



**CORPORATION OF THE  
CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

August 21, 2017  
Council Chambers  
415 rue Lemay Street, Clarence Creek, Ont.

**PRESENT:** Guy Desjardins, Mayor  
Jean-Marc Lalonde, Councillor Ward 1  
Carl Grimard, Councillor Ward 3  
Charles Berlinguette, Councillor Ward 4  
André J. Lalonde, Councillor Ward 5  
Krysta Simard, Councillor Ward 6  
Michel Levert, Councillor Ward 7

Staff Present Helen Collier, Chief Administrative Officer  
Monique Ouellet, Clerk

**ABSENT:** Mario Zanth, Councillor Ward 2  
Diane Choinière, Councillor Ward 8

**1. Opening of the meeting**

Mayor Desjardins calls the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

**RECOMMENDATION COW2017-177**

**Moved by** Jean-Marc Lalonde

**Seconded by** Charles Berlinguette

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

**CARRIED**

**3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests**

None

**4. Delegations / Presentations**

None

**5. Petitions / Correspondence**

None

**6. Notice of Motion**

**6.1 Member's resolution presented by Councillor Charles Berlinguette in regards to hiring**

Councillor Charles Berlinguette presents his member`s motion.

**Moved by** Charles Berlinguette

**Seconded by** Jean-Marc Lalonde

**WHEREAS** the City's 2018 Budget is to be reviewed and approved in the coming months, and the current guidelines have already indicated it will be a challenge to minimize property tax increases, allow for funding for Capital Projects, *and* balance the budget; and

**WHEREAS** the City has significantly increased personnel since 2014, not in proportion with population growth, and this has added significant strain to the Operating Budget;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recommends that the City Administration implement an immediate freeze on ALL new hires - full-time and part-time – in all departments under the City's payroll, except hires for replacements; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** every City Department Director make an assessment of their staffing needs and operating costs, and that they report back to Council with possible cost-cutting measures that could be implemented in the up-coming budget; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** any savings that can be realized from such measures could be re-directed back into Capital Projects to help finance projects requested by the department which made the cuts.

**7. Comment/Question Period**

Mrs. Christine Cyr asks why option A is being recommended instead of option D in staff's report to Council in regards to Lacasse Road under agenda item 9.8. Further to the Mayor's request, Mr. Dave Darch explains the situation and the recommendation.

Mr. Stéphane Lalonde asks if the holding provision on certain lots within the Trillium Subdivision will protect the trees from being cut. Further to the Mayor's request, Mr. Dave Darch agreed to find out and provide members of Council with this information.

Mr. Bruce Gertz explains that many studies need to be done before any development can take place in the proposed Trillium Subdivision, and further explains that losing 8 lots would make the project non-viable.

**8. Report from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell**

None

**9. Committee/Staff Reports**

**9.8 Lacasse Road**

**RECOMMENDATION COW2017-186**

**Moved by** André J. Lalonde

**Seconded by** Krysta Simard

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approves Option A detailed in Report No. INF2017-055 to correct the road failure which is associated budget requirement; and

**THAT** Stantec Engineering be retained to provide the field engineering services required for 2017 to an upset limit of \$20,000 to be funded from the Roads Reserve Fund.

**CARRIED**

**9.6 Zoning By-law Amendment – Trillium Subdivision**

Further to questions, Mr. Dave Darch explains that the MDS are guidelines and there is a very specific calculation, however, exceptions can be made.

**RECOMMENDATION COW2017-183**

**Moved by** Carl Grimard

**Seconded by** Jean-Marc Lalonde

**WHEREAS** the applicant wishes to amend the Zoning By-law for the whole subdivision, in order to change the zone from “Rural” to “Rural Residential” and “Parks and Open Space”. They also wish to amend the zoning for 18 of the proposed lots to authorize relief from the Minimum Distance Separation (MDS 1) from a barn and manure storage to those lots; and

**WHEREAS** following a review of the MDS Guidelines, the department does not recommend that MDS 1 be reduced, however recommends that the zoning be changed from “Rural” to “Rural Residential”, “Rural Residential – exception - holding” and “Park and Open Space”; and

**WHEREAS** the Planning Committee recommends that Lots 87 to 94 of the Draft Plan be the only lots subject to the MDS guidelines;

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends that conditions of the draft plan approval be amended to request that blocks be created instead of lots for lots 87 to 94 of the Draft Plan, and

**THAT** Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approves By-law No. 2017-101 the *Zoning By-law 2016-10* in order to change the zoning of the property known Part of Lot 21, Concession 2 (O.S.), from “*Rural (RU) Zone*” to “*Rural Residential – holding (RR-h) Zone*”, “*Rural Residential – exception 6 – holding (RR-6-h)*”, “*Rural Residential – exception 7 – holding (RR-7-h)*” and “*Parks and Open Space (OS)*”, as recommended by the Infrastructure and Planning Department.

**DEFEATED**

**RECOMMENDATION COW2017-184**

**Moved by** Charles Berlinguette

**Seconded by** Michel Levert

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council adopts a by-law to amend the Zoning By-law for the proposed Trillium Subdivision, in order to change the zone from “*Rural*” to “*Rural Residential*” and “*Parks and Open Space*” and authorize relief from the Minimum Distance Separation (MDS 1) from a barn and manure storage for all lots within the proposed subdivision conditional to the following:

1. **THAT** a legal document be registered on title of the affected lots, stating that the City has authorizes relief from the MDS 1 to permit the development; and
2. **THAT** the developer accepts to retain trees to act as a buffer.

**CARRIED**

**9.1 Interior ice rink and slab Rental Policy**

Councillor André J. Lalonde mentions that he has communicated with staff to suggest an amendment that he would like to see in the proposed policy, being a reduction in the rental fees after the March break.

**RECOMMENDATION COW2017-178**

**Moved by** Michel Levert

**Seconded by** André J. Lalonde

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends to Municipal Council to adopt the policy LOI2017-02, being a policy to establish the guidelines for the Interior ice rink and slab rental, as amended with Councillor André J. Lalonde's proposal to reduce the fees after the March break; and

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends to Municipal Council to accept the policy LOI2017-02 to be effective as of September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017; and

**THAT** the policy LOI2003-81 be repealed; as recommended.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Draft Plan of Subdivision – Block 56**

**RECOMMENDATION COW2017-179**

**Moved by** Carl Grimard

**Seconded by** Charles Berlinguette

**THAT** Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approves of the Draft Plan of Subdivision submitted by Mr. Steve Pentz (Novatech Engineering Consultants Ltd.), for Riverlands of Rockland Inc. (file number D-12-120), with the conditions of approval listed under Section 7 of report No. AMÉ-17-75-R.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 Amendment to the financial assistance program for Culture and Arts**

**RECOMMENDATION COW2017-180**

**Moved by** Guy Desjardins

**Seconded by** Krysta Simard

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends to Municipal Council to adopt the financial support program for artistic and cultural activities of the City of Clarence-Rockland, as recommended.

**CARRIED**

**9.4 Assessment of the suitability of buildings - Jean-Marc Lalonde Arena / Community Services Garage**

**RECOMMENDATION COW2017-181**

**Moved by** Michel Levert

**Seconded by** André J. Lalonde

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends to Municipal Council to mandate the Community Services to proceed with the evaluation of the costs related to the concept plans and specifications of the adaptation of the project of the Jean-Marc Lalonde arena as presented in the report LOI2017-08-05 in order to include the project during the budgetary discussions, as recommended.

**CARRIED**

**9.5 Edwards Street Drainage Culvert**

**RECOMMENDATION COW2017-182**

**Moved by** Carl Grimard

**Seconded by** Charles Berlinguette

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council adopts a resolution to request the United Counties of Prescott Russell to enter into a cost sharing

maintenance agreement with the City of Clarence-Rockland with respect to the drainage cross culvert on Edwards Street in the vicinity of County Road 17.

**CARRIED**

**9.7 Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) results**

**RECOMMENDATION COW2017-185**

**Moved by** Carl Grimard

**Seconded by** Krysta Simard

**THAT** the classification letter as it applies to fire protection insurance gradings in Clarence-Rockland be received and filed.

**CARRIED**

**10. Other items**

Further to Councillor André J. Lalonde's questions, Mr. Dave Darch gives an update on the Céline Street project.

Further to Councillor Jean-Marc Lalonde's question in regards to street light inspections, Mr. Dave Darch indicates that night patrol is not done during the summer months.

Further to Councillor Carl Grimard's question in regards to by-law enforcement patrolling, Mr. Brian Wilson explains that no by-law officers are schedule past 8:30 p.m.

**11. Adjournment**

The Mayor adjourns the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

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Guy Desjardins, Mayor

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Monique Ouellet, Clerk