

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PITTSBURGH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1997
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWNSHIP HALL AT 5:30 PM

Present: Reeve Carl Holmberg
Deputy Reeve Jack Hamilton
Councillor Anne Levac
Councillor Carsten Sorensen
Councillor Dave McNish

Also present: Wilson Bigelow, Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer
Beulah N. Webb, Clerk
Madonna Funnell, Deputy Treasurer & Tax Collector
Ross Hutchins, Deputy Clerk
Gary Bullock, Fire Chief
June Nixon
Mary Glenn
Sheila Peters
Leonore Foster
Barry F. Gordon
Dr. Hans Westenberg
Chander Datta
Gerry Coady
Tim Wilkin, Township Solicitor
Gary Shultz
Gerry Shoalts, Shoalts & Zaback Associates Ltd.
Ray Zaback, Shoalts & Zaback Associates Ltd.
Marianne McCaffrey
Lynne Jordan, Chief Librarian,
Kingston Frontenac Public Library
Sheila Martin
John Harrison
Murray Hogben, Whig Standard Reporter
Caroline Dunn, CKWS-TV

ITEM #1
CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Holmberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ITEM #2
DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ITEM #3
CHANGES/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

ITEM #4
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting were not available for approval.

ITEM #5
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

Reeve Holmberg opened the meeting by informing the people present that

Township Council was going to be passing a by-law establishing the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Reserve Fund.

Reeve Holmberg stated that the Township, being very innovative and creative had come up with a means of dealing with area restructuring. He stated that Municipal Affairs Minister Al Leach had made it clear that the 4.7 million reserves accumulated over the years by the Township was to be used by the Township's residents and the Transition Board had endorsed this. However, Reeve Holmberg said Township Councillors were a little nervous about the security of their reserves after the end of this year. Therefore, Reeve Holmberg said Council tied an extra knot in the rope linking the Township residents to their money and also relieved the New City of the burden and potential conflict it might have if the money wasn't protected.

Reeve Holmberg asked Deputy Reeve Jack Hamilton to explain the proposal to the audience.

Deputy Reeve Hamilton read the following write up regarding the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund.

"Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund"

Pittsburgh Township Council has decided to create the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund to ensure that projects and initiatives currently underway in the Township will be completed. In the process, we will ensure that the Township's reserves will be used according to the Minister's Order that created the new City, specifically, "...for the benefit of the residents in the area of the former Township of Pittsburgh."

Our residents, former Councillors, and staff have helped build and protect these reserves over the years. As we wind down the affairs of the Township of Pittsburgh, we are uncomfortable with making decisions hastily and with the thought that some long-standing community activities may disappear due to lack of funding. We feel that we can resolve both these corners through the establishment of the Fund.

The Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund will be established as a non-profit Corporation with a Board of Directors. The Board will manage the business of the Corporation and will be composed of eleven citizens of Pittsburgh Township and will include the elected members of the new city council from the existing Township of Pittsburgh.

The Corporation will have an immediate responsibility to finalize plans for such projects as the MacLean House Library, the Grenadier/LaSalle Recreation Complex, Grass Creek Park improvements, the Conrad Arenas, and the 50 metre pool proposal. Over a longer term, the Corporation will provide support, benefits and assistance to residents of the community by developing and fostering community spirit (Canada Day Celebrations, Winterfest, the Sheep Dog Trails), promoting organized athletics (figure skating, minor hockey, soccer, baseball), arts, education, or civic emergency."

Deputy Reeve Hamilton introduced the members of the Committee as follows: Gerry Coady, Chander Datta, Barry Gordon, Hans Westenberg, Harry Tudor, Gary Shultz, Leonore Foster, and stated that the successful candidate for District #1 would also be a member of the Benefit Fund.

ITEM #6

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Finance

MOTION #14

Moved by Dave McNish seconded Carsten Sorensen that By-law No. 67-97, being a by-law to designate the purpose for which certain reserve of the Township of Pittsburgh shall be used after December 31, 1997 be read a first and second time.

Carried
Carl Holmberg

MOTION #15

Moved by Carsten Sorensen seconded by Dave McNish that By-law No. 67-97, being a by-law to designate the purpose for which certain reserve of the Township of Pittsburgh shall be used after December 31, 1997 be read a third and final time.

Carried
Carl Holmberg

Re: 12

By-law No. 68-97, being a by-law to authorize the establishment of the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Reserve Fund

MOTION #16

Moved by Anne Levac seconded by Jack Hamilton that By-law No. 68-97, being a by-law to authorize the establishment of the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Reserve Fund be read a first and second time.

Carried
Carl Holmberg

MOTION #17

Moved by Dave McNish seconded by Carsten Sorensen that By-law No. 68-97, being a by-law to authorize the establishment of the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Reserve Fund be read a third and final time.

Carried
Carl Holmberg

Re: 13)

By-law No. 69-97, being a by-law to authorize the transfer of certain reserves and reserve funds of the municipality to the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Reserve Fund

MOTION #18

Moved by Carsten Sorensen seconded by Anne Levac that By-law No. 69-97, being a by-law to authorize the transfer of certain reserves and reserve funds of the Municipality to the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Reserve Fund be read a first and second time.

Carried
Carl Holmberg

MOTION #19

Moved by Dave McNish seconded by Carsten Sorensen that By-law No. 69-97, being a by-law to authorize the transfer of certain reserves and reserve funds of the Municipality to the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Reserve

Fund be read a third and final time.

Carried
Carl Holmberg

Re: 14) **By-law No. 70-97, being a by-law to authorize grants to the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund**

MOTION #20

Moved by Jack Hamilton seconded by Carsten Sorensen that By-law No. 70-97, being a by-law to authorize grants to the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund be read a first and second time.

Carried
Carl Holmberg

MOTION #21

Moved by Anne Levac seconded by Dave McNish that By-law No. 70-97, being a by-law to authorize grants to the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund be read a third and final time.

Carried
Carl Holmberg

Re: 15) **Letter of direction and payment to Cunningham Swan Carty Little & Bonham**

MOTION #22

Moved by Jack Hamilton seconded by Carsten Sorensen that Council approves the attached Letter of Direction under the signature of Chief Administrative Officer, Wilson Bigelow **and further** that Council authorize the payment of \$24,990.00 to the firm of Cunningham Swan Carty Little & Bonham in accordance with the terms and conditions in the attached Letter of Direction.
Funds for this will come from the Growth Studies Reserve.

Carried
Carl Holmberg

Letter of Direction

The Corporation of the Township of Pittsburgh forwards to the firm of Cunningham, Swan, Cart, Little & Bonham (the Firm) the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) (the Employee Arbitration Fund) and the sum of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$9,990.00) (the Employee Negotiation Fund) which are to be held by the Firm subject to the following conditions.

The **Employee Arbitration Fund** is to be made available to fund legal expenses which may be incurred by Township of Pittsburgh employees, who continue as employees of the new City of Kingston, in responding to or participating in grievances and arbitrations affecting their interests arising out of the interpretation of seniority rights.

The **Employee Negotiation Fund** is to be made available to