



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

May 3, 2022

The following is the Committee of the Whole report from the May 3, 2022, meeting.

Consent Reports

E.1 Consent Reports and Committee Minutes. **Resolution No CW126-22**

THAT the following consent reports and committee minutes be received as information:

E.1 Drinking Water Quality Management Standard Report - Q1

E.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee - March 16, 2022

Staff Reports

F.1 Agreement with West Carleton Snowmobile Club **Resolution No. CW127-22**

THAT Council authorize staff to enter into an agreement with the West Carleton Snowmobile Club for the use of road allowances for snowmobile trails.

F.2 2022 Tax Rate By-law **Resolution No. CW128-22**

THAT Council enacts and passes By-Law 22-027 Tax Rates 2022.

F.4 Disconnecting from Work Policy **Resolution No. CW129-22**

THAT Council approve the Disconnecting from Work Policy attached to comply with Bill 27, Working for Workers Act 2021.

F.5 Appointments to Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee **Resolution No. CW130-22**

THAT Phil Hogan, Paul Howard and Richard Bennett be appointed to the Joint Lanark County Compliance Audit Committee for the term November 15, 2022 to November 14, 2026 to deal with applications from the 2022 Election and any by-elections during the next Council term.

**F.6 Amendment to the Procedural By-law, Inaugural Meeting
Resolution No. CW131-22**

THAT Council amend Schedule A – Inaugural Meeting of Procedural By-law 19-127.

**F.7 Director of Development Services and Engineering Job
Description and Appointment of Hiring Committee
Resolution No. CW133-22**

THAT Council approve the job description for the Director of Development Services and Engineering and appoint Councillor Ferguson, Councillor Dalgity, and Mayor Lowry to the Hiring Committee.

Information Items

**H.5 Info List Item b. City of St. Catharines resolution re: Response
to Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force**

Pulled by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council endorses the resolution from St.Catharines regarding recommendations relating to the Housing Affordability Task Force;

AND THAT Council's resolution be shared with St. Catharine's, the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and local Members of Provincial Parliament.

**H.5 Info List Item c. Letter from Solicitor General re: Update to
standards of care for outdoor dogs**

Pulled by Councillors Holmes and Ferguson

THAT Council direct the staff to review the updated standards to the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019 (PAWS Act) and see if any updates are required to the current Animal Control Bylaw.

Other/New Business

**I.1 Proclamation - June is Pride Month
Resolution No. CW135-22**

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 on the basis of 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 and + (2SLGBTQ+) communities contribute to the cultural, civic and economic successes of the municipality of Mississippi Mills; and

WHEREAS while we as a society at large are 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 to the 2SLGBTQ+ Pride movement, the Municipality of Mississippi Mills will display the Progress Pride Flag, representing light, healing, sun, calmness, art and spirit, in front of Almonte Old Town Hall for the month of June.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Mayor Lowry, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as “June is PRIDE Month” in the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, and encourage our residents to reflect on the ongoing struggle for equality members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community face and to celebrate the contributions that enhance our municipality.

I.2 Proclamation – World Oceans Day - June 8, 2022

Resolution No. CW136-22

WHEREAS, Wednesday, June 8, 2022, is the 30th annual World Ocean’s Day. World Oceans Day is the United Nations day for celebrating the role of the ocean in everyday life and inspiring action to protect it.

WHEREAS, Countries around the world, including Canada as a prominent leader, have committed to protecting 30% of their ocean territory by 2030 in order to reverse nature loss in the ocean and safeguard at-risk marine life.

WHEREAS, The ocean is home to hundreds of species at risk, vulnerable ecosystems, and is a crucial carbon sink shielding us from the worst of climate change.

WHEREAS, The ocean produces over half of the world’s oxygen and absorbs 50 times more carbon dioxide than our atmosphere. Therefore protecting the ocean is in the interest of all life on Earth, and communities both coastal and inland, as it is essential to our shared future.

WHEREAS, It is the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada, under various pieces of legislation and regulation, to establish marine protected areas in consultation with Indigenous Peoples. Many Indigenous nations and communities are leading in the conservation of the ocean, and have been stewards of the ocean since time immemorial.

WHEREAS, It is important for municipal leaders to demonstrate support for actions to safeguard the ocean, as they have for action on climate change and other environmental matters of national importance.

WHEREAS, In celebrating the ocean, and protecting its habitats and ecosystems, we can together raise the profile of ocean conservation's critical role in improving planetary health and slowing the crisis of species collapse and ecosystem decline.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mississippi Mills recognizes the 30th anniversary of World Oceans Day on June 8th, 2022 and supports national and international efforts to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Councillor Jan Maydan,
Committee of the Whole Chair

Jeanne Harfield,
Clerk