

Jack's Recap

Committee of the Whole

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As Councillor Bamford has stated many times "*perception is usually reality*". In this regard, I think it safe to conclude that this council is becoming dysfunctional. Prior to a vote, Mayor Black stated that he would not vote for a resolution that would allow for members of council to be present during the weekly meetings between KPMG and Administration. Councillor Rick Dubeau enacted a point of order admonishing the mayor that he should be impartial and to not prejudice council by making his feelings known prior to the vote. The mayor laughed it off.

The TTA has asked to make a presentation to council with suggestions on how to save dollars, specifically with the operation of the city owned long term care facility, the Golden Manor. Certain members of council and administration refused to hear us on three different occasions. And so the \$3.37 million annual operational deficit continues.... What is really baffling is the statement that Councillor Rinaldo made Monday evening. She stated that she has served on the Golden Manor board for over 5 years now and still does not understand how it functions. If this is the case, then why not take the time to learn from someone who has thoroughly researched the subject and is impeccably qualified to present many cost saving alternatives? As I first quoted "*perception is usually reality*" and in this case digging your feet in and refusing to learn shows us that this council already pretends to have all the answers even when they publicly admit to the opposite.

A solar energy farm was proposed to council Monday evening with three sites selected and a start date of 2017 as their target start up. Fortunately for the taxpayer, Councillor Dubeau had already done his research on the subject and pointed out that our grid was not updated to accept the production of solar energy. The presenter stated that Hydro One would take care of any updates to equipment needed to accept solar energy. Yeah right!

On another positive note, a presentation was made to council with respect to new paving substances and methods. It was pointed out that most paving plants use oil as its main ingredient; yes oil, any oil, recycled from KFC and McDonald's. They even use old roofing shingles and these ingredients do not make for a good asphalt cement mix. He has performed a trial on highway 655 with great success and will be willing to show it to anyone from council who wishes to take the time to look at it. He also stated that the shave and pave method is completely useless it only delays the inevitable. The motto here is you get what you pave for!

That's a rap on this week's recap!