



The Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Special Council Meeting #27-18

MINUTES

The inaugural meeting of Council was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Almonte Old Town Hall.

Regan Warner piped the Members of Council into the Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Acting Clerk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. O CANADA

The Council meeting was opened with the singing of O Canada by Olivia Scott.

C. ROYAL ANTHEM

The Royal Anthem was led by Olivia Scott.

D. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Mayor Christa Lowry
Deputy Mayor John Levi
Councillor John Dalgity
Councillor Janet Maydan
Councillor Bev Holmes
Councillor Cynthia Guerard
Councillor Denzil Ferguson

ABSENT:

STAFF:

Shawna Stone, Acting CAO
Jeanne Harfield, Acting Clerk

OTHERS:

Regan Warner, Mississippi Mills Pipe Band
Mary Royal-Duczek, Almonte United Church
Olivia Scott, Singer

E. DECLARATION OF ELECTED OFFICE AND OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

The Acting Clerk administered the Declaration of Elected Office and Oath of Allegiance to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors.
Copies of the signed declarations of office are attached to the minutes.

F. BLESSING OF COUNCIL

Reverend Mary Royal-Duczek delivered the blessing of council.

G. MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Mayor Lowry delivered her inaugural address. A copy of her address is attached to the minutes.

H. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

By-law 18-104

Resolution No. 541-18

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Levi

THAT By-law 18-104, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills at its inaugural meeting held on the 4th day of December 2018, be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council this 4th day of December 2018.

CARRIED

I. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 542-18

Moved by Councillor Maydan

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

CARRIED

Christa Lowry
MAYOR

Jeanne Harfield
ACTING CLERK

Mayor's Inaugural Address

Members of Council, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen, it is both a privilege and an honour to speak before you this evening. I would like to begin by congratulating every member of Council on their election victory. In recent weeks, I've met with each Member of Council individually and was impressed by the common values I heard. Transparency, building trust and open communication are a few they spoke of and I commend each and every Member of Council for setting the bar high with their own personal commitment to these values.

In public service, we are elected to represent everyone in Mississippi Mills: those who voted for us, those who did not vote for us, and those who did not vote at all. With both new and returning faces on Council, tonight's inauguration marks the beginning of a four year chapter where we will establish a shared vision and work together to best serve all the people of Mississippi Mills.

As I look out in the audience this evening, I see Heads of Councils spanning decades before me and I think of the words of Issac Newton: *"If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants"*.

As I stand here before you, I see many giants whose hard work, dedication and inspired leadership continue to shape our community. I'd like to recognize those leaders who are with us this evening. Mississippi Mills is the community we are today because of your hard work. THANK YOU.

Now the baton has been passed to us. On behalf of Council, let me say that it is an honour to continue this work, standing on your shoulders. It is the responsibility of Council to continue to set priorities and policy, and in turn Municipal staff will operationalize these priorities and policies.

The next four years will be challenging for the Municipal team as we re-examine and update critical documents and master plans such as the Long Term Financial Plan and the Asset Management Plan while continuing to practise sound, responsible fiscal management. Our Official Plan will require amendments and updates, particularly due to new population projections received from Lanark County. The biggest project of our term will be the "Big Dig Downtown" which will see water and sewer renewals in downtown Almonte. This major project will need to be carefully planned in cooperation with downtown merchants and residents. I encourage everyone to participate in upcoming information centres.

It's important that we have public participation and commentary in our projects. While Council and Municipal staff each have their distinct responsibilities and roles, so does the public. I encourage you to come out to meetings and information centres, ask questions of your councillors, get involved on committees and working groups and be an informed citizen.

As I said throughout the campaign, I am committed to bringing the residents of Mississippi Mills together and to moving forward in a positive, constructive way. A team is not built by one alone however, nor can bridges connect if there is only one side present. We all have our roles to play in moving forward: myself, Council members and the community. I will proudly walk beside each of you who is committed to building bridges and moving forward on a positive path. With the open minds and commitment of my new Council colleagues and our wider community, I am eager to get started to ensure all voices are heard in Mississippi Mills, this beautiful, vibrant place we all love and call home.



Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance

I, Christa Lowry, having been elected or appointed to the office
(name of person)

of Mayor
(name of office)

in the municipality of Mississippi Mills
(name of municipality)

do solemnly promise and declare that:

1. I will truly, faithfully and impartially exercise this office to the best of my knowledge and ability.
2. I have not received and will not receive any payment or reward, or promise thereof, for the exercise of this office in a biased, corrupt or in any other improper manner.
3. I will disclose any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.
4. I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second (or the reigning sovereign for the time being).

And I make this solemn promise and declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

Declared before me)
at the Municipality of Mississippi Mills)
in the County of Lanark)
on the 1st day of December, 2018)



Signature of Declarant



Shawna Stone, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Commissioner for taking Affidavits



Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance

I, John Levi, having been elected or appointed to the office

of Deputy Mayor

in the municipality of Mississippi Mills

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John Levi



Jeanne Harfield, Acting Clerk
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Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance

I, John Dalgity, having been elected or appointed to the office
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in the municipality of Mississippi Mills

do solemnly promise and declare that:

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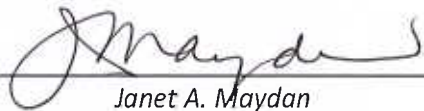
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Janet A. Maydan



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Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance

I, Bev Holmes, having been elected or appointed to the office
of Councillor, Ramsay Ward
in the municipality of Mississippi Mills

do solemnly promise and declare that:

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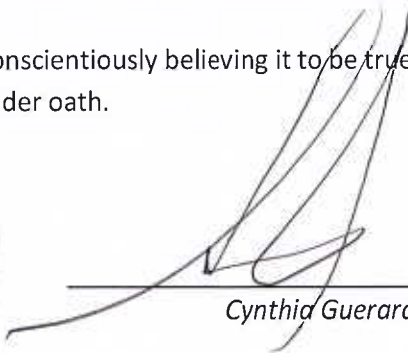
I, Cynthia Guerard, having been elected or appointed to the office
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Cynthia Guerard



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Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance

I, Denzil Ferguson, having been elected or appointed to the office
of Councillor, Pakenham Ward
in the municipality of Mississippi Mills

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