

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH-WEST OXFORD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 17th, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor James Hayes
Councillors: D. Anne Vanhoucke, Ron Sackrider,
Jay Heaman, David Mayberry

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councillors: George Klosler, Gerald Mitchell

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Ellen Greb, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor James Hayes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 1 Moved by D. Anne Vanhoucke
Seconded by Ron Sackrider

RESOLVED that the agenda for the August 17, 2004 meeting of Council be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 2 Moved by J. Heaman
Seconded by David Mayberry

RESOLVED that the minutes of the August 3rd, 2004, meeting of Council be accepted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 3 Moved by J. Heaman
Seconded by David Mayberry

RESOLVED that the minutes of August 9, 2004 meeting of Council be accepted, with the amendment that Wray Ramsay's presentation be added.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Resolution No. 4 Moved by D. Anne Vanhoucke
Seconded by Ron Sackrider

RESOLVED that Council receive the Health and Safety Minutes of July 30th, 2004.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Works Superintendent Bill Freeman reported that the recommendations of the Health and Safety Committee were being dealt with as follows:

1. Lighting in recycle depot
 - Interior of the building will be painted this year which will brighten the facility considerable.
2. Improved ventilation in the Dereham Shed
 - Exhaust fans are being considered, however the building may be expanded in the future and additional ventilation would be needed.

Councillor Heaman inquired about having staff certified for Workplace Health and Safety. Works Superintendent Freeman noted the following:

- three staff members have received Level 1 training as part of road school training.
- He will prepare a report on the cost to fully certify staff.

AND WHEREAS the Conservation Authority works in partnership with its watershed municipalities to implement community-based, practical solutions to a range of natural resource issues including provincially delegated responsibilities for the implementation of flood and erosion control programs for the protection of life and property;

AND WHEREAS the Province has previously committed to paying 50% of flood and erosion control programs and other related eligible costs as defined in the 1997 Policy and Procedures Manual, but has not met that funding commitment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, when establishing new policies and procedures in 1997 to define the level of funding to support its partnership with Conservation Authorities, omitted; (1) Municipal Plan Review, (2) the implementation of the Conservation Authority Act Section 28 Regulation, and (3) Shoreline Management as eligible activities for funding assistance by the Province;

AND WHEREAS predictable, stable funding (adjusted for inflation) is critical to successful program delivery;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of South-West Oxford endorse the report entitled "Submission to the Minister of Natural Resources: Re-Investment in Ontario's Conservation Authorities – Now and In the Future" which requests:

- (1) a reinvestment in Conservation Authorities by the Province based on definitions within the 1997 Policy and Procedures Manual;
- (2) a re-establishment of funding for items deemed of provincial interest currently excluded from transfer payment funding; and
- (3) implementation of annual Consumer Price Index adjustments retroactive to 2002.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#653 Minister of Agriculture and Food – Information meetings
Resolution No. 10 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by J. Heaman

RESOLVED that correspondence item #653 be noted and filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#654 Minister of Agriculture and Food – Construction of New Drains and Improvements to Existing Drains

- Council requested written confirmation from Sid VanderVeen of Ministry of Agriculture and Food regarding the funding of drainage reports in progress.

#641 Ontario Heritage Foundation – 2004 Heritage Community Recognition Program
Resolution No. 11 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by Ron Sackrider

RESOLVED that correspondence item #641 be noted and filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#647 Municipality of Chatham-Kent – request for support of resolution
Resolution No. 12 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by D. Anne Vanhoucke

RESOLVED that the Township of South-West Oxford support the resolution of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent which petitions the Government of Ontario to re-instate the Municipal Outlet Drainage grant program.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#658 AMO – Divisional Court Upholds MPAC’s Right to Refuse Information Requests
Resolution No. 13 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by J. Heaman

RESOLVED that correspondence item #658 be noted and filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#659 AMO Alert – Government announces that all municipalities may utilize red light
cameras.
Resolution No. 14 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by D. Anne Vanhoucke

RESOLVED that correspondence item #659 be noted and filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#660 Township of Greater Madawaska – request for support of resolution.
Resolution No. 15 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by D. Anne Vanhoucke

RESOLVED that the Township of South-West Oxford support the
resolution of the Township of Greater Madawaska which demands the
total repeal of all sections of Regulation 170/03 that deals with untreated
water systems in Ontario.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Resolution No. 16 Moved by D. Anne Vanhoucke
Seconded by Ron Sackrider

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Accounts payable Council Report	\$123,083.91
GST recoverable (due back)	3,151.49
Pre-authorized payments	7,948.91
Council – July	4,782.63
Bi-weekly payroll #16	<u>24,893.01</u>
	<u>\$163,859.95</u>

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

#652 Benson Benefits Consulting – offering services
#655 MPAC information sheet

- Council indicated that it may be worth having a representative from MPAC come and speak at a public meeting about assessment next year.

#657 Peter Corfield & Associates – Fire Service Message

Resolution No. 17 Moved by D. Anne Vanhoucke
Seconded by Ron Sackrider

RESOLVED that correspondence numbered as follows be noted and filed:
#652, #655, #657

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

