



**The Municipality of Mississippi Mills**

**Council Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**March 7, 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  
Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk  
Erin Levi, Executive Assistant  
Melanie Knight, Senior Planner

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lowry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION**

None

**C. RISE AND REPORT**

**D. O CANADA**

Council stood for the playing of O Canada.

**E. MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION**

Council observed a moment of silent meditation.

**F. ATTENDANCE**

The Clerk announced attendance.

**G. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution No 069-23**

**Moved by** Councillor Lowe

**Seconded by** Councillor Ferguson

**THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**H. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No 070-23**

**Moved by** Councillor Souter

**Seconded by** Councillor Holmes

**THAT** the Council minutes dated February 21, 2023, be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**J. DELEGATION, DEPUTATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**J.1 Delegation: Birket Foster, Chairman and CEO, Storm Internet Services**

Birket Foster, Chairman and CAO of Storm Internet Services, provided Council with an update regarding the ongoing projects in Mississippi Mills, CAO Foster was also seeking Municipal Council support regarding Infrastructure Ontario's new funding formula that have impacted Storms services.

Mayor Lowry advised CAO Foster that his ask was outside of the Municipalities' purview, and provided alternate avenues that he could reach out to for better support of his ask.

**Resolution No 071-23**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Minnille

**Seconded by** Councillor Holmes

**THAT** Council accept the delegation from Storm Internet for information.

**CARRIED**

**J.2 Petition: Residents of Hill St. Appleton**

Jeff Hudder, Spokesperson on a petition to Council from the residents on Hill St. in Appleton.

Jeff provided an overview regarding the issue some of the residents of Hill St. in Appleton have been experiencing regarding the no parking signs and the bylaw office. Jeff asked if the municipality could review the current bylaw and perhaps make some amendments.

**Resolution No 072-23**

**Moved by** Councillor Holmes

**Seconded by** Councillor Souter

**THAT** Council accept the petition from Jeff Hudder and the residents from Hill St. in Appleton as information.

**AND THAT** Council direct staff to bring back a report regarding the request.

**CARRIED**

**J.3 Petition: Residents of White Tail Ridge**

Marysa and Matt Julien spoke on behalf of residents at White Tail Ridge. They are looking for the installation of playground equipment in the rural subdivision.

Marysa confirmed that they had previously spoken with the Municipal planner and that the design had shown a passive park meaning no playground. As the next steps, Marysa and Matt were advised to submit a petition to the municipality.

The Mayor advised the none of the rural estate lot subdivisions within the municipality have playgrounds. The Mayor offered to have a meeting consisting of the Mayor, Ramsay Councillor and the group to share the subdivision agreement and good examples of what has been done in the area. (i.e Augusta St. Park, Clayton, and River Front estates.)

**Resolution No 073-23**

**Moved by** Councillor Lowe

**Seconded by** Councillor Holmes

**THAT** Council accept the petition from Marysa Julian and the residents from White Tail Ridge, Almonte as information.

**CARRIED**

**K. PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**K.1 Z-02-23 (Grainger Armstrong)**

Senior Planner Knight provided the public preamble advising of the legislative requirements for speaking at a public meeting.

Senior Planner Knight provided an overview of the proposed Zoning amendments and advised that comments can still be provided after the meeting, up to the passing of the bylaw.

**L. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

**Resolution No 074-23**

**Moved by** Councillor Ferguson

**Seconded by** Councillor Holmes

**THAT** Council approve the Committee of the Whole motions from the February 21, 2023, meeting.

**CARRIED**

**L.1 Garbage Bag Tag Third Party Sale Discount**

**Resolution No 074-23**

**Moved by** Councillor Ferguson

**Seconded by** Councillor Holmes

**THAT** Council to authorize a \$0.10 discount per bag tag sold through wholesale means to cover electronic payment processing fees borne by third-party retailers that sell bag tags on behalf of the Municipality..

**CARRIED**

**L.2 2023 Draft Budget – Reallocating Funds**

**Resolution No 074-23**

**Moved by** Councillor Ferguson

**Seconded by** Councillor Holmes

**THAT** Council approve reallocating \$73,000 in funds that have been unspent on previous projects to general reserves;

**AND THAT** Council approve reallocating \$67,000 in funds previously budgeted for projects that will not be initiated in 2023 into general reserves.

**CARRIED**

**L.3 2023 Draft Budget – Community Services Review**

**Resolution No 074-23**

**Moved by** Councillor Ferguson

**Seconded by** Councillor Holmes

**THAT** Council direct staff to include the museums in the Community Services Review.

**CARRIED**

**M. BY-LAWS**

**M.1 By-law 23-016 Private Road Name Miners Way**

**Resolution No 075-23**

**Moved by** Councillor Souter

**Seconded by** Councillor Torrance

**THAT** By-law 23-016 being a by-law to name a private road within the Municipality of Mississippi Mills be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council this 7th day of March 2023.

**CARRIED**

**N. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS**

International Women's Day - Celebrate the women in the Municipality.

Upcoming Events

- Mill of Kintail March Family Maple Day – March 14th Outdoor Family Fun Day – Snacks, displays, activities.
- St. Patrick's Day Dance Pakenham – March 17th
- MM Business Breakfast – March 23rd Almonte Civitan
- Celebrate Almonte Event – March 25th – A daytime event with four key locations featuring live entertainment, history displays and food (Legion, Library, Heritage Mall, Home Hardware)
- Ginawaydaganuc Village Introduction and Celebration Event – March 26th Indigenous entertainment and demonstrations
- RCMP Musical Ride at the Almonte Fairgrounds –Bicentennial Event - May 12th

**O. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**Resolution No 076-23**

**Moved by** Councillor Lowe

**Seconded by** Councillor Ferguson

**THAT** By-law 23-017 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 7th day of March 2023, be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council this 7th day of March 2023.

**CARRIED**

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Minnille

**Seconded by** Councillor Ferguson

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Christa Lowry, MAYOR

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Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk