



**The Municipality of Mississippi Mills**

**Council Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**May 17, 2022**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Hybrid**

**3131 Old Perth Road.**

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

ABSENT: Councillor Holmes

VACATED: Councillor Guerard – Vacated Meeting Room at 5:52 pm.

Staff Present Ken Kelly, CAO  
Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk  
Jeanne Harfield, Clerk  
Jeff Letourneau, Director of Corporate Services & Treasurer  
Melanie Knight, Senior Planner  
Cory Smith, A/Director of Public Works  
Tiffany MacLaren, Community Economic & Cultural Coordinator

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lowry called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Mayor Lowry reminded Council that as per the Municipal Act requires that all municipalities to adopt a code of conduct. Section 11 c) of the Code of Conduct states that Members shall comply with all applicable legislation, by-laws and Municipal policies, including this Code of Conduct. Mayor Lowry then paused to

allow any Member of Council the opportunity to leave the meeting should they feel they are in breach of the Code of Conduct. No one left.

Deputy Mayor called a point of privilege on Councillor Guerard for breach of corporate policy which calls into question the integrity of Council.

As per section 186 of the Procedural By-law after hearing the point of privilege, Mayor Lowry ruled that Councillor Guerard is required to apologise. Councillor Guerard did not apologize. As per section 188 of the Procedural By-law failing an apology the member is required to vacate the meeting room.

Mayor Lowry called a recess at 5:38 pm and resumed at 5:51 pm

Councillor Guerard did not appeal the ruling of the Chair immediately and was ordered to vacate the meeting room for the duration of the meeting.

Councillor Guerard left Council Chambers at 5:52 pm

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution No 165-22**

**Moved by** Councillor Dalgity

**Seconded by** Councillor Ferguson

**THAT** Council enter into an in camera session at 5:53 pm as per a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (Municipal Act s. 239(2)(c)) and personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Municipal Act s. 239 (2)(b)).

**CARRIED**

**C. RISE AND REPORT**

**C.1 Land Sale Negotiations**

Staff direction was provided in camera.

**C.2 MRPC Sole Shareholder representative for AGM**

**Resolution No 166-22**

**Moved by** Councillor Dalgity

**Seconded by** Councillor Ferguson

**THAT** Council appoint Councillor Maydan as the sole shareholder representative to the Mississippi River Power Corporation AGM.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No 167-22**

**Moved by** Councillor Dalgity

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Minnille

**THAT** Council direct Councillor Maydan to receive the 2021 MRPC financial statement during the MRPC AGM.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No 168-22**

**Moved by** Councillor Ferguson

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Minnille

**THAT** Council direct Councillor Maydan that KPMG LLP be appointed the auditors of the Corporation to hold office until the next annual meeting of the shareholder.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No 169-22**

**Moved by** Councillor Dalgity

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Minnille

**THAT** Council direct Councillor Maydan to elect Adrian Foster and Lyman Gardiner to hold office as directors of the Corporations until the close of the 2023 annual meeting of MRPC.

**CARRIED**

**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 170-22**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Minnille

**Seconded by** Councillor Maydan

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

**CARRIED**

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

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No 171-22**

**Moved by** Councillor Ferguson

**Seconded by** Councillor Dalgity

**THAT** the Council minutes dated May 3, 2022 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

None

**K. PUBLIC MEETINGS**

None

**L. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

**Resolution No 172-22**

**Moved by** Councillor Maydan

**Seconded by** Councillor Dalgity

**THAT** Council approve the Committee of the Whole motions from the May 3, 2022 meeting.

**CARRIED**

**L.1 Consent Reports and Committee Minutes**

**Resolution No 173-22**

**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

**CARRIED**

**L.2 Agreement with West Carleton Snowmobile Club**

**Resolution No 174-22**

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

**CARRIED**

**L.3 2022 Tax Rate By-law**

**Resolution No 175-22**

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

**CARRIED**

**L.4 Disconnecting from Work Policy**

**Resolution No 176-22**

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

**CARRIED**

**L.5 Appointments to Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee**

**Resolution No 177-22**

**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.

**CARRIED**

**L.6 Amendment to the Procedural By-law, Inaugural Meeting**

**Resolution No 178-22**

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

**CARRIED**

**L.7 Director of Development Services and Engineering Job Description and Appointment of Hiring Committee**

**Resolution No 179-22**

**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.

**CARRIED**

**L.8 Info List Item b. City of St. Catharines resolution re: Response to Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force**

**Resolution No 180-22**

**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.

**CARRIED**

**L.9 Info List Item c. Letter from Solicitor General re: Update to standards of care for outdoor dogs**

**Resolution No 181-22**

**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.

**CARRIED**

**L.10 Proclamation - June is Pride Month**

**Resolution No 182-22**

**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.

**CARRIED**

**L.11 Proclamation – World Oceans Day - June 8, 2022**

**Resolution No 183-22**

**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.

**CARRIED**

**M. OTHER / NEW BUSINESS**

**M.1 Proclamation - Shriners International 150th Anniversary**

**Resolution No 184-22**

**Moved by** Councillor Ferguson

**Seconded by** Councillor Maydan

**WHEREAS**, Shriners International is a well-known fraternity dedicated towards fun, fellowship and philanthropy with 200,000 members belonging to over 200 chapters throughout Canada, the United States, Mexico, Republic of Panama, Philippines, Europe and South America; and

**WHEREAS**, its members support 27 Children's Hospitals and Treatment Centres, including a hospital in Montreal, with a one-of-a-kind international paediatric specialty health care system that was founded by the Shriners fraternity in 1922 and provides all care regardless of the cost to patients or their families; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and appropriate to acknowledge and celebrate this wonderful fraternity and its rich history on June 6<sup>th</sup>, the anniversary of the day Imperial Council of Shriners International was founded.

**THEREFORE**, I, Christa Lowry Mayor of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills Ontario, do hereby proclaim Monday, June 6, 2022, as Shriners International 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day.

**CARRIED**

**N. BY-LAWS**

**Resolution No 185-22**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Minnille

**Seconded by** Councillor Dalgity

**THAT** By-laws 22-027 to 22-032 be taken as read, passed, signed, and sealed in Open Council.

**CARRIED**

**N.1 By-law 22-027 Tax Rates 2022**

**Resolution No 186-22**

**THAT** By-law 22-027 being a by-law to adopt the estimates for the sums required during the year 2022 for the general and special purposes of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills and to establish tax rates be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council.

**CARRIED**

**N.2 By-law 22-028 Procedural By-law Amendment (Inaugural Meeting)(Amends 19-127)**

**Resolution No 187-22**

**THAT** By-law 22-028, being a by-law to amend Procedural By-law 19-127, be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council.

**CARRIED**

**N.3 By-law 22-029 Livestock Valuers & Remuneration**

**Resolution No 188-22**

**THAT** By-law 22-029 being a by-law to appoint Livestock Valuers and for fixing their remuneration be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council.

**CARRIED**

**N.4 Bylaw 22-030 Part Lot Control -Bracewell - 27M-99, Block 26**

**Resolution No 189-22**

**THAT** By-law 22-030 being a by-law to remove certain lands know as 27M-99 Block 26 from the part-lot control provisions of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 (The 'Act') be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council.

**CARRIED**

**N.5 Bylaw 22-031 Part Lot Control -Bracewell - 27M-99, Block 27**

**Resolution No 190-22**

**THAT** By-law 22-031 being a by-law to remove certain lands know as 27M-99 Block 27 from the part-lot control provisions of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 (The 'Act') be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council.

**CARRIED**

**N.6 Bylaw 22-032 Part Lot Control -Bracewell - 27M-99, Block 28**

**Resolution No 191-22**

**THAT** By-law 22-032 being a by-law to remove certain lands know as 27M-99 Block 28 from the part-lot control provisions of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 (The 'Act') be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council.

**CARRIED**

**O. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS**

Councillor Dalgity - Memorial Wall at Veterans Walkway has been completed

**P. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**Resolution No 192-22**

**Moved by** Councillor Maydan

**Seconded by** Councillor Dalgity

**THAT** By-law 22-033 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 17th day of May 2022, be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council this 17th day of May 2022.

**CARRIED**

**Q.    ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No 193-22**

**Moved by** Councillor Ferguson

**Seconded by** Councillor Dalgity

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Christa Lowry, MAYOR

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Jeanne Harfield, Clerk