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Council Briefs

The following actions were taken at the Committee and Council meetings of Tuesday, December 17, 2019:

Operations Committee:

Engineering Design & Contract Administration Services for Foster Fraser Bridge Rehabilitation Request for Proposal No. P-19-10

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That the Operations Committee approves the award for Engineering Design Services for Foster Fraser Bridge Rehabilitation (Request for Proposal No. P-19-10) to HP Engineering Incorporated in the amount of \$35,226.25 plus HST; and

That the Operations Committee approves additional expenditures in the amount of \$6,000.00 for a contingency allowance;

The total value of the recommendations equal \$41,226.25 plus applicable HST; and

That the Operations Committee approves the future award of Contract Administration Services to HP Engineering based on the quoted values submitted in the proposal for the above project and subject to future budget allocation.

Carried

Parks & Recreation Committee:

Sign Request – 2 International Drive, O’Kenny Craft Spirits

Mr. Andrew Kenny, owner of O’Kenny Craft Spirits, was to make a presentation to Committee to reconsider direction of the Planning and Development Committee meeting of October 1, 2019, however Mr. Kenny was unable to attend.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That the Parks & Recreation Committee table the Sign Request – 2 International Drive, O’Kenny Craft Spirits report until a future meeting.

Carried

Former Fire Hall – 273 Victoria Street

Mr. Lapierre presented the report. Jerry Novack, representative from The Grind; Deacon Adrien Chaput, representative from the Kitchen Initiative and the Society of

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Saint Vincent de Paul; and Sher Brisebois, a volunteer with The Grind; spoke to Committee in regards to The Grind's application for space in the former fire hall.

Motion:

Moved by Mayor LeMay

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That the Parks & Recreation Committee recommends that the City of Pembroke enter into a lease based on The Grind's Proposal 1 & 2 subject to negotiations with staff.

Councillor Plummer requested a recorded vote.

Yea: Mayor LeMay, Deputy Mayor Gervais, Councillor Reavie, Councillor Jacyno, Councillor Lafreniere

Nea: Councillor Plummer, Councillor Abdallah

Carried

Explanatory Note:

After reviewing information from various interested parties and individuals and after holding a Town Hall meeting, by a vote of 5-2 Committee decided to support the proposal presented by The Grind. Approval is contingent on staff drafting a lease agreement with The Grind, which would result in no cost to the municipality regarding redevelopment or ongoing operating costs associated with the proposed use.

Long-Term Care Cost Sharing Agreement – County of Renfrew

Motion:

Moved by Plummer

Seconded by Abdallah

That the Parks & Recreation Committee recommends that the City's percentage share of long-term care costs be frozen at the 2019 rate of 30.63% with the stipulation that the December 31st resident population data still be provided to the City by March 31st of the following year.

Carried

Explanatory Note:

The intent of the decision is to eliminate the yearly spikes regarding operating costs the City is required to contribute based on the current funding model. The approved action will provide both organizations with predictability and stability within their respective budget processes.

Snowmobiler Television Marketing Opportunity

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the Parks and Recreation Committee approves a 2020 budget expense preapproval of \$2,333.33 for a marketing opportunity with Snowmobiler Television, in partnership with the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association, Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization and the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation; and

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That the Parks and Recreation Committee approves an increase to the 2020 budget line for tourism initiatives to \$10,00 from \$8,000 to include this opportunity on top of other planned tourism initiatives in 2020.
Carried.

Proposed Sale of Land

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the Parks and Recreation Committee recommends to Council the sale of land legally described as Concession 1, Part Lots 28 and 29, Stafford and being Part of Part 1 on 49R-18740.

Carried

Free Public Skates

Mr. Lapierre reviewed the report and thanked the following sponsors for the fifty-eight free public skates being provided on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons during the fall/winter ice season:

- Malcolm, Deavitt and Binhammer Funeral Home
- SRB Technologies
- Tim Hortons
- HGS
- Ontario Power Generation
- Integrated Health Centre
- Canadian Nuclear Laboratories
- CUPE Local 24
- The Nook Creperie Inc.
- Ry-J's Climbing Adventures
- MPP John Yakabuski

Council Meeting:

By-Laws

2019-62 – Sale of Land (International Drive)

Passed and Enacted

Explanatory Note:

This by-law allows for the execution of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale in respect to the proposed sale of a 7.7-acre lot in the TransCan Corporate Park – 127 International Drive.

2019-63 – Firefighters' Collective Agreement

Passed and Enacted

Explanatory Note:

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This by-law allows for the execution of a new Collective Agreement with the Pembroke Professional Firefighters' Association covers the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022.

Motions

Resolution No. 026 – Sub-Class Reductions

Explanatory Note:

The Council of the City of Pembroke is seeking consent from the Province of Ontario, to phase out the Sub-Class Reductions for excess land and vacant land in the industrial property tax class by reducing the reduction to 25% and 15% in 2020 and 2021 respectively. Council is also seeking consent from the Province to eliminate the Sub-Class Reductions for excess land and vacant land in the commercial and industrial property tax classes in 2022 and beyond.

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