

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

To the Warden and Members of Council, United Counties of Prescott and Russell

The Committee of the Whole met at 9:00 a.m. on June 8, 2010.

Were present: Messrs Conrad Lamadeleine, Warden, Gary J. Barton, Robert Kirby, Ken Hill, Jean-Yves Lalonde, Richard Lalonde, Denis Pommerville and Mrs Jeanne Charlebois, Members

Stéphane P. Parisien, Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk, Sylvain Charlebois, Marc Clermont, Louis Prévost, Anne Comtois Lalonde and Louise Lepage-Gareau, Department Heads and Andrée Latreille, Deputy Clerk

Excusable absence: Michel Chrétien and Louise Lalonde, Department Heads

The report is presented as follows:

1. **Financial Statements as of December 31st, 2009**

Mr Gary Hoffman, Auditor, presented the UCPR's financial statements for the period ending December 31st, 2009. He informed that the Corporation's financial statements are presented according to the public sector's accounting standards. He also informed that the 2008 figures were revised to have comparable figures for 2009.

The financial statements were explained starting with the statement of operations, the accumulated surplus, the statement of financial position and the tangible capital assets' schedules 1 and 2. He pointed out the importance of the tangible capital assets' schedules, for example schedule 1, to enable the Ministry to compare the various levels of government and for Council Members to demonstrate a good portrait of the capital assets' book value. He ended with an overview of the notes to the financial statements, especially section 3 regarding investments.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS approving the UCPR's financial statements for the period ending December 31st, 2009 by way of resolution.

2. **Conservative Government Spending for the G8 Summit**

The Nation Municipality's Mayor commented on the conservative government's excessive spending for the G8 Summit in Toronto. He mentioned, amongst others, the construction of an artificial lake inside Toronto Media Centre, costing \$2 million and a steam boat replica costing \$400,000. This public funds' management is unacceptable and he proposed to share our concerns with the government.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS to prepare a draft letter to be discussed at the next meeting.

3. **International Plowing Match 2011**

Mr Gary J. Barton provided an update on the International Plowing Match's events. He explained that the plans for the location of structures needed for the event, maps to demonstrate the RV park, the parking and buses entrance were all completed. Flyers for land rental in the RV park should be ready for distribution at the 2010 IPM in St-Thomas in September. The Board of Directors and over forty team leaders will also attend. The organisers are in the middle of the promotional campaign. Promotional items such as the cookbook and the draw for the chance to win a car or a trip are among many items on sale to raise money. The organising committee still needs volunteers. He wishes that each municipality would contribute in sponsoring the event by making a donation equivalent to one dollar per citizen. Municipalities are also invited to set-up their promotional booth in the UCPR's tent.

Mr Richard Lalonde mentioned that community halls could be made available for visitors with their sleeping bags. He wishes that donations from municipalities be made at County level since their budget is already finalised. The Nation Municipality already agreed to the financial request. Mr Lamadeleine added that the Village of Casselman will soon remit their donation and will offer to lend the booth used for the Christmas Festival.

4. Local Municipalities' Consent to By-Law 2010-22

The Chief Administrative Officer informed that he obtained the resolutions from all local municipalities and six are in favour of By-law 2010-22, to change the number of votes given to any Member. Conditions were complied since the majority of councils agreed to the by-law and the municipalities' total number of electors forms the majority of Counties' electors.

However, since our municipal by-law was adopted during an election year, it will come into force at the second regular election following the passing of the by-law. You will recall that Council had recommended that once the by-law was adopted under the process requested by the legislation, to undertake the necessary steps to request a special legislation, including obtaining our MPP's involvement in this matter.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that a letter be forwarded to our MPP requesting Council's representation in its dealings with Minister Bradley to get the political support necessary to accelerate the entry into force of our By-Law.

5. By-Law regarding Payment of Fees and Charges

The Chief Administrative Officer informed that a by-law regarding payment of fees and charges will be submitted to Council for adoption, to reflect various changes made to the list. **THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that the by-law be submitted at the next regular Council meeting.

6. Letter of Support for the Larose Family Health Team Project

The *Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie* will present a request to the provincial government for the creation of a Family Health Team in Limoges. Their request must comprise letters of support from community stakeholders of health and education, municipalities and businesses. The municipalities of Russell, Casselman and The Nation were also invited to provide their support to this project.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that a letter of support be sent to the *Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie* to accompany their request for a Family Health Team in Limoges, sponsored by the *Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie*.

7. OMERS File

Members received an update in camera from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the OMERS file. This presentation was made in camera since it concerns litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting Counties.

8. Human Resources Department's Organisation Structure

Members received an update in camera from the Chief Administrative Officer to officialise the Human Resources Department's organisation structure. This presentation was made in camera since it concerns personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Counties' employees. **THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** to approve the Human Resources Department's organisation structure as presented.

9. Adjournment

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

Conrad Lamadeleine, Chairman

Moved by Mr Robert Kirby
Seconded by Mr Denis Pommainville

THAT THIS REPORT BE ADOPTED

Adopted by Council
on June 22, 2010

Conrad Lamadeleine, Warden

Stéphane P. Parisien, Clerk