

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RENFREW

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew held in the Council Chambers on Monday, January 10th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m..

PRESENT WERE Mayor Ringrose
Reeve Green

COUNCILLORS Anderson, Cole, Evans, McWhirter, Miller

ALSO PRESENT Clerk Bulmer, Treasurer O'Reilly, Director Asselin,
Director Whitman-McKie, Chief Longtin

Media (Mercury, MyFm, Cogeco)

I. CALLING THE ROLE

II. OPENING PRAYER

Councillor Miller opened the regular meeting of Council with Prayer.

III. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Miller expressed his opinion that he felt that Councillor McWhirter had a conflict and should declare it relating to the agenda item regarding the Recreation Master Plan.

Councillor McWhirter felt otherwise and did not declare a pecuniary interest relating to any of the agenda items.

IV. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

V. CONFIRMING OF MINUTES

2011 - 1 - 10

MOVED by Councillor McWhirter, Councillor Evans

THAT the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Council held December 6th, 2010, be adopted as printed.

- CARRIED -

2011 - 1 - 2

MOVED by Councillor Evans, Councillor Cole

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 13th, 2010, be adopted as printed.

- CARRIED -

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

Renata G. Mathys, 22 Dovetail Road, Wilno, ON

2011- 1 - 3

MOVED by Councillor Cole, Councillor Evans

THAT the correspondence from Renata G. Mathys dated December 18th, 2010, requesting improvements to the road surface of Prince Avenue West, between Lochiel Street South and Bonnechere Street South, be received and referred to the Development & Works Committee.

- CARRIED -

Renfrew & Area Seniors' Home Support

2011 - 1 - 4

MOVED by Councillor Cole, Councillor Evans

THAT the correspondence from Renfrew & Area Seniors' Home Support dated December 21st, 2010, requesting consideration for financial support from the Town of Renfrew in 2011, be received and referred to the Finance Committee.

- CARRIED -

Township of Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards

2011 - 1 - 5

MOVED by Councillor McWhirter, Councillor Evans

THAT the correspondence from the Township of Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards dated December 22nd, 2010, and attached resolution requesting the Province of Ontario to freeze hydro rates until such time as a thorough review of the current charges that are being imposed on hydro customers can be conducted, be received and supported.

- CARRIED -

Renfrew Winter Carnival Committee

2011 - 1 - 6

MOVED by Councillor Evans, Councillor Cole

THAT the correspondence from the Renfrew Winter Carnival Committee dated January 4th, 2011, be received and that Renfrew Town Council add it's support by asking that all applicable Town Departments work with the Committee to fulfill the various requests for approval and assistance.

- CARRIED -

VII. REPORTS

2011 - 1 - 7

MOVED by Reeve Green, Councillor Miller

THAT By-Law 1-2011, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of funds from time to time in order to meet current expenditures, be read a first time and be deemed to have been read a second time.

- CARRIED -

VII. REPORTS cont'd

2011 - 1 - 8

MOVED by Councillor Anderson, Councillor Miller

THAT By-Law 1-2011, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of funds from time to time in order to meet current expenditures, be read a third time and be passed.

- CARRIED -

2011 - 1 - 9

MOVED by Reeve Green, Councillor Anderson

THAT Renfrew Town Council receive Clerk Bulmer's report dated January 4th, 2011, regarding the 2010 Municipal Election, including an accessibility component.

- CARRIED -

VIII. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

IX. BY-LAWS

B/L 1-2011 given three readings and passed.

X. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

General Discussion Items:

1) Recreation Master Plan - Council's Position on major plan components

- Mayor Ringrose introduced this discussion item, noting that the purpose of this evening's agenda was to not debate but instead to try to identify a smaller list of alternatives. Each Member of Council took an opportunity to speak personally to the Recreation Master Plan with the majority of the focus placed on the major capital components, being the development of an aquatic centre and a 2nd Ice Pad, and also the future of the current Recreation Centre.

Some key points raised by Council can be summarized as follows:

To advance either or both of the identified major capital items, a funding partnership (ie. federal/provincial) along with significant local fundraising is essential.

A sound financial plan needs to be established to ensure affordability and confidence.

A need to have some direction or commitment to design alternatives.

The need to have further significant public input into this process.

Two distinct alternatives arose out of these presentations:

- 1) **Proceeding to look at a joint Pool and 2nd Ice Pad Project and consideration to discontinue the use of the present Recreation Centre.**
- 2) **Proceeding to look at a joint Pool and 2nd Ice Pad Project while maintaining the operation of the present Recreation Centre.**

X. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS cont'd

General Discussion Items cont'd:

1) Recreation Master Plan cont'd

- It was decided that a single session would be held with the two major interest groups (Ma-te-way Aquatic Committee and the 2nd Ice Pad Committee) to discuss their future support and to hear their design preferences. This session will be scheduled for later in the month.
- Treasurer O'Reilly and Director Whitman-McKie will address Council at the January 24th, 2011 meeting to present both a financial and departmental perspective.

2) O.P.P. Relocation

- Mayor Ringrose advised that both himself and Councillor Anderson had attended a meeting in early December 2010 organized by the O.P.P. to explore local government partnerships to advance a new O.P.P. Detachment facility. Local partnerships seem to be the Province's preferred method as capital dollars aren't readily available, however, operating dollars in relation to a long-term lease commitment do not appear to be a problem. It is evident that the Renfrew O.P.P. Detachment will get a new facility in the near future ~ the questions is does the Town of Renfrew wish to continue to examine the viability of becoming involved? It was noted that the County of Renfrew also had representatives at the meeting and they appear quite interested. Through discussion and input from Members of Council, direction was given to Mayor Ringrose to investigate this opportunity further as there may be real benefits to the municipality.

3) Sullivan vs. Town of Renfrew - Final Report

- Clerk Bulmer provided Council with a very brief summary of this land/legal matter and advised that the file is finally closed. The Certificate of Pending Litigation placed on the property subject to the court proceedings brought forth by the Plaintiff (Murray Sullivan) have now been lifted. This action essentially places the property back into the Town's marketable land registry.
- Clerk Bulmer also took the opportunity to update Council on a 2009 land sale involving an approximately 2 acre parcel of land off of Froats Street. The buyer of this property (a numbered Ontario Company) has not fulfilled its obligations to develop under the Agreement of Purchase and therefore the Town is currently seeking reconveyance as agreed to in this same agreement.

4) Treasury Department's Hours of Operation

- Treasurer O'Reilly advised that the extended hours of operation put into place earlier in 2010 by the Treasury Department has worked well and continues to receive positive feedback. He informed Council that these hours of operation (Mon.-Fri. from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm) will continue.

X. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS cont'd

General Discussion Items cont'd:

Mayor's Item:

1) General Report/Update

Mayor Ringrose provided a verbal report on his past month's activities which included:

- Breakfast meeting with Renfrew Power Generation.
- Meeting with the Renfrew Industrial Commission.
- Met with Norm Lemke of the Renfrew & Area Health Services Village Committee.
- The Human Resource Committee met on January 5th and are scheduled to meet again on February 1st.
- Met with Clerk Bulmer to provide input on the 2011 Budget for Mayor/Council.
- Participated in the 2010 Lion's Club Santa Claus Parade.
- Taped a community Cogeco Program.
- Discussed with a local citizen the idea of establishing a branch of the Humane Society in Renfrew.

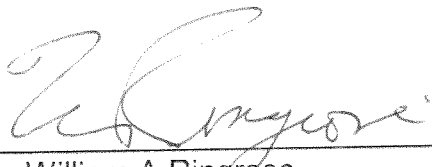
XI. ADJOURNMENT

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MOVED by Councillor Anderson, Councillor McWhirter

THAT we do now adjourn (Time of adjournment 9:23 p.m.).

- CARRIED -



MAYOR - William A Ringrose



CLERK - Kim R. Bulmer