



**PRESCOTT TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Monday, August 22, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

360 Dibble St. W.

Prescott, Ontario

Present	Mayor Brett Todd, Councillor Leanne Burton, Councillor Lee McConnell, Councillor Mike Ostrander, Councillor Gauri Shankar, Councillor Ray Young
Staff	Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, Nathan Richard, Director of Operations, Lindsey Veltkamp, Director of Administration/Clerk, Dana Valentyne, Economic Development Officer, Kaitlin Mallory, Deputy Clerk
Guests	Samantha Gatchene and Nadia De Santi, WSP Consulting.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Todd began the meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting on aboriginal land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples.

In particular, we acknowledge the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Anishinabek, and the Oneida and Haudenosaunee Peoples.

He then called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion 179-2022

Moved By Ostrander

Seconded By Young

That the agenda for the Council meeting of August 22, 2022 be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were expressed.

4. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Minutes of the previous Council meetings

6.1 July 18, 2022

Motion 180-2022

Moved By Burton

Seconded By Shankar

That the Council minutes dated July 18, 2022, be accepted as presented.

Carried

6.2 July 28, 2022 - Tri-Council Minutes

Motion 181-2022

Moved By Ostrander

Seconded By Burton

That the Tri-Council minutes dated July 28, 2022, be accepted as presented.

Carried

7. Communications & Petitions

There were no items under communications & petitions.

8. Consent Reports

Motion 182-2022

Moved By Shankar

Seconded By Ostrander

That all items listed under the Consent Reports section of the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

Councillor Burton spoke to Item 4 - Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit Weekly Zoom Call Notes, Planet Youth Initiative, and Item 9 - Township of Puslinch resolution of support re: Bill 109 More Homes for Everyone Act and requested that staff bring a resolution of support to the Council meeting of September 6, 2022, regarding Planet Youth Initiative and Bill 109 More Homes for Everyone Act for further discussion and consideration.

8.1 Information Package (under separate cover)

1. Approved BIA Committee Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2022
2. United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Media Release re: Tender Awarded for Athens Long-Term Care Facility – July 18, 2022
3. United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Media Release re: Council Highlights – July 22, 2022
4. Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit Weekly Zoom Call Notes – July 15, 2022
5. Ontario Energy Board Notice to Enbridge Gas – Natural Gas Rates Increase
6. Municipality of Huron Shores resolution of support re: Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program
7. City of Brantford resolution of support re: Potential Threat to Residential Home Ownership
8. City of Brantford resolution of support re: Seeking Prosperity and Partnership with Indigenous Nations and a Timely Resolution of Haldimand Tract Land Dispute
9. Township of Puslinch resolution of support re: Bill 109 More Homes for Everyone Act
10. Township of Port Hope resolution of support re: Bill 109 More Homes for Everyone Act
11. Municipality of Magnetawan resolution of support re: Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association Paramedic Modernization, Expanding Amber Alert Systems and Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program
12. Town of Aylmer resolution of support re: Increased Funding for Health Units for Local Responses to Extreme Heat and Cold Events
13. Town of Hanover resolution of support re: Physician Shortages in Ontario

8.2 Staff Report 76-2022 - Alzheimer's Society Toll Road Fundraiser

Recommended motion:

That Council approve the request from Alzheimer Society Lanark Leeds Grenville to hold a Toll Road Fundraiser on September 17 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on King Street.

Carried

8.3 Staff Report 77-2022 - Financial Report - July 2022

Recommended motion:

For information.

8.4 Staff Report 78-2022 - Tri-Council - Direction

Recommended motion:

That Council receive Staff report 78-2022 for information and endorse the creation of a steering committee for physician recruitment efforts; and

That the Council endorse the creation of a Tri Municipal website.

Carried

Motion 183-2022

Moved by Shankar

Seconded by Young

That Councillor Leanne Burton be named as a representative of the Town of Prescott on the Steering Committee for Physician Recruitment.

Carried

9. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

10. Mayor

There was nothing to report under the Mayor's portion.

11. Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

Councillor Burton had nothing to report.

Councillor McConnell spoke to the cancellation of the final St. Lawrence Shakespeare production, the retirement of the Prescott Public Library Librarian Jane McGuire, and welcomed Anne Gillard as the new Chief Librarian. He also made note of Joe Muise's retirement from the Prescott Public Library Board and welcomed Karen Hume as the new chair.

Councillor Ostrander spoke to his assistance with the Sunday Night Concert Series and noted its final show this coming Sunday. He also spoke to the upcoming Food for all Food Bank Annual fundraising gala.

Councillor Shankar spoke to welcoming the Spyder Motorcycle Club event to Prescott, the vulnerable individual on King Street, and construction on King Street. Councillor Shankar acknowledged and thanked Mayor Todd, Councillor Jansman, and Councillor Ostrander for their years of service on Town Council.

Councillor Young spoke to his attendance at the Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Annual General Meeting held in Westport and referenced the changes and dividend payment. He also spoke to the unveiling of the plaque in memory of Joanne Crack.

Mayor Todd spoke to the plaque dedication ceremony in memory of Joanne Crack held on August 10, 2022, the upcoming Labour Day concert with the Upper Canada Musicians Union at the Kinsmen Amphitheatre on Monday, September 5, 2022, and thanked Al Torrence and the Upper Canada Musicians Union.

12. Staff

12.1 Staff Report 79-2022 - Official Plan Approval

Motion 184-2022

Moved By Burton

Seconded By Young

That Council adopt the Town of Prescott Official Plan; and

That the Official Plan be forwarded as adopted, along with the “Record” as required under the *Ontario Planning Act*, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for final approval.

Carried

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer spoke to the report. He referenced the Provincial Policy Statement, its incorporation into the plan and the implications of the COVID Pandemic.

Mr. Armstrong spoke to the public meetings held, the final changes incorporated, and the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committees for Council to approve the Official Plan, and the next steps. He provided Council with an overview of the highlighted changes, and the new subsections including Natural Heritage, Active Transportation, Urban Agriculture and Indigenous Engagement.

Nadia De Santi, WSP Consulting, spoke to the process and the final document.

Discussion was held regarding the process involved, the hard work of Council and Staff, and the completeness of the document.

Further discussion was held regarding the lengthiness of the process, the public input received, and the required provincial guidelines in the plan.

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer thanked Council, members of the public, attendees of the open house, the Town's Economic Development Officer, Dana Valentyne, and WSP Consulting.

Discussion was held regarding the community involvement, the readability of the document, and the provincial focuses.

Further discussion was held regarding housing density, bettering the quality of life, and final steps of submitting to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval and reviewing zoning by-law in 2023.

Samantha Gatchene & Nadia De Santi left the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

12.2 Staff Report 80-2022 - Museum Update and Fall Opening Hours

Motion 185-2022

Moved By Shankar
Seconded By Young

That Council approve the request for the Museum and Visitor Centre to remain open from September through to December 17, 2022, Thursdays to Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Carried

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, spoke to the report. He referenced the number of visitors, the merchandise for sale, and first year outcomes. He spoke to digitizing the collection, the future plans for the displays, and the continuation of a seasonal position to keep the museum open.

Discussion was held regarding the number of visitors, the uniqueness of the collection, and working with local schools in the fall to offer tours of the museum.

Councillor Burton thanked Samantha Joudoin-Miller, Manager of Community Services, for creating and providing loot bags for the Spyder Motorcycle Club.

Further discussion was held regarding the potential hours following December 17 and preparations for the 2023 season including the option of an online sales portal.

Mayor Todd acknowledged Fraser Laschinger's invaluable role with the museum, his passion for the area's history and thanked him for his service. He also spoke to incorporating indigenous displays and partnering with Parks Canada.

12.3 Staff Report 81-2022 - Pedestrian Crossing Evaluation and Options Update

Motion 186-2022

Moved By Young
Seconded By Burton

That Council direct Staff to proceed with the following intersection recommendations:

1. Installation of a PXO Type B pedestrian crosswalk at King and Centre Street at a cost of \$16,000.
2. Installation of a PXO Type B pedestrian crosswalk at King and George Street at a cost of \$21,600.
3. Relocate the PXO Type B pedestrian crosswalk at King and St. Lawrence Street to the west side of the intersection with rapid flashing lights as previously approved.

CARRIED on a division of 5 YEAS and 1 NAY, as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Burton, McConnell, Ostrander, Shankar, and Young

NAYS: Mayor Todd

Nathan Richard, Director of Operations, spoke to the report. He referenced the past reports that came before Council regarding the crossings, the detailed quotes provided, and an additional quote to come before Council at a later date for the intersection located at Edward and Irvine Street. He spoke to the sight lines that had already been improved along King Street.

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, spoke to the audible crossings on King and Centre Street and George and King Street intersections.

Dana Valentyne, Economic Development Officer, joined the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding maintaining the sightlines, the removal of the bollards during the winter season, and a by-law information blitz.

Councillor McConnell temporarily left the meeting at 7:16 p.m. due to connectivity issues.

Mr. Richard spoke to the cost of the PXO Type B pedestrian Crosswalk at King and George Street, and moving the crosswalk to the west side of the intersection at King and St. Lawrence.

Councillor McConnell rejoined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding ensuring the consistency of equipment and signage at each intersection.

Further discussion was held regarding four-way stops and parking concerns on Edward and King Street.

12.4 Staff Report 82-2022 - Support Services Available to Vulnerable Individuals

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, spoke to the report. He provided an overview of steps taken when there are homelessness situations. He referenced the different agencies engaged in providing services to vulnerable persons.

Discussion was held regarding the resources available, the on-going situation, increasingly visible situations, and the need for more support for mental health and addictions.

13. Resolutions

There were no items under resolutions.

14. By-laws

14.1 Official Plan Adoption

Motion 187-2022

Moved By Young

Seconded By Burton

That By-Law 37-2022, being a by-law to authorize Council to adopt an Official Plan and submit it to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval, be read and passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed by the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

15. New Business

Councillor McConnell spoke to the removal of the Lawn Bowling Club Staff Report and to the history of the club, the continuation of the club, and the need for volunteers.

16. Notices of Motion

There were no items under Notice of Motion.

17. Mayor's Proclamation

There were no Mayoral Proclamations.

18. Closed Session

Motion 188-2022

Moved By Shankar

Seconded By Young

That Council move into Closed Session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

18.1 Approval of Closed Session Minutes

18.2 Purchase & Sale

- Under Section 239(2)(c) of the *Municipal Act* - a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality; and

That the CAO, Clerk, Director of Operations, Deputy Clerk, and Economic Development Officer remain in the room.

Carried

Motion 189-2022

Moved By Shankar

Seconded By Ostrander

That Council reconvene in Open Session. (Time: 8:31 p.m.)

Carried

19. Rise and Report

During the Closed Session Council approved Item 18.1 - Approval of the Closed Session minutes and provided staff direction on four purchase and sale matters under Item 18.2.

20. Confirming By-Law – 38-2022

Motion 190-2022

Moved By Ostrander
Seconded By Shankar

That By-Law 38-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on August 22, 2022, be read and passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed by the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

21. Adjournment

Motion 191-2022


Moved By Ostrander
Seconded By Burton

That the meeting be adjourned to Tuesday, September 6, 2022. (Time:8:33 p.m.)

Carried



Mayor



Clerk