1. **Opening of the Meeting**

The Warden, Mr. Robert Kirby, calls the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None
3. **Adoption of Agenda**

   Moved by Pierre Leroux  
   Seconded by Daniel Lafleur  

   Be it resolved that the Agenda be adopted with the following amendments:
   - Add item 6.1.4 Per Diem for Subsidized Residents; and  
   - Address items 7.1 and 7.2 after item 3.

   Carried

7. **Closed Session**

   Moved by Pierre Leroux  
   Seconded by Daniel Lafleur  

   Be it resolved that the Committee of the Whole proceed in closed session at 9:06 a.m. regarding:
   - 7.1 Permit Fees for the Prescott and Russell Residence pursuant to subsection 239(2)(f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*; and  
   - 7.2 Agreement with Prescott-Russell Tourism pursuant to subsection 239(2)(k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

   Carried

   Moved by Stéphane Sarrazin  
   Seconded by François St-Amour  

   Be it resolved that the Committee of the Whole reconvene into open session at 9:24 a.m.

   Carried

7.1 **Permit Fees for the Prescott and Russell Residence**

   The Committee discusses the Town of Hawkesbury’s permit fees for the construction of the new Prescott and Russell Residence.

7.2 **Agreement with Prescott-Russell Tourism**

   The Committee discusses the annual subsidy to Prescott-Russell Tourism.

4. **Petitions, Delegations, and Presentations (n/a)**

5. **Council Members’ Items (n/a)**
6. Department Heads’ Items

6.1 Stéphane P. Parisien

6.1.1 Update on the Prescott and Russell Residence Redevelopment Project (with Mr. Andrew Rodrigues, Project Manager)

Mr. Andrew Rodrigues and Mr. Parisien provide an update on the Prescott and Russell Residence Redevelopment Project through a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Parisien indicates that the Committee must provide instructions regarding additional expenditures related to the Project.

Moved by Pierre Leroux
Seconded by Stéphane Sarrazin

The Committee recommends moving forward with the additional expenditures, as outlined in Option 2 in the PowerPoint presentation, representing an increase in the construction budget of $5.2 million and that a resolution be presented at the next Council meeting to endorse these additional expenditures.

Carried

The meeting is temporarily adjourned at 10:20 a.m. and resumes at 10:34 a.m.

6.1.2 Delegation Requests for the 2020 ROMA Conference

Mr. Parisien asks the Committee Members to inform him of the delegation requests they would like to make at the 2020 ROMA Conference.

Moved by Daniel Lafleur
Seconded by Guy Desjardins

The Committee recommends that the following delegation requests be made at the 2020 ROMA Conference and that a resolution be presented at the next Council meeting to confirm these requests:

1. Prescott and Russell Residence Redevelopment Project - Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care;

2. County Road 17 - Ministry of Transportation;

3. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan - Ministry of Transportation (joint request with the Township of Champlain);
4. Intermunicipal Ambulance Calls - Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care; and


Carried

6.1.3 Contribution to the 2020 EOWC Budget and Reserves

Mr. Parisien advises the Committee that the EOWC has sent a resolution to all its members requesting an additional one-time contribution of $10,000 for the year 2020 to replenish its reserves. The additional $10,000 has already been included in the budget estimates for today’s meeting, but the Committee still has to decide on the issue.

Moved by Pierre Leroux
Seconded by Guy Desjardins

The Committee recommends that the additional one-time contribution of $10,000 to the EOWC be included in the 2020 Budget in addition to the $25,000 allocated annually to this organization.

Carried

6.1.4 Per Diem for Subsidized Residents

Mayor Lafleur informs the Committee that the Prescott-Russell Private Residence Association approached the Social Services Committee this morning to obtain a $1.00 increase in the per diem for subsidized residents. The Social Services Committee recommended that the subject be added to the Committee of the Whole Agenda.

Moved by Daniel Lafleur
Seconded by Guy Desjardins

The Committee recommends that the per diem for subsidized residents be increased by $0.50 for the year 2020 and that this increase be included in the 2020 Budget Revisions.

Carried
6.2 Valérie Parisien

6.2.1 UCPR’s Contribution for EORN’s Mobile Broadband Project

The Treasurer provides a history of EORN’s Mobile Broadband Project. Essentially, the Province of Ontario and the federal government have both agreed to contribute $71,000,000 towards the Project, and the municipalities of the EOWC and the EOMC must jointly contribute $10,000,000. The portion to be contributed by the UCPR to this project is $683,085. Ms. Parisien indicates that the UCPR can either pay this amount in four annual installments or prepay the full amount in the first year and receive in return 5% interest on three quarters of the UCPR's contribution, ultimately considered an investment. However, she states that this investment runs counter to the UCPR’s Investment Policy (FIN-001).

Ms. Parisien recommends that the Committee authorize a derogation from Policy FIN-001 and choose the prepayment option. She also recommends that the Committee agree to transfer the budgeted amount for 2019 to the reserve dedicated to this project, which currently has a total of $160,000.

Moved by Pierre Leroux
Seconded by François St-Amour

The Committee recommends that the Treasurer’s recommendations be approved and that a resolution and a By-law be presented at the next Council meeting to authorize the derogation from Policy FIN-001, to authorize the transfer of the reserve, and to ratify the contribution agreement with the prepayment option.

Carried

6.2.2 Changes to the 2020 Preliminary Budget

Ms. Parisien presents the 2020 Budget revisions. She indicates that with the addition of the per diem for subsidized residents, the tax increase for the year 2020 is now 2.95%.

Moved by François St-Amour
Seconded by Daniel Lafleur

The Committee recommends that the Council Member’s salary increase of $0.10 per resident be included in the 2020 Budget Revisions as presented by Mayor Leroux at the Committee of the
Whole meeting on October 9, 2019, amounting to $83,000, including associated benefits.  

Carried

Moved by Daniel Lafleur  
Seconded by Guy Desjardins

The Committee recommends that the 2020 Budget Revisions be accepted as presented by the Treasurer, including the increase in per diem for subsidized residents and the salary increase for Council Members, and that the final 2020 Budget be presented at the next Council meeting for adoption.

Ms. Parisien specifies that these additions will affect the tax increase for the year 2020, but she will make the necessary adjustments to keep the tax increase to 3%, as requested by Council at the last regular meeting.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved by François St-Amour  
Seconded by Daniel Lafleur

Be it resolved that this Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Carried

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Robert Kirby, Warden

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Mélissa Cadieux, Clerk