TOWN OF GREATER NAPANEE
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held May 26, 2015 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers, Town Hall - 124 John St., Napanee

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Marg Isbester in the Chair, Councillor Ward 1 Michael Schenk, Councillor Ward 2 Max Kaiser, Councillor Ward 3 Roger Cole, Councillor Ward 4 Carol Harvey, Councillor Ward 5 Shaune Lucas

ABSENT: Mayor Gordon Schermerhorn

CALL TO ORDER
Deputy Mayor Isbester called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
RESOLUTION #255/15: Kaiser & Harvey
That the agenda of the Regular Session of Council dated May 26, 2015 be adopted as amended:
Agenda Item No #15 – Closed Session: add Potential disposition and acquisition of land. CARRIED.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF
There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

PRESENTATIONS
Barbara Weese - Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement
Deputy Mayor Isbester and Councillor Schenk made a presentation to Barbara Weese in recognition of her Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement for more than 40 years of volunteer work contributing to the heritage of our community. Mrs. Weese thanked the Town for her nomination and provided a brief overview of the Tweedmuir history book project.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES
Regular Session of Council - May 12, 2015
RESOLUTION #256/15: Schenk & Cole
That the minutes of the Regular Session of Council dated May 12, 2015 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

DEPUTATIONS
Ray Davies, Ontario Power Generation Inc.
Re: Proposed Lennox Solar Project at OPG's Existing Site
Ray Davies was in attendance to provide an overview of the 40 MW Class 3 Solar Facility project, which is being proposed by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) at the existing OPG Lennox Generating Station site and on additional lands it owns in the Town of Greater Napanee through the Large Renewable Procurement (LRP I) Request for Proposal and a Renewable Energy Approval (REA). Mr. Davies advised that a
public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at South Fredericksburgh Hall. Mr. Davies advised that OPG would also be requesting a Municipal Support Resolution from Council for the project.

Peter & Danijela Hecimovic, Greencoat Energy Inc.
Re: Request for a Municipal Council Support Resolution for Proposed Waterpower Project at 898 County Rd. 12.

Peter Hecimovic, Greencoat Energy Inc. was in attendance to provide an overview of a proposed micro waterpower project on his property adjacent to the Switzer Dam on the south side of the Salmon River at 898 County Road 12 in Forest Mills, and to request a Municipal Support Resolution for the proposed project from Council.

Ben Doornekamp, Abna Investments Ltd.
Re: Request for Municipal Support Resolution for Abna Investments Ltd. and Gibbard’s Furniture Factory FIT Application for Proposed Water Turbine Project

Ben Doornekamp, Abna Investments Ltd, was in attendance to provide an overview of a proposed 500 KW water generating station to be part of the Gibbards redevelopment project and to request a Municipal Support Resolution for the project. Mr. Doornekamp advised a public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in their sales office on site.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

RESOLUTION #257/15: Cole & Harvey
That Correspondence for Information Items dated May 26, 2015 be received;
And further that correspondence from the Township of Hornepayne be separated for consideration. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #258/15: Lucas & Kaiser
That Council endorse the Township of Hornepayne’s Resolution No. 12177 adopted on April 29, 2015 as follows:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Hornepayne support the resolution enacted by the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley which calls on Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to prevent hydro rate increases from being implemented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario be encouraged to do something to bring the Hydro One rates down to a reasonable level and to do so as quickly as possible;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this motion be circulated to all Ontario Municipalities for support. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

Lafarge - Notice of Public Meeting on June 9, 2015 for an Environmental Screening Process Evaluation of Low Carbon Fuels - Project 1 Considerations for Permanent Use
RESOLUTION #259/15: Schenk & Harvey
That Council receive for information the correspondence from Lafarge regarding the Public Meeting on June 9, 2015 for the Environmental Screening Process. CARRIED.

Richmond Landfill Community Liaison Committee (CLC) - Invitation for the Mayor and Council to participate as active members of the CLC
RESOLUTION #260/15: Cole & Harvey
That Council appoint Councillor Carol Harvey as the Council representative(s) to the Richmond Landfill Community Liaison Committee (CLC). CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- Tax Policy - Legal Opinion

- Deputy Mayor Isbester advised that Ian Munro would like confirmation as to whether or not the two relatively newly identified chemicals that have been found in the raw leachate collected from the base of the landfill (1,4 dioxane and N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)) are being caught through testing at the Town’s sewage treatment plant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
BIA Re: Board Member Resignation and Resignation Letter
RESOLUTION #261/15: Harvey & Cole
That Council receive with regret the letter of resignation from Julia Dicks from the BIA Board of Directors;
And further that Council receive and accept the recommendation from the BIA as to how to fill the board vacancy, as presented in the correspondence dated May 21, 2015. CARRIED.

Municipal Arts & Culture Advisory Committee - Minutes of April 21, 2015
RESOLUTION #262/15: Kaiser & Schenk
That Council receive and adopt the minutes of the Municipal Arts & Culture Advisory Committee dated April 21, 2015. CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS
Infrastructure Services - Status Report - Hart Subdivision Phase 5
Bob Clark, Clark Consulting was in attendance to review the report regarding the status of the Hart Subdivision-Phase 5 with Council.
RESOLUTION #263/15: Schenk & Cole
That Council receive for information the Planning Report from Clark Consulting - Status Report of the Hart Subdivision Phase 5;
And further that Council adopt the following recommendations:
1. That a Subdivision Agreement be prepared for Phase 5 (the first phase of the southern subdivision).
2. That a release of Holding Provision by-law be prepared.
3. That a by-law to release part lot control be prepared for the final lots in the northern subdivision. CARRIED.
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CAO - Service Area Updates
RESOLUTION #264/15: Schenk & Harvey
That Council receive for information the CAO - Service Area Updates report. CARRIED.

Financial Services - Business Improvement Area (BIA) Audit/Accounting and Sidewalk Snowclearing Fees
RESOLUTION #265/15: Schenk & Kaiser
That Council receive for information the Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) Audit/Accounting and Sidewalk Snow Clearing Fees report. CARRIED.

Infrastructure Services - Presentation by Jeff Cuthill, Director of Utilities Re: Utilities Operations Overview
RESOLUTION #266/15: Kaiser & Lucas
That Council receive for information the Infrastructure Services - Presentation by Jeff Cuthill, Director of Utilities regarding Utilities Operations Overview. CARRIED.

Infrastructure Services (Facilities) - Pool Task Force Draft Public Consultation Plan
Peter Dafoe, Chair and Vicki Hallam, Vice Chair provided Council with an overview of the report. Mr. Dafoe thanked the committee members for their work and dedication to date.
RESOLUTION #267/15: Harvey & Kaiser
That Council receive for information the Infrastructure Services (Facilities) – Pool Task Force, Draft Public Consultation Plan;
And further that Council approve the Pool Task Force Public Consultation Plan as presented. CARRIED.

Infrastructure Services - Digester No. 1 Relining Tender
RESOLUTION #268/15: Schenk & Kaiser
That Council receive for information the Infrastructure Services – Digester #1 Relining Tender;
And further that Council award the digester relining tender to the low bidder Heritage Restoration Inc. in its entirety for the sum of $269,000.00. CARRIED.

Emergency Services - Appointment of an Alternate Community Emergency Program Management Coordinator (CEMC)
RESOLUTION #269/15: Kaiser & Schenk
That Council receive for information the Emergency Services - Alternate CEMC Appointment report;
And further that By-law No. 2010-01 be further amended to remove Ian Shetler, former Deputy Fire Chief and appoint Kevin Donaldson, Deputy Fire Chief as the Alternate Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator (CEMC). CARRIED.

Emergency Services - Emergency Preparedness Week Review
RESOLUTION #270/15: Harvey & Kaiser
That Council receive for information the Emergency Services - Emergency Preparedness Week Review report. CARRIED.
Emergency Services - Purchase of Light Vehicle
RESOLUTION #271/15: Schenk & Kaiser
That Council receive for information the Emergency Services - Purchase of a Light Vehicle report;
And further that Council authorize the purchase of one (1) new ¾ Ton Pick-up, as a replacement for an Infrastructure Roads ¾ Ton Pick-up;
And further that the vehicle be purchased from Boyer GM of Napanee. CARRIED.

Emergency Services - Purchase of Street Sweeper
RESOLUTION #272/15: Cole & Kaiser
That Council receive for information the Emergency Services - Purchase of Street Sweeper report;
And further that Council authorize the purchase of one (1) new 2015 Ravo 5 iSeries Street Sweeper, as a replacement for the Town's existing 2002 Johnston Street Sweeper;
And further that the street sweeper to be purchased from Cubec Ltd, of Brantford ON. CARRIED.

Community & Corporate Services - Street Naming Policy & Procedure
RESOLUTION #273/15: Schenk & Kaiser
That Council receive for information the Community & Corporate Services - Street Naming Policy & Procedure report;
And further that Council adopt the Street Naming Policy & Procedure as presented. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Operations of Cemeteries
Councillor Lucas recommended convening a meeting of all cemetery boards prior to the fall; however due to current workload no direction was provided at this time.
Councillor Schenk recommended purchasing a larger attachment for the tractor to cut the grass along the roadsides. Staff advised that this is currently being investigated.

Question and Answer Session
Deputy Mayor Isbester advised that the following questions had been presented at the Question and Answer session:

John Stinson (provided a copy of question in writing):
I wish to speak to you about the annual budget and resulting municipal taxation. As you know this is a really, really important topic to many citizens. Property taxes are the least discretionary expense we all have. Annual increases of 3 to 4% cause real hardship to many families now and more families will be affected in the future, with large increases in hydro costs and other things that none of us have any influence over.
I suspect you are all up to here with discussing budgets and taxes I hope you can bear with me for a few minutes here, because this is an area where I believe you guys can have a very positive influence.
I think it could be possible for council to pass a 2016 budget that would yield a 0% increase for the municipal portion of the tax bill, with no reduction in the quality of
service to the town. If we could figure out how to achieve this very challenging goal it would benefit every citizen, rural and urban, commercial, residential etc. So the question is how would it be possible to achieve a 0% increase, with no reduction in service or is it just a pipe dream.

The current budgeting process does not allow for the upfront planning required and therefore could not achieve this challenging goal. The budgeting process would have to change in a few key ways:

1. Council would have to set the direction and formally ask staff to undertake this very challenging objective of 0%, hopefully by the end of June 2015. Council would make it clear to staff that they have the full backing and support of all members of Council. Setting clear direction and providing full support is clearly the role of the senior leadership team, i.e. Council.

2. Staff would need time and space to do this critical work. It would be reasonable to ask staff to report back to council by the end of September (~90 days) with an overview of 2 or 3 alternative strategies to achieve the goal. This would leave staff adequate time to integrate the agreed upon strategy into the budget planning process.

3. Senior staff would have to realize that their role has expanded. Most citizens of the town would agree that under the leadership of the town staff, employees operate and maintain the town system very well and there is a high degree of confidence in the quality of the services provided. The work that is needed is to improve that system by making it more affordable to taxpayers, while maintaining the current high quality of service. This improvement would have to be lead by town senior staff.

There is no doubt that this would be a very challenging objective, and would not be easy at first. However I believe that town senior staff, by working closely as a team, would develop the capability to achieve this goal. The town has put in place very capable people in senior leadership roles with the in depth knowledge of how their departments operate. They are in a position to ask and answer the tough questions, and evaluate alternatives that would lead to the desired result. Given a clear challenging goal I believe staff working with Council could develop a budget that would meet that goal. It would be extremely rewarding to both Council and staff in the long run and clearly we would have many, many appreciative citizens.

I ask each of you to give this proposal serious thought. All of the taxpayers of Napanee need your leadership to help find a way to achieve this goal.

Ted Davie:

(i) With respect to the tender for Town Water and Sewer System Digester, was this covered by all tax payers or was it covered and budgeted by the Utilities budget alone. Deputy Mayor Isbester advised that it was budgeted from the Utilities budget, which is user funded, but that this would be confirmed during Regular Session of Council.

(ii) With regard to the purchase of a new street sweeper, how would the costs of this be allocated for the Cost of Services study? Response was that staff would provide how, where and when both types of sweepers would be used.
Pierre Cliche:

(i) Mr. Cliche reported that he had attended the rally against the sale of Hydro One in Toronto and inquired how Council would be reacting to the Ombudsman's Report on the alleged misdoings, billings, costings, etc. on Hydro One. Councillor Lucas replied that a letter had been sent by Council and a generic answer received and that he was wanting more action taken.

(ii) How much is the Town carrying in tax arrears, what categories and what process was ongoing to divulge these properties and recover some of the monies owing? Council answered that it was an ongoing and complicated process, but that council would request a report of how much, what categories and the process in place at a future meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Councillor Lucas
That Greater Napanee's Treasurer/or appropriate staff member be requested to answer, prior to or at the next Council meeting, the question posed most recently by Mr. John Stinson at the last Council meeting during deputations "what the taxes would be on the same properties if there were no rural discount, or if there were reduced discount."

As well, calculate the exact percentage that overall taxes for 2015 would change in both the urban and rural areas for residential property of equal assessment if each area had identical mill rates for municipal town taxes;

And that this report/results be posted/forwarded on the Town's social media web site and appropriate local media outlets.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Councillor Kaiser commended the CAO on organizing such a successful Local Government Day and tribute to Leroy Blugh on May 14, 2015. Councillor Kaiser further praised staff and volunteers who participated in the day’s activities to make it such a well-run event.

BY-LAWS

By-law No. 2015-0033 - To Amend By-law No. 06-14 to Increase the Price of Bag Tags.
RESOLUTION #274/15: Cole & Kaiser
That By-law No. 2015-0033, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 06-14 to increase the price of bag tags be read a first time and brought to the floor for discussion. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #275/15: Cole & Kaiser
That By-law No. 2015-0033 be read a second time and finally passed and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the same and affix thereto the seal of the corporation. CARRIED.
By-law No. 2015-0034 - To Amend By-law No. 2010-01 to Appoint an Alternate Community Emergency Program Management Coordinator (CEMC)

RESOLUTION #276/15: Kaiser & Schenk
That By-law No. 2015-0034, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2010-01 to appoint an alternate Community Emergency Program Management Coordinator (CEMC) be read a first time and brought to the floor for discussion. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #277/15: Kaiser & Schenk
That By-law No. 2015-0034 be read a second time and finally passed and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the same and affix thereto the seal of the corporation. CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION
RESOLUTION #278/15: Cole & Kaiser
That Council resolve itself into closed session at 9:39 p.m. in order to discuss personal matters about identifiable individuals and a potential acquisition of land matters. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #279/15: Harvey & Cole
That Council rise and report from closed session; and further that all recommendations made within closed session be hereby adopted, namely that:
That Council make the following appointments:
   (i) Michelle Edgar and Josh Dafoe to the Community Development Advisory Committee; and
   (ii) Courtney Bowering and Jim Galloway to the Youth Programming Task Force and that a youth appointee continue to be sought. CARRIED.

CONFIRM PROCEEDINGS
RESOLUTION #280/15: Cole & Kaiser
That By-law No. 2015-0035 being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Regular Session held May 26, 2015 be read a first and second time and finally passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and affix thereto the seal of the Corporation. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT
RESOLUTION #281/15: Kaiser & Harvey
That the meeting does hereby adjourn at 9:53 p.m. CARRIED.