

July 19, 2005

A Combined Committee Meeting was held this evening with Deputy Mayor Scott presiding and all members of Council in attendance with the exception of Councillor Levasseur. Staff members in attendance were Terry Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer, Colleen Sauriol, Manager of Planning and Building, David Unrau, Manager of Works, Engineer and Utilities, and Recording Secretary, Dawn Turcotte.

ITEM #1: Festival Hall/Laurentian Public School

Deputy Mayor Scott reminded Council that at its' June 7, 2005 meeting the Finance & Administration Committee was advised of the Renfrew County School Board's intent to dispose of the Festival Hall/Laurentian Public School property. The committee then directed staff to seek a legal opinion as to the possibility of severing Festival Hall from the rest of the school. According to the report received from the City Solicitor (Robert B. Sheppard) this is a possibility. According to Mr. Sheppard it would seem that the subject properties could be legally severed from one another so that a portion, including the Festival Hall portion of the building, could be conveyed to the City of Pembroke, however, there are a number of details that would need to have some consideration in attempting to achieve this. It was then noted that Laurentian Public School and Festival Hall share common utilities such as electrical and heating.

Councillor White suggested that the City should contact the School Board soon if it is interested in purchasing the property. She also stated that the School Board would have to agree to sever the property.

Councillor O'Neill stated that it would be criminal if the City of Pembroke and the surrounding municipalities were to lose Festival Hall. It also would not be fair to expect the City to take over the sole operational costs of the facility. Councillor O'Neill then suggested that the City could enter into an agreement with the Town of Petawawa, the Township of Laurentian Valley and the Renfrew County District School Board to keep Festival Hall open.

Deputy Mayor Scott then suggested that maybe the Festival Hall Committee could meet with the School Board to discuss the issue.

Councillor O'Neill noted that in the past representatives from each municipality, including himself, Cy Steele (Town of Petawawa) and Jim Sheedy (Laurentian Valley), met with the School Board regarding the operation of Festival Hall.

Councillor Lafreniere then noted that Festival Hall isn't the only valuable part of the building. She stated that the gymnasium and the classrooms are used by the community as well and that she would like to see a shared agreement made between the three municipalities.

Councillor Severin reminded Council that the Renfrew County District School Board requires a response by July 21, 2005. Councillor Lowe suggested that Council should send a letter to the School Board indicating interest in the property.

Deputy Mayor Scott then directed staff to communicate a response to the Renfrew County District School Board that the City of Pembroke is interested in the Festival Hall portion of the building. A copy of the letter should also be sent to the Festival Hall Committee.

ITEM #2: Office – 2nd Floor, City Hall

Terry Lapierre, CAO, informed Council that the Pembroke Police Services Board has requested use of the Council office space for its Secretary in the amount of approximately 5 hours per month. It is recognized that during certain times such as contract negotiations or budget preparation, a minor extension to the projected hours of use may be required. The Board is aware that the office is for Council member use and will accommodate this priority use as required.

The Police Services Board will be providing a computer and printer for the office at its expense with both being made available for Council use. The Board will also be providing a secure filing cabinet for its own use. It is recognized that should, at any time in the future, the City require the space for its use the Board will vacate the office on a reasonable notice basis. Committee direction is requested.

Councillor White noted that she was concerned about access to the computer and privacy issues. Mr. Lapierre noted that each user is issued their own password and will not be able to access sensitive materials.

Council then agreed to allow the Pembroke Police Services Board use of the Council office space.

ITEM #3: Sign Request – 360 Pembroke Street West

Colleen Sauriol, City Planner, informed Council that a request has been received to erect two signs on top of the building municipally known as 360 Pembroke Street West. The signs do not comply with the requirements of the City's By-law. Ms. Sauriol also noted that the signs are already installed.

The property is presently zoned “Central Commercial – C3” which permits signage for retail stores. The Sign By-law, however, only allows pylon signs, ground signs or fascia signs. The Sign By-law does not permit signs on a building rooftop. The applicants wish to erect two signs on the top of the building which are 4 feet high by 12 feet wide for a total sign area of 48 square feet for each sign. The signs will be supported by three metal frames that will anchor the sign box to the weighted wooden posts. Bob Hughes, Chief Building Official, indicated that more support may be needed for the signs. This will be determined when he inspects the site. Mr. Hughes did indicate that with the proper supports, the signs could meet safety requirements. The location of the signs does not pose a visibility issue for motorists or pedestrians.

The Planning Department has concerns that if permitted, the signs would set a precedent for other signs of this type to locate on top of buildings. Presently there are two rooftop signs existing. One grandfathered and the other received special approval many years ago. The Sign By-law does allow for fascia signage which can cover up to 20% of the area of the wall. Based on this formula, the signs could be larger than the requested 48 square feet. Therefore, based on the above information, it would be the Planning Department’s recommendation not to approve the sign request.

Councillor Lafreniere asked why the signs shouldn’t be allowed. Ms. Sauriol noted that there were safety issues as well as cosmetic issues (would not be in line with the heritage downtown core).

Mayor Jacyno noted that he had had a telephone conversation with the applicant. He noted that the applicant did not know there would be a problem with the sign as he had a similar one at his previous location. The applicant explained that he is competing with larger box stores such as Wal-Mart and felt that the added advertisement of the sign would help his business.

Councillor O’Neill stated that by-laws are made to be followed and that the applicant has already installed the sign without applying for a sign permit in the first place. If the applicant had inquired about the sign then this item would not be before Council today. Councillor O’Neill then made a motion that Council deny the request to allow two signs on the rooftop of 360 Pembroke Street West, Councillor Severin seconded this motion.

Councillor Lafreniere suggested that if the sign is safely anchored to the roof then why can’t it be allowed to remain. She also noted that the sign would be promoting a downtown business.

Mayor Jacyno stated that Council should look at each sign on an individual basis and he felt that if the sign is safely secured then it should be ok to say where it is. Mayor Jacyno wants to promote downtown business.

Councillor Henderson then stated that small businesses are fighting for their livelihood and that aesthetics shouldn't be a reason to turn down the application. Councillor Henderson stated that he would vote against the motion put forth by Councillor O'Neill.

Councillor O'Neill stated that business people should not break the rules. They shouldn't go ahead with something without finding out what the appropriate laws are first. He noted that a sign on the roof isn't attractive and that the City should be tough on those who break the law and that the regulations should be enforced.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor O'Neill
Seconded by Councillor Severin
THAT Council deny the request to allow two signs on the rooftop of 360
Pembroke Street West.

RECORDED VOTE:	Councillor Henderson	nea
	Mayor Jacyno	nea
	Councillor Lafreniere	nea
	Councillor Lowe	yea
	Councillor O'Neill	yea
	Deputy Mayor Scott	yea
	Councillor Severin	yea
	Councillor White	yea

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ITEM #4: Waterfront Plaque

Terry Lapierre, CAO, informed Council that he had the opportunity to review the site with a representative from Campbell Monuments regarding a Waterfront Plaque. A 16" x 11" bronze plaque is recommended. This recommendation differs from the previous being 18" x 12" at an estimated cost of \$964.00 plus tax. An estimate for the smaller plaque has not been received yet.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Severin
THAT the 16" x 11" bronze plaque be installed at the Waterfront at a
maximum price of \$964.00 plus tax.

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ITEM #5: Boundary Road Reconstruction

Dave Unrau, Manager of Works, Engineering and Utilities, informed Council that the tender for the Boundary Road reconstruction closed on July 5, 2005. Three firms submitted tenders:

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| 1. | Do-All Construction | \$561,123.00+GST |
| 2. | H&H Construction | \$649,773.21+GST |
| 3. | RGT Clouthier | \$697,977.00+GST |

Mr. Unrau then recommended that Council award the contract to Do-All Construction for a price of \$561,123.00+GST.

Councillor Lowe stated that she was concerned with the price being so much lower than the other two. Mr. Unrau stated that the City has worked with Do-All before and that they worked on a large project last year for the City. Mr. Unrau also stated that he spoke with the owner and he is ok with the price as quoted.

Councillor White then asked if a cost had been submitted to install an asphalt sidewalk. Mr. Unrau noted that he could put some prices together and present them at the next committee meeting noting that this would not be included in the above noted tender price.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Henderson
THAT Council award Project No. 2045123A (Boundary Road Reconstruction) to Do-All Construction for a price of \$561,123.00+GST.

CARRIED.

ITEM #6: Pool Marbiliting

Mr. Unrau informed Council that the Kinsmen Pool surface has become deteriorated and rough and requires total resurfacing. The last time the pool was resurfaced was in 1988. Council has given approval for this capital project through money set aside in reserves in 2004 and the balance in 2005. The following quotes have been received to complete the work:

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| 1. | Bruce Benson Pools, Ottawa | \$87,885.00+GST |
| 2. | Leo Marbelite Inc., Weston | \$91,500.00+GST |

The capital Budget for the entire project which includes any additional plaster repair and bulk head maintenance is \$100,000.00.

Mr. Unrau recommended that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder. He further stated that the work would take place during the month of December and that the pool would have to close a bit earlier for its Christmas break to have the work completed.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill
THAT the Council award the contract to resurface the Kinsmen Pool to Bruce Benson Pools at a price of \$87,885.00+GST.

CARRIED.

On motion of Councillor Lafreniere, seconded by Councillor Henderson, the Combined Committee Meeting adjourned.