



The Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills
Special Committee of the Whole Meeting
Minutes

November 24, 2020
1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Municipal Office
3131 Old Perth Road

Committee Present: Mayor Lowry
Deputy Mayor Minnille
Councillor Dalgity
Councillor Maydan
Councillor Holmes
Councillor Guerard
Councillor Ferguson

Staff Present: Ken Kelly, CAO
Cynthia Moyle, Acting Clerk
Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk
Rhonda Whitmarsh, Treasurer
Chad Brown, Fire Chief
Tiffany MacLaren, Community and Culture Coordinator
Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager
Cory Smith, A/Director of Roads and Public Works

A. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Dalgity called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Dalgity declared a conflict of interest on the Daycare operations budget as his daughter is employed by the Daycare.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion No CW186-20

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Guerard

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

D. SPECIAL REPORTS

D.1 Budget Survey Results

Treasure Whitmarsh provided an overview of the survey results.

Council recessed at 2:47 p.m.

Council resumed at 3:00 p.m.

Motion No CW187-20

Moved by Mayor Lowry

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Committee of the Whole recommends Council accept the 2021 Budget Survey results as information.

CARRIED

D.2 Funding for Ramsay Recreational Halls

Motion No CW188-20

Moved by Mayor Lowry

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT Committee of the Whole recommends Council approve annual funding for years 2021, 2022 and 2023 as follows:

Union Hall - \$5,500; and

Clayton Hall - \$14,500;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT, funding for the Ramsay Recreational Halls is conditional upon entering into formal funding agreements between the Municipality of Mississippi Mills and the respective Ramsay Recreational Hall outlining their financial contributions.

CARRIED

D.3 2021 Funding for Mississippi Mills Museums

Councillor Holmes declared a pecuniary interest on item D.4 2021 Funding for Mississippi Mills Museum as she sits on the North Lanark Regional Museum of Directors and did not participate in discussion or vote regarding this item.

Motion No CW189-20

Moved by Mayor Lowry

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT Committee of the Whole recommends Council approve the 2021 annual funding for Mississippi Mills Museums as follows:

North Lanark Regional Museum (NLRM) - \$26,780;

Mississippi Valley Textile Museum (MVTM) - \$69,345; and

Mill of Kintail Museums (JNM & RTMM) - \$12,220,

which is formulated based on their 2020 funding plus a 2% CPI increase;

AND THAT, municipal funding for all Mississippi Mills Museums be reviewed once the Conservation Authority's working group has completed their review of the Mill of Kintail Museums;

AND THAT FURTHERMORE, the museum funding is conditional upon entering into formal funding agreements between the Municipality of Mississippi Mills and the respective museums detailing financial contributions, in-kind services from the Municipality, identifying specific objectives and performance measures required of the museums including annual reporting on visitors.

CARRIED

North Lanark Regional Museum

Motion No CW190-20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Minnille

Seconded by Mayor Lowry

THAT Committee of the Whole recommends Council approve an interest free loan to the North Lanark Regional Museum (NLRM) in the amount of \$13,500, repayable over three years;

AND THAT, if North Lanark Regional Museum defaults on their loan payments, the Municipality will withhold their annual allocation until the loan has been repaid in full.

CARRIED

D.4 County of Lanark Report re: Last Mile Broadband Internet

Motion No CW191-20

Moved by Mayor Lowry

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT Committee of the Whole accept the report from County of Lanark re: Last Mile Broadband Internet, as information.

CARRIED

Finance and Administration

D.5 2021 Budget

Treasurer Whitmarsh provided an overview of the changes in the draft 2021 Budget since the last meeting.

The resulting tax revenue increase for the Municipality after growth of 2%, is 4.52%.

Water and Sewer rates are also budgeted to increase by 3.04%

Budget Shortfall	\$3,487,445
Changes to departmental operating budgets	(\$160,074)
Capital budget changes	(\$3,750,680)
Increase in transfers to reserves for future capital	\$531,749
Increase the capital budget for road work	\$108,440
Increase tax revenue as a result of growth (2%)	(\$216,880)
Increase operating budgets for new staffing effective June 1, 2021 (IT, HR, Communications)	\$48,090
Increase operating budgets for office modifications, office equipment, training, etc.	\$74,070
Increase the capital budget for a Transportation Master Plan less applicable development charges	\$15,500
Increase the operating budget for broadband	\$27,125
Increase taxation revenue above growth	(\$164,785)
Revised shortfall	\$0

Motion No CW192-20

Moved by Councillor Maydan

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT the Committee of the Whole extends the meeting length by one hour.

CARRIED

Councillor Dalgity turned the Chair over to Mayor Lowry for the Daycare Operational Budget portion of the meeting.

Motion No CW193-20

Moved by Councillor Maydan

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Committee of the Whole recommends Council accept the Daycare Operational Budget as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor Dalgity resumed as Chair.

Motion No CW194-20

Moved by Councillor Maydan

Seconded by Mayor Lowry

THAT Committee of the Whole recommends Council accept the 2021 Budget, excluding Daycare Operational Budget, as amended.

CARRIED

E. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

E.1 Verbal Notice of Motion

Councillor Guerard provided a verbal notice of motion regarding Joint Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement payments with the formal wording to appear at the December 1, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting when the motion will be debated.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion No CW195-20

Moved by Councillor Maydan

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

CARRIED

Cynthia Moyle, ACTING CLERK