

MINUTES

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CARLETON PLACE

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Randell
Deputy Mayor Tennant
Councillor Seccaspina
Councillor Atkinson
Councillor Comley
Councillor Cavanagh
Councillor Hinton

STAFF PRESENT: Diane Smithson, CAO
Stacey Blair, Clerk

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Randell read the Town's Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion No. 136 02-01

Moved by: Councillor Comley

Seconded by: Councillor Cavanagh

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council Minutes

Motion No. 136 02-02

Moved by: Councillor Hinton

Seconded by: Councillor Atkinson

THAT the Council Minutes dated January 14, 2025, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. **CONSENT REPORT**

Motion No. 136 02-03

Moved by: Councillor Cavanagh

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Tennant

THAT Council receive the Consent Report dated January 28, 2025:

1. Arena 1 Emergency Repairs Update (Communication 136001)

THAT Council receive the report from the Property and Project Manager on the emergency repairs to Arena 1's Refrigeration Plant Plate and Frame Chiller; and THAT the budget deviation of \$83,376.20 be funded through the 2024 year-end surplus, if any, or from the Strategic Reserve.

2. Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus - Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper

WHEREAS Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both new growth related infrastructure and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including local roads and bridges, clean water, wastewater, waste facilities, and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has calculated that Municipal Governments across Canada are responsible for approximately 60 percent of public infrastructure that supports our economy and quality of life, but only receive 10 cents of every tax dollar; and

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) region's capital infrastructure deficit has increased by 58 percent since 2011 and is now at \$6 billion, and growing; and

WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario Government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop and fully fund capital asset management plans by July 2025; and

WHEREAS the EOWC has released a regional Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper showing key infrastructure data, opportunities and challenges in small rural municipalities across Eastern Ontario; and

WHEREAS Eastern Ontario is a growing economy that can grow more with sustainable, innovative infrastructure partnership and investment from the Federal and Ontario Governments; and

WHEREAS the infrastructure deficit for small rural municipalities cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue, restricted municipal borrowing capacity, and municipalities limited ability to generate revenue; and

WHEREAS small rural taxpayers cannot afford dramatic increases to pay for the current and future infrastructure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Carleton Place joins the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the Federal and Ontario Governments to immediately and sustainably partner with Municipal Governments by investing in both the new and ongoing maintenance and repairs of municipal infrastructure in Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities; and

THAT the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately review data and work together to implement solutions based on the EOWC's Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper in partnership with small rural municipalities; and

FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs; The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance; The Honourable Prabmeet Sakaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation; The Honourable Victor Fedeli, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; Scott Reid MP; John Jordan MPP; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Rural Ontario Municipal Association; Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

CARRIED

7. BY-LAWS

1. By-law No. 04-2025 (To Amend Traffic and Parking By-law 46-2003 - No Parking Areas, Stokes Drive)

Motion No. 136 02-04

Moved by: Councillor Hinton

Seconded by: Councillor Comley

THAT By-law 04-2025 (To Amend Traffic and Parking By-law 46-2003 - No Parking Areas, Stokes Drive) be read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

CARRIED

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Randell noted the following dates of significance during this evening's Council meeting:

- January 29, 2025 - Lunar New Year
- Month of February - Black History Month
- February 13, 2025 - Wear Red Canada (Canadian Women's Heart Health)
- Week of February 17 to 23, 2025 - Local Heritage Week

Other Announcements:

- Other highlighted and announced events can be found on the Community Events calendar located on the Town's website.

Mayor Randell noted that members of Council recently attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference in Toronto. The Town of Carleton Place held delegations with two (2) provincial ministries, both of which were successful. He remarked that Carleton Place is in good standing due to the hard work and smart decisions of Council and staff.

Mayor Randell also announced that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Emergency Department at the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital took place on January 27. He thanked the Hospital Foundation for its fundraising efforts and acknowledged the provincial government's financial contribution of just over \$18 million toward the department's completion.

9. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

1. By-law No. 05-2025 (Confirmation of Council Proceedings)

Motion No. 136 02-05

Moved by: Councillor Hinton

Seconded by: Councillor Comley

THAT By-law 05-2025 (Confirmation of Council Proceedings for January 28, 2025) be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion No. 136 02-06

Moved by: Councillor Hinton

Seconded by: Councillor Comley

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

CARRIED

Toby Randell, Mayor

Stacey Blair, Clerk