

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2010 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE UNITED COUNTIES OF PRESCOTT AND RUSSELL**

The Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell met on February 16, 2010, in the Counties' Administration Building in L'Orignal for its regular monthly meeting.

At 9:00 a.m. Warden Conrad Lamadeleine called the meeting to order. A minute of silence was observed in the memory of a former Council Member, Mr André Landriault, who passed away on January 21, 2010.

VISION/PRAYER

Mr Jean-Yves Lalonde, Mayor of the Township of Alfred and Plantagenet, recited the vision and the prayer.

WARDEN'S WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

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

Were also present: Messrs Stéphane P. Parisien, Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk, Sylvain Charlebois, Michel Chrétien, Marc Clermont, Louis Prévost, Mrs Anne Comtois Lalonde, Mrs Louise Lalonde, Mrs Louise Lepage-Gareau, Department Heads and Mrs Andrée Latreille, Deputy Clerk

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST (None)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

027... Moved by Mr Gary J. Barton
Seconded by Mrs Jeanne Charlebois
THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

028... Moved by Mr Denis Pommerville
Seconded by Mr Jean-Yves Lalonde
THAT the minutes of the January 26, 2010 regular meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

PETITIONS ET DELEGATIONS

Dr Paul Roumeliotis, Chief Executive Officer and Medical Officer of Health for the Eastern Ontario Health Unit provided H1N1 vaccination statistics. He informed of the steps taken by the government for the Eastern Ontario communities. A report will be available in a few weeks for Council and the public.

Mr Frank Spagnola, Treasurer of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit explained their budget for the year 2010, which totals \$11,488,045, representing an increase of 2%. The partners' contribution for 2010 is \$2,872,011 compared to \$2,846,402 in 2009, representing .90% increase, therefore resulting in an increase of \$11,103 for Prescott and Russell.

COMMUNICATIONS

029... Moved by Mr Jean-Yves Lalonde
Seconded by Mr Richard Lalonde
THAT the package from the Prescott and Russell Community Services regarding a funding request be received for information.

Carried

030... Moved by Mr Denis Pommerville
Seconded by Mr Jean-Yves Lalonde
THAT the resolution from the Township of Southwold to regulate the keeping of exotic animals be received and filed.

Carried

031... Moved by Mr Denis Pommerville
Seconded by Mr Jean-Yves Lalonde
THAT the resolution from the Township of South Stormont regarding the Conservation Authorities' responsibilities be received and filed.

Carried

032... Moved by Mr Richard Lalonde
Seconded by Mr Ken Hill
THAT the resolution from the Township of Huron requesting support for their local Business Development Corporation be received and filed.

Carried

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

The Chief Administrative Officer presented Report DG-003/2010 – County Building Heritage Designation.

033... Moved by Mr Gary J. Barton

Seconded by Mr Robert Kirby

WHEREAS last October, County Council recommended that a request be made to Champlain Council to approve our demand to amend the designated attributes in our County Building Heritage Designation By-law Number 2007-47;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Champlain wishes to maintain the heritage designation on the County Building but no longer object to the painting/paint colors of the exterior building;

BE IT RESOLVED that County Council maintain the status quo regarding the County Building Heritage Designation.

Carried

The Chief Administrative Officer presented Report DG-004/2010 – Weighted Voting Formula – Recorded Vote – Report #3.

034... Moved by Mr Jean-Yves Lalonde

Seconded by Mr Ken Hill

WHEREAS By-law Number 97-16 provides that the recorded votes assigned to members are to be weighted on the basis of the number of electors per municipality up to a maximum of 5 votes;

AND WHEREAS County Council is desirous to increase the weighted vote for its members by removing the maximum limit imposed on the number of votes and review the mechanism every four years;

AND WHEREAS prior to increasing the weighted vote for the existing members, the County must fulfill the Legislative requirements that is to give notice, to hold one public meeting and to obtain the majority required in sections 218 and 219 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, before the coming into force of a by-law;

BE IT RESOLVED that before adopting a By-law to establish the weighted vote formula, County Council directs management to give notice of its intention and schedule two public meetings in the evening to consider the matter.

Carried

035... Moved by Mr Gary J. Barton

Seconded by Mr Robert Kirby

THAT Council of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell approve payment of invoices for the month of February 2010, namely the list of invoices, pages 1 to 11, items 1 to 242, for a total of \$3,103,595.69.

Carried

036... Moved by Mr Jean-Yves Lalonde

Seconded by Mrs Jeanne Charlebois

THAT the 2009 Social Services Summary be received as presented.

Carried

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

037... The report of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee dated January 21, 2010 was presented to Council by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr Denis Pommerville, moved for adoption by Mr Jean-Yves Lalonde and seconded by Mr Richard Lalonde.

Carried

RESOLUTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE REPORTS (None)**QUESTION PERIOD TO DEPARTMENT HEADS****NOTICE OF MOTIONS (None)****MEMBERS WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS (None)****CLOSED SESSION**

The Chief Administrative Officer requested that the follow up of the OMERS' file be removed from the Agenda, since he has not yet received our solicitor's legal advice.

At 11:30 a.m., it was,

038... Moved by Mr Robert Kirby

Seconded by Mr Denis Pommerville

THAT the update from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the Rural Connections Broadband Program be made in camera since it concerns the security of Counties' property.

Carried

Result of the in camera meeting:

The Council authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to sign an agreement with Bell Aliant for DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) delivery and start negotiating with another service provider for wireless broadband access.

At 11:35 a.m.,

- 039... Moved by Mr Gary J. Barton
Seconded by Mr Ken Hill
THAT Council Members return in plenary meeting.

Carried

BY-LAWS (None)

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

- 040... Moved by Mr Ken Hill
Seconded by Mr Jean-Yves Lalonde
BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt By-Law number 2010-12 to confirm the proceedings at this meeting.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

- 041... Moved by Mr Ken Hill
Seconded by Mr Richard Lalonde
THAT this regular Council meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Carried

Conrad Lamadeleine, Warden

Stéphane P. Parisien, Clerk