



The Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Council Meeting

MINUTES

May 23, 2023

5:50 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
Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lowry called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No 170-23

Moved by Councillor Lowe

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT Council enter into an in camera session at 5:50 pm as per personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Municipal Act s. 239 (2)(b)).

CARRIED

B.1 HR Matter Update

C. RISE AND REPORT

C.1 HR Matter Update

Council received information in camera.

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 171-23

Moved by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Souter

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

H. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution No 172-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Lowe

THAT the Council minutes dated May 9, 2023, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

J. DELEGATION, DEPUTATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

J.1 Deputation - Lanark Transportation - Marilyn Bird

Marilyn Bird, Executive Director of Lanark Transportation Association, presented to Council about who they are, services offered, total trips offered in 2021 (11,224 trips), sources of funding, service models, subsidies, plans for a pilot program in Mississippi Mills (Ride the LT - grocery shopping/popular destinations). Members then posed questions including: fundraising, any additional needs to launch pilot project in Mississippi Mills, if they accept donations, delivery groceries in Mississippi Mills, drivers, vehicles, services outside of Lanark County (only for medical appoints but not ride the LT program), route for Ride the LT in Mississippi Mills, agency partnerships in Mississippi Mills, and youth.

Resolution No 173-23

Moved by Councillor Souter

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT the deputation from Marilyn Bird, Lanark Transportation be received as information;

CARRIED

Resolution No 174-23

Moved by Councillor Torrance

Seconded by Councillor Lowe

THAT Council direct staff to promote existing Lanark Transportation Association Programs and identify Bicentennial events that can be shared

CARRIED

K. PUBLIC MEETINGS

None

L. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Resolution No 175-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council approve the Committee of the Whole motions from the May 9, 2023, meeting.

CARRIED

L.1 2023 Budget Restatement – O. Reg 284/09

Resolution No 176-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council adopt this report to comply with Ontario Regulation 284/09 passed under the Municipal Act, 2001.

CARRIED

L.2 Procedural By-law Draft #1

Resolution No 177-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council direct staff to make the recommended additions and deletions to definitions and bring back proposed wording in a follow-up report.

CARRIED

Resolution No 178-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council direct staff to not make any changes to the Role of the Committee of the Whole Chair.

CARRIED

Resolution No 179-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council direct staff to remove the sections 63-67 “Advisory Committees” in the existing Procedural By-law 19-127.

CARRIED

Resolution No 180-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council direct staff to remove specifics about how notice will be provided and have it refer to the revised Notice By-law.

CARRIED

Resolution No 181-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council direct staff to include “Council Report” as a new category in the Council Agenda.

CARRIED

Resolution No 182-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council direct staff to remove the Pending List from the upcoming draft Procedural By-law.

CARRIED

Resolution No 183-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council direct staff adjust the wording and procedure around Reconsideration as proposed by staff.

CARRIED

Resolution No 184-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council direct staff to amend clauses within the Notice of Motion section 142-148 to provide further clarity on verbal notice of motions.

CARRIED

Resolution No 185-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council direct staff to include provisions for “Timed Agenda Items” within the upcoming Draft Procedural By-law.

CARRIED

Resolution No 186-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council direct staff to draft clauses to permit limited questions from Members of Council during Statutory Public Planning Meetings.

CARRIED

Resolution No 187-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council direct staff to update how the Information List appears on an agenda.

CARRIED

Resolution No 188-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council Direct staff make the following proposed changes to the delegations, presentations, and deputations:

- Include language to aim for 2 delegations/deputations per meeting but allow the Clerk flexibility to schedule more.
- Direct the Clerk discretion to schedule delegations for priority items that may lie outside the provisions within the Procedural By-law
- Create a new “Consultant Report” category in the COW agenda where consultants would come and make presentations to Committee of the Whole on specific projects.
- Utilize Timed Agenda Items for delegations and deputations
- Limit the length of the PowerPoint presentations to 7 slides for each delegation.

CARRIED

Resolution No 189-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council direct staff bring forward proposed amendments to By-law 13-18 Delegation of Authority to delegate approval power to the Senior Planner for minor zoning amendment applications.

AND THAT staff be directed to include provisions within the upcoming Draft Procedural By-law to allow for planning reports seeking Council approval to by-pass Committee of the Whole and go directly onto a Council agenda.

CARRIED

Resolution No 190-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council direct staff to amend clause 16 in the Procedural By-law to state that the annual address shall occur in January.

CARRIED

Resolution No 191-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council direct staff amend the title of the Clause 98 to “Annual Land Acknowledgement Ceremony.

CARRIED

L.3 Info List #09-23 Item B - Municipality of Waterloo re: Municipal Election Protecting Privacy of Candidates

Resolution No 192-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council supports the Municipality of Waterloo's resolution re: Municipal Election Protecting Privacy of Candidates.

CARRIED

M. BY-LAWS

M.1 Bylaw 23-030 Appointment Treasurer - Davis

Resolution No 193-23

Moved by Councillor Souter

Seconded by Councillor Lowe

THAT Council pass by-law 23-030 being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills to appoint Kathy Davis as Treasurer be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council.

CARRIED

N. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

N.1 Ottawa River Power Corp (ORPC) Letter of Support to Ministry of Energy

STAFF DIRECTION - to gather more information from ORPC

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

O.1 Proclamation - June is Pride Month

Resolution No 194-23

Moved by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Lowe

WHEREAS the Municipality of Mississippi Mills supports the rights of every citizen to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS all people regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, genetic characteristics, or disability have the right to be treated based on their intrinsic value as human beings; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Mississippi Mills accepts and welcomes people of diverse backgrounds and believes a diverse population leads to a more vibrant community; and

WHEREAS the Two-Spirited, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersexual, Asexual, and other-oriented (2SLGBTQIA+) communities contribute to the cultural, civic, and economic successes of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills; and

WHEREAS while our society is slowly embracing new definitions of sexuality and gender, we must also acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS to acknowledge the efforts to bring awareness to the continuing evolution of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride movement, the Municipality of Mississippi Mills will display the Progress Pride Flag, representing light, healing, sun, calmness, art, and spirit, in the municipality for the month of June.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Mayor Lowry, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as “June is PRIDE Month” in Mississippi Mills, and encourage our residents to reflect on the ongoing struggle for equality that members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community face and to celebrate their contributions that enhance our municipality.

CARRIED

P. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution No 195-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Minnille
Seconded by Councillor Torrance

THAT By-law 23-031 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 23rd day of May 2023, be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council this 23rd day of May 2023.

CARRIED

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No 196-23

Moved by Councillor Ferguson
Seconded by Councillor Torrance

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

CARRIED

Christa Lowry, MAYOR

Jeanne Harfield, Clerk