



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills**

**Special Council Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**September 29, 2020**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers, Municipal Office**

**3131 Old Perth Road**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lowry  
Deputy Mayor Minnille  
Councillor Dalgity  
Councillor Maydan  
Councillor Holmes  
Councillor Guerard  
Councillor Ferguson

**Staff Present** Ken Kelly, CAO  
Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lowry called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**B. ATTENDANCE**

All of Council in attendance.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution No 372-20**

**Moved by** Councillor Maydan

**Seconded by** Councillor Dalgity

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

**CARRIED**

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

None

**E. CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION**

None

**F. RISE AND REPORT**

None

**G. DELEGATION, DEPUTATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

None

**H. PUBLIC MEETINGS**

None

**I. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**I.1 2020-2023 Strategic Plan**

CAO Ken Kelly summarized the purpose of the Strategic Plan, Council's role in the process, the 13 priorities, and the summary of consultation with the public. The Mayor opened the floor for discussion and comments.

Comments included:

- Feedback from public consultation missing the Youth perspective
- Strategic Plan extends past the term of council
- Infrastructure and long term financial plan important items
- Economic development should be refocused
- Gaps in the public comments from certain demographics
- Lack of cell phone and broadband service still a big issue in rural areas
- 13 priorities should be prioritized to address staffing gaps, financial situation, and needs and wants
- Projects will be completed internally and by external consultants
- COVID 19 impact on municipality and agriculture should be addressed
- Strat plan more Almonte centered, excluding rural areas

- Public consultation to continue to determine public preference with further discussions

**Resolution No 373-20**

**Moved by** Councillor Holmes

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Minnille

**THAT** considering Strategic Plan Priority item 12, Economic and Branding Plan, the conversation reflects the current and future affects and realities of COVID 19.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No 374-20**

**Moved by** Councillor Holmes

**Seconded by** Councillor Ferguson

**THAT** considering Strategic Plan Priority item 12, Economic and Branding Plan, discussions reflect the agriculture and local food systems as a priority.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No 375-20**

**Moved by** Councillor Holmes

**Seconded by** Councillor Dalgity

**THAT** considering the Strategic Plan Priority item 10, Communications and Engagement Plan, discussions include strategies to engage Youth.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No 376-20**

**Moved by** Councillor Dalgity

**Seconded by** Councillor Holmes

**THAT** the strategic planning process identifies age friendly (including youth), rural, agriculture, COVID-19 and environmental impact items be considered where applicable.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No 377-20**

**Moved by** Councillor Holmes

**Seconded by** Councillor Maydan

**THAT** communications be issued thanking the public for their valuable input and explaining the Strategic Plan process, including other opportunities for public engagement. Each respondent shall receive this communication directly.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No**

**Moved by** Councillor Maydan

**Seconded by** Councillor Guerard

**THAT** Council accept this report with the results of the public consultation as information;

**AND THAT** Council approve the Strategic Plan 2020-23 as amended for implementation

**WITHDRAWN**

**Resolution No 378-20**

**Moved by** Councillor Maydan

**Seconded by** Councillor Dalgity

**THAT** Council accept this report with the results of the public consultation as information;

**AND THAT** Council approve the Strategic Plan 2020-23 as amended.

**CARRIED**

**J. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**Resolution No 379-20**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Minnille

**Seconded by** Councillor Dalgity

**THAT** By-law 20-088, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills at its special meeting held on the 29th day of September, 2020, be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council this 29th day of September, 2020.

**CARRIED**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No 380-20**

**Moved by** Councillor Dalgity

**Seconded by** Councillor Ferguson

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Christa Lowry, MAYOR

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Jennifer Russell, DEPUTY CLERK