2700.00
- North Lanark Highland Games - \$2700.00
- Age Friendly North Lanark - \$2344.72
- Pride Mississippi Mills - \$3450.00
- Valley Players - \$4000.00
- Bridging Generations – Age Friendly Pakenham - \$4801.50
- Almonte Civitan - \$0

Total Requested \$53,746.22 Total Recommended \$34,296.22

AND THAT Council provide pre-budget approval of \$34,296.22 to allow staff to distribute grant funding in Q1 2023.

CARRIED

J.3 Amendment to Flag Policy - Death Protocols

Resolution No 027-23

Moved by Councillor Lowe

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT Council approve the amendment to the general provisions section 6.1 of the flag policy to allow the Chief or Deputy Chief to lower flags outside of working hours.

AND THAT Council adopt the Response Protocol for Death Announcements.

CARRIED

**J.4 Info List Item A - Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
re: Municipal blue box transition**

Item stroke from agenda and not considered as staff drafted a report for the January 31st Committee of the Whole meeting on this topic.

**J.5 Info List Item B - Town of Plympton-Wyoming re: CN Railway
contribution requirements under the Drainage Act**

Item stroke from agenda and not considered.

K. BY-LAWS

K.1 By-law 23-006 OMERS Participation (Council Members)

Resolution No 028-23

Moved by Councillor Torrance

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT By-law 23-006 being a By-law to confirm and authorize participation in the OMERS Primary Pension Plan and the Retirement Compensation Arrangement for the OMERS Primary Pension Plan for the employees and Members of Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills be read, passed signed and sealed in Open Council this 31st day of January 2023.

CARRIED

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

None

M. CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No 029-23

Moved by Councillor Souter

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT Council enter into an in camera session at 7:32 pm as per a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (Municipal Act s 239 (2)(c)) - Land Purchase and personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Municipal Act s.239(2)(b)) - HR Matter.

CARRIED

M.1 Land Purchase

M.2 HR Matter

N. RISE AND REPORT

N.1 Land Purchase

Staff direction was provided in camera.

N.2 HR Matter

Staff Direction provided in camera

O. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution No 030-23

Moved by Councillor Lowe

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT By-law 23-007 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills at its regular meeting held on the 31st day of January, 2023, be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council this 31st day of January 2023.

CARRIED

P. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No 031-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Minnille

Seconded by Councillor Torrance

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Christa Lowry, MAYOR

Jeanne Harfield, Clerk