

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH-WEST OXFORD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 7th, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor James Hayes

Councillors: D. Anne Vanhoucke, Ron Sackrider,
George Klosler, Gerald Mitchell, Jay Heaman,
David Mayberry

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Ellen Greb, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.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 December 7, 2004,
meeting of Council be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried.

MINUTES:

Council Minutes

Resolution No. 2 Moved by D. Anne Vanhoucke
Seconded by Ron Sackrider

RESOLVED that the minutes of the November 16th, 2004,
meeting of Council be accepted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes

Council reviewed the Minutes of November 26, 2004 as well as Workplace Inspection Report dated October 22, 2004.

Resolution No. 3 Moved by Ron Sackrider
Seconded by D. Anne Vanhoucke

RESOLVED that the November 26, 2004 Health and Safety Minutes be received by Council.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Councillor Jay Heaman noted that it was important for staff and council to be informed regarding Bill C-45 each could be held personally liable by the Ministry of Labour should a work place injury occur.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations were made.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:*Township Local Boards – Workers Safety Insurance Board (WSIB) Premiums and Health and Safety Policies*

- Currently each local board hires individuals for grass cutting, caretaking duties, grave digging etc.
- WSIB has made it very clear that the municipality is responsible to ensure that any person(s) paid for doing work at any of these facilities must have either a Clearance Certificate or an Independent Operators Certificate. Individuals that don't have either of these must have premiums remitted on their behalf by the Township.
- In addition the Township must ensure that any person(s) carrying out work at any facility owned by the Township is trained in workplace health and safety.
- Staff will check into health and safety implications for those doing volunteer work in municipal facilities.
- The matter should be placed on the December 21, 2004 agenda for further discussion.

Possible dirt track on property north of Foldens (west side of Foldens Line)

- Council requested information on how to deal with noise from ATV and motor bikes on tracks on private property.
- Staff will report back to Council on the matter
- Councillor Mayberry noted that motorized vehicles are entering the Township's 45 acre parcel on Foldens Line. Operators are going around the south side post of the gate. The property should be signed to stop motor vehicles from entering the property.

STAFF REPORTS (continued)Drainage Department

Drainage Superintendent Wray Ramsay gave his report numbered D.D. 12-2004.

1. *Hillhorst's Property – Fencing Ditch*

- Ramsay met with representatives from Cattlemen's Association, Conservation Authority as well as the mayor and fence contractor.
- Fence is going to be installed along both banks of the channel
- The fence posts were installed in the east field by December 2, 2004
- Agency is continuing to work with landowner to ensure completion of the project.

2. *Salford Machinery Drainage*

- Explained how they can provide drainage for their property into the new drain
- Ministry of Transportation is reviewing the revised plans for the Storm Water Management Pond
- Representative of Salford Machinery gave incorrect location of weeping bed to engineer of project and will therefore pick up the full cost to revise the plan.

3. *Draft By-Law for Muck Removal*

- Council was asked to review the draft by-law
- Glen Harrington was contacted for input into the draft report requirements
- Councillor Vanhoucke noted she had a concern with the term 'Landscape Architect' in the by-law as it could be broadly interpreted.
- It was also noted that well water and site rehabilitation were the major concerns of those who were present at a previous meeting of Council.
- All of Council would like the public to have input into the draft by-law before it is officially adopted.

4. *Site Alternation By-law*

- Spent some time developing a new Site Alteration By-law for the Township of South-West Oxford

5. *Spill Kits*

- Continued work on the emergency program involving the spills on Highway #401.

6. *Clear Creek Drain (open portion)*

- Received telephone calls from landowners on the Clear Creek Drain – open portion concerning erosion problems, leveling of the excavated material, laneway culvert erosion which were answered.

#954 Township of Augusta – gas tax fund allocation resolution

Resolution No. 15 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by Gerald Mitchell

RESOLVED that the resolution of the Township of Augusta requesting the Minister of Finance and the Province of Ontario to re-examine the access to the gas tax fund allocation to be distributed so that municipalities that are without public transportation benefit as well, be noted and filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#957 Corp. of City of Sault Ste. Marie – request support of resolution

Resolution No. 16 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by D. Anne Vanhoucke

RESOLVED that the resolution of the City of Sault Ste. Marie licensing lottery events be noted and filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#979 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Barker – Plan 538 Picton Street, Centreville

- Mr. & Mrs. Barker would like Council to close Picton Street (unopened road allowance) between their property at Lot 4-5 and the Ingham property Lot 3-4 in Beachville.
- They would also be interested in purchasing the entire road allowance. The letter noted that this was their second request. (First request in June 2001)

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Greb distributed correspondence item #888 dated August 3, 2001 from Charles and Karen Ingham. The letter outlined the concerns they had regarding the possible closing of Brock Street and Picton Street in Beachville.

Councillors Mayberry and Mitchell noted that there were other parties in the area who would also object to this road allowance being closed and sold.

Resolution No. 17 Moved by Gerald Mitchell
Seconded by David Mayberry

That the matter be deferred in order for Council to visit the site.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#991 Township of Algonquin – Request support resolution

Resolution No. 18 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by D. Anne Vanhoucke

RESOLVED that the resolution of the Township of South Algonquin with regard to property assessments be noted and filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#992 Corp. of Township of Algonquin Highlands – Request support resolution
Resolution No. 19 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by George Klosler

RESOLVED that the resolution of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, petitioning the Government of Ontario to implement a deposit-return system metal, glass and plastic beverage containers, be supported.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#1006 Ottawa – Long Range Financial Plan 2 – Recommendation 6
Resolution No. 20 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by Gerald Mitchell

RESOLVED that the resolution of the City of Ottawa, requesting special legislation to allow an Endowment Fund established with the proceeds of Hydro Ottawa refinancing to be invested under the Trustees Act, be noted and filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#1007 City of Pickering – Fundraiser for Purchase of Victoria Cross – request grant
Resolution No. 21 Moved by Ron Sackrider
Seconded by Gerald Mitchell

RESOLVED that the request from the City of Pickering for fundraising for the purchase of the Victoria Cross be noted and filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#1011 Ministry of Transportation – Hwy. 19 from Mt. Elgin to Hwy.401 proposed improvements.

Resolution No. 22 Moved by Gerald Mitchell
Seconded by David Mayberry

RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation be informed that the Township of South-West Oxford supports the proposed improvements on Highway 19 between Mt. Elgin and Highway 401, including the closing of the Barrett Street access to Highway 19, in Salford, and the re-aligning of the Dereham Line intersection and addition of Right Turn Taper.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#1012 Mark Snowsell, Land Use Regulations Officer, Upper Thames River Conservation – Topsoil Removal Applications

- He noted that if the Township wishes to review the objectives, policies and information requirements of the Topsoil Preservation By-Law, the UTRCA would be pleased to assist.
- Council noted that perhaps an independent person should look at the muck removal process to see what the overall impacts are. The rehabilitation process of the sites may also need to be addressed.

