



SMITHS FALLS FOR ALL AGENDA

Thursday, December 12, 2024– 9:00AM.
TOWN HALL- COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Mayor Shawn Pankow, Chair

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT (S Pankow)

On December 12, 2024 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 (S Pankow)

Chair Pankow called the meeting to order at ----PM

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (S Pankow)

Recommended Motion:

THAT the December 12th, 2024 Smiths Falls For All Committee Meeting Agenda be approved as circulated.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Recommended Motion:

THAT the October 10, 2024 Smiths Falls For All Committee Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.

5. DISCLOSURE OF MONETARY INTEREST

6. DELEGATIONS

7. PRIORITY ISSUES

1. Update from October Meeting (K Costello)

- Meeting Time
- 2025 Budget
- Community Billboard
- Rainbow Registry
- Timeline for Interim Report
- Stigmas of Affordable Housing Cost (Video)
- Allyship Pamphlet

2. Ideas/Brainstorming Session: Assisting/Dealing with Homelessness

3. Addressing Food Insecurity in LGL Report 2024 (J Desormeaux)

4. Social Connection (J Desormeaux)

8. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

A) November 26, 2024, Letter to Premier Ford, Resolution passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls: Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness-Encampments

9. IN-CAMERA ISSUES (None)

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: January 9th, 2025 @ 9 a.m.

11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (K Costello)

A) Diversity Training Update (N Bennett)

B) Currently in the Cultural Plan: Launch educational campaigns within the community to foster inclusion (J Crowder)

C) Rainbow Registry Delegation

12. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at----- and stand so adjourned until the next duly called meeting.



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

November 26, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Ford:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their November 18th, 2024 Council meeting:

Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness-Encampments

THAT our citizens and neighbours deserve to be treated with compassion and respect.

AND THAT encampments can only be effectively resolved through a housing-focused response, working hand-in-hand with those affected to find solutions that meet their needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls opposes Premier Ford utilizing the notwithstanding clause to dissolve encampments in Ontario.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP John Jordan and the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk

cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; MPP John Jordan and Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness