



**MINUTES**  
Regular Council  
Deseronto Town Hall  
Wednesday, May 24, 2023  
6:30 PM

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dan Johnston, Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus, Councillor Norman Clark, Councillor Kevin Smith, and Councillor Jamie Zieman

**REGRETS:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Manager Rob Hedley, Clerk Gail Maracle, and Treasurer Mora Nicholls

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Johnston called the May 24, 2023 Regular meeting of Council to order at 6:33 pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution 19-23-01**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Jamie Zieman

THAT the agenda for the May 24, 2023 Regular Council meeting be accepted with the addition of the following items:

- 6.6 Centennial Park BBQ & Monument
- 13.3 Outstanding Motions/Resolutions
- 13.4 Rathbun Park
- 13.5 Street Maintenance
- 13.6 Mill Point Park
- 13.7 Municipal Wreath
- 13.8 Green Street Traffic

**Carried**

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None noted

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 4.1. Minutes of the May 10, 2023 Regular Council meeting

**Resolution 19-23-02**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Smith  
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT the minutes of the May 10, 2023 Regular meeting of Council be approved as presented,

**Carried**

**5. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

- 5.1. Chris Morden will discuss renovations to the Deseronto Community Centre

**Resolution 19-23-03**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Jamie Zieman

THAT Council receive the presentation from Chris Morden.

**Carried**

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.1. Public Works equipment list & details

Deferred

6.2. Tree Canopy

Deferred

6.3. Derelict Properties - how others handle

The Town Manager will bring something back to Council on June 14, 2023.

6.4. Report on OCIF projects/pricing

The Town Manager presented various pricing that he had obtained.

6.5. Association of Ontario Road Supervisors Requirements

**Resolution 19-23-04**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT Council receive the information provided by the Clerk and remove this item from Unfinished Business.

**Carried**

6.6. Centennial Park BBQ & Monument

**Resolution 19-23-05**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT the Town Manager obtain a price to repair the BBQ and monument, rather than just a price to rebuild.

**Carried**

**7. VARIANCE REPORT**

**8. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS**

8.1. Schedule of Accounts

**Resolution 19-23-06**

Moved by Councillor Norman Clark  
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT Schedule of Accounts numbered 9-2023 in the amount of \$128,109.04 be approved for payment.

**Carried**

**9. STAFF REPORTS**

9.1. Town Manager's Report

**Resolution 19-23-07**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Jamie Zieman

THAT the Town Manager prepare a report outlining various options for the Maple Street lift and ways to tender the job.

**Carried**

9.2. Treasurer's Report on Tax Rates

**Resolution 19-23-08**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT the Treasurer's report on the combined tax rates be received;  
AND FURTHER THAT the revised tax table be attached to by-law 18-2023 as  
Schedule 1.

**Carried**

9.3. Treasurer's report on H & S Policies

**Resolution 19-23-09**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT Council adopt the Health & Safety polices presented by the Treasurer and  
that all previous Health & Safety policies be rescinded.

**Carried**

**10. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**11. ACTION ITEMS**

11.1. Letter of Resignation

**Resolution 19-23-10**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT Council accept Rebecca Semple's resignation and send her a thank you  
card for her years of service;  
FURTHER THAT the Town Manager contact Deseronto Public School and  
inquire about their lunch time policy and advise them of the elimination of one of  
the crossings altogether.

**Carried**

11.2. Request from Health Unit

**Resolution 19-23-11**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Jamie Ziemann

THAT staff return the notice to the Hastings Prince Edward Public Health Unit  
advising that the Town supports their efforts to reduce the risk of West Nile virus  
illness in the area.

**Carried**

**12. INFORMATION ITEMS**

12.1. EOWC 2023 Strategic Priorities

**Resolution 19-23-12**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT Council receive the EOWC 2023 Strategic Priorities.

**Carried**

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

13.1. E-mail from Gary Burridge

**Resolution 19-23-13**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Jamie Zieman

THAT Council received the compliment from G. Burrige and advised J. Carter;  
FURTHER THAT leaves may be put out to the curb in bags for both the spring  
and fall clean-up;  
AND FURTHER THAT brush will only be collected in the spring.

**Carried**

13.2. E-mail from Colleen Holmes

**Resolution 19-23-14**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT staff investigate how OCWA and other municipalities handle the same  
situation; FURTHER THAT staff do not charge penalty on the account until a  
decision has been reached;  
AND FURTHER THAT this item be put on Unfinished Business.

**Carried**

13.3. Outstanding Motions/Resolutions

**Resolution 19-23-15**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to form a working group to  
work with staff to complete the tasks on the outstanding motion/resolution list  
compiled by the Deputy Mayor.

**Carried**

13.4. Rathbun Park

**Resolution 19-23-16**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT Council directs the Public Works and Parks Department to weed all flower  
beds in Rathbun Park and plant annual plants no later than May 31, 2023;  
AND FURTHER THAT Council directs that Rathbun Park be maintained like the  
showcase it was intended to be for the enjoyment of the residents and visitors to  
the town.

**Carried**

13.5. Street Maintenance

**Resolution 19-23-17**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT Council directs Public Works and Parks to ensure paved asphalt  
sidewalks on Pearl Street, both sides of Mill Street, and any others that exist in  
the town be lined;  
FURTHER THAT Council directs that side lines be painted on Dundas Street as  
a traffic calming measure;  
AND FURTHER THAT Council directs that a sidewalk line be painted on Green  
Street, north of Cross Street to denote this new paved sidewalk.

**Carried**

13.6. Mill Point Park

13.7. Council requested an update from the Town Manager.  
Municipal Wreath

**Resolution 19-23-18**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT staff obtain a memorial wreath for the service at the Deseronto Cemetery on June 10th, 2023.

13.8. Green Street Traffic

**Carried**

**Resolution 19-23-19**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Smith  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus

THAT staff provide recommendations for the intersection of Green and Cross Street.

**Carried**

**14. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**15. BY-LAWS**

15.1. By-law 33-2023 to enter into a contract with R. Morden Engineering and contracting Ltd. for alterations to the Deseronto Community Centre.

**Resolution 19-23-20**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Jamie Zieman

THAT By-law 33-2023, being a by-law to enter into a contract with R. Morden Engineering and Contracting Ltd. for upgrading of the Deseronto Community Centre, having been read a first, second and third time, number assigned and finally passed this 24th day of May, 2023.

**Carried**

**16. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**17. CLOSED SESSION**

17.1. Closed Session Items Under Section 239  
b) 1 under Personal matters about an identifiable person

**Resolution 19-23-21**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Smith  
Seconded by Councillor Jamie Zieman

THAT Council rise at 9:30 pm, under Section 239 of the Municipal Act and move into Closed Session to discuss one matter under 2(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees,

**Carried**

**18. INSTRUCTION TO STAFF**

**Resolution 19-23-22**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Norman Clark

THAT staff follow the direction of Council as discussed in Closed Session.

Carried

**19. BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**

19.1. By-law 34-2023 to confirm the proceedings of Council for May 24, 2023

**Resolution 19-23-23**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steven Everhardus  
Seconded by Councillor Jamie Zieman

THAT By-law 34-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the May 24, 2023 Council meeting, having been read a first, second and third time, be assigned a number and finally passed this 24th day of May 2023.

Carried

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution 19-23-24**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Smith

THAT the May 24, 2023 Regular Council meeting be adjourned.

Carried



Mayor



Clerk