



# SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 2, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Town Hall, Council Chambers, 77 Beckwith Street North, Smiths Falls

Chairperson: Councillor S Robinson

Members Present: Mayor S Pankow, Councillors J Brennan, C McGuire, S Robinson, D Quinn, J Miller, P McKenna

Members Absent:

Staff Present: M Morris, Chief Administrative Officer, , K Grenke, Manager of Development Services, K Costello, Clerk

### 1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On, October 2, 2023 we acknowledge that this sacred land on which Smiths Falls is now located has been a site of human activity for over 10,000 years and is rich in Indigenous history. This land is the ancestral and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Nation. We are grateful to the Algonquin ancestors who cared for the land and water in order that we might meet here today. We are also grateful to the Algonquin People for their contribution in the making of the Rideau Canal which runs thru Smiths Falls. We are mindful of broken covenants and the need to reconcile with all our relations. Together, may we care for this land and each other, drawing on the strength of our mutual history of nation building through peace and friendship being mindful of generations to come.

### 2. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

In Camera Item 9.1 was deferred to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Moved by: J Brennan

Seconded by: J Miller

THAT the October 2, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

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

None noted.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by: C McGuire

Seconded by: S Robinson

The Minutes of the September 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved as circulated.

**6. DELEGATIONS**

None scheduled.

**7. CAO/DIRECTORS VERBAL REPORTS**

None

**8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSENT REPORTS:** None included.

**9. IN CAMERA/CLOSED SESSION**

9.1 Deferred

9.2 Litigation Matter (M Morris)

Moved by: D Quinn

Seconded by: P McKenna

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls, as provided in Section 239 (2) (e) of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended move into a closed meeting at 5:03 p.m. to discuss a Litigation Matter.

Council members, Chief Administrative M Morris and Clerk K Costello moved into a closed session for the discussion.

Moved by: P McKenna

Seconded by: D Quinn

THAT Council revert back into open session at 5:39 p.m.

Rise and Report: Staff given direction.

9.3 Personal Issues about Identifiable Individuals (K Costello)

Moved by: J Brennan

Seconded by: P McKenna

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls, as provided in Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended move into a closed meeting at 5:40 p.m. to discuss Personal Issues about Identifiable Individuals as it relates to Committee Appointments.

Council members, Chief Administrative M Morris and Clerk K Costello moved into a closed session for the discussion.

Moved by: D Quinn

Seconded by: J Brennan

THAT Council revert back into open session at 5:42 p.m.

Rise and Report: This item to be discussed as a Priority Item.

## **10. PRIORITY ISSUES/REPORT**

### **10.1 Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force – Priorities for Implementation Report 2023-118 (K Grenke)**

K Grenke advised that he needs to respond to the letter sent by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to each Head of Council requesting that the top five recommendations contained in the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force be prioritized for future implementation. On September 15, 2023, the newly appointed Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing sent Heads of Council a letter requesting that each municipality provide a ranked list of the top five priority recommendations that should be implemented by the Province. Council ranked their priorities as follows:

1. Appendix B – 4<sup>th</sup> Recommendation – investigate expanding the scope of the “inclusionary zoning” tool to apply to small towns and other contexts.
2. Appendix B – 2<sup>nd</sup> Recommendation – Legislate clear, province-wide definition of affordable housing to create certainty and predictability
3. Recommendation #30 – Provide additional resources to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal as well as mediators in conjunction with faster targets to achieve resolutions.
4. Recommendation #26 – Require appellants to promptly seek “leave to appeal” to Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and demonstrate that an appeal has merit.
5. Recommendation #22 – Simplify planning legislation and policy documents, to be paired with legislative stability to allow for more predictable and efficient process for developers, staff and councils.

Further, staff were directed to provide additional context outlining Council’s feedback that the essence of the Task Force report is affordability and the recommendations need to be viewed through that lens, as well as applicable to smaller communities and other areas that appeared to be outside the focus of the report.

**ACTION:** Staff was given direction on how to respond.

**10.2 33-35 Russell St. West Development Agreement Report 2023-117 (K Grenke)**  
K Grenke advised that he is seeking approval from Council to enter into a development agreement with the owner of 33-35 Russell Street West to administer and secure development conditions to allow the completion of the severance of the subject property.

ACTION: A bylaw to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a development agreement with Farhad Khan and Rezaul Hoque to implement the servicing conditions associated with the provisional approval of Consent Application B22-03 to come forward at this evening's meeting of Council.

**10.3 Committee Appointment (K Costello)**  
K Costello advised that Ted Outerbridge had applied to be part of the Heritage House Museum Advisory Board.

ACTION: Resolution to come forward at this evening's Council meeting.

## **10 COMMITTEE, BOARD AND EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION UPDATES**

## **11 INFORMATION LISTING/CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**

## **12 NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

## **13 ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: P McKenna

Seconded by: D Quinn

THAT the Committee adjourn its proceedings at 6:20 p.m. and stand so adjourned until the next duly called Committee meeting.

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Mayor

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Clerk