

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH-WEST OXFORD
COUNCIL MINUTES**

December 1, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor: James Hayes
Councillors: D. Anne Vanhoucke, Ron Sackrider
George Klosler, David Mayberry,
Jay Heaman (vacates @ 1:00 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councillor: Gerry Mitchell

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Ellen Greb, C.A.O./Clerk-Treasurer
Dianne Harnett, Deputy Clerk

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor James Hayes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following changes were made to the agenda:

1. Councillor George Klosler requested that staff appreciation be added to the New Business Section
2. Marlene Van Ham was added to the agenda as a delegation to speak to Council about speed limits on Township Roads.

Resolution No. 1 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by Ron Sackrider

RESOLVED that the agenda for the December 1, 2009, Meeting of Council be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

MINUTES

Resolution No. 2 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by Ron Sackrider

RESOLVED that the minutes of the November 17, 2009, Regular Meeting of Council be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor George Klosler declared a pecuniary interest regarding Planning Item #866 County of Oxford Land Division Committee – Notice of Public meeting for Consent and Zone application Nos. B-32/09 and ZON 4-09-6, 967777 Ontario Ltd.

South-West Oxford Township policy. The Environmental screening was re-submitted to Industry Canada after the final revisions were completed.

C.B.O. Daniel recommended Council approve the site plan based on the plans and drawings submitted. All of Melissa Sherran, County Planner's comments have been included.

3. Inspections

Mr. Daniel reviewed the inspections carried out following the November 17th, 2009 Council Report.

Resolution No. 4 Moved by Ron Sackrider
Seconded by David Mayberry

RESOLVED that the Chief Building Officials Report B.D. No. 22-2009 be reviewed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

4. Brownsville Complex – Bidding Process

C.B.O. Daniel noted that General Contractor Bruno Porciello of Bronnenco Construction Ltd. had advertised the project on the London & Area Construction web as well as the Daily Commercial News and the Grand Valley Construction web. Contractor Porciello sent out over 200 faxes regarding the project and any calls from local bidders were forwarded to him.

Resolution No. 5 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by Ron Sackrider

RESOLVED that the Site Plan for Brownsville Community Services Building be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT REPORT NO. DD 28-2009

Drainage Superintendent Wray Ramsay gave his report as follows:

1. Quinn Drain has been completed and several areas of the installation had to be placed on stone due to the soil conditions.
2. Some concerns were raised that some of the tiles were not hooked up properly following the extension of the Tillsonburg Airport runway. Drainage Superintendent Ramsay had a discussion with Contractor John Van Gorp and was shown photographs showing how the connections were made. He was assured that everything was hooked up properly.
3. Landowner Frank Morgan contacted the Township to advise that his field was much dryer due to the repair carried out on the Mud Lake Drain.
4. Landowner Joe Wilson has requested that the survey on the Foster Drain be taken to his tile outlet as the cleanout a few years ago could be better. Drainage Superintendent Ramsay noted that there is a new person to deal with at the

Resolution No. 8 Moved by Ron Sackrider
Seconded by David Mayberry

RESOLVED that the Drainage Superintendent's Report No. D.D. 30-2009 be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Drainage Superintendent Report No. 31-2009 Include Road Storm Sewer in Report

A petition from the County of Oxford was received to include a road storm sewer in the new Campbell Drain Report.

The report recommended that Council:

1. Accept the new petition under Section 4 of the Drainage; and
2. Spriet Associates London Ltd. be directed to include this petition with the original request submitted in report D.D. 15-2009.

Resolution No. 9 Moved by Ron Sackrider
Seconded by David Mayberry

RESOLVED that the Drainage Superintendent's Report No. D.D. 31-2009 be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

DELEGATION

Marlene Van Ham voiced speed limit concerns as follows:

- Asked council for the criteria/logic it uses to establish lower speed zones

She noted specifically the reduced zone on Dereham Line south from Ostrander Road. Drivers using Township roads expect the speed limit to be 80 kilometres per hour as that is normally what the limit is in rural areas. The 60 kilometer zone on Dereham Line actually discourages people from using that roadway and sends traffic onto other roadways where the higher limit is in effect.

She noted that Pressey Road where it intersects with Culloden Line is a very dangerous intersection as there has been numerous accidents at the location. There is no visual reason why this would occur however it continues to happen. She asked if the Township used accident statistics to set speed limits or to erect flashing red/yellow lights warning people of upcoming stop signs.

She distributed printed material that she had gotten from the Ministry of Transportation website illustrated that a reduced speed limit does not necessarily translate into safer driving.

Mayor Hayes noted that Work's Superintendent Freeman had hoped to attend the meeting however was called away. He assured her that the reason for the lowered speed limit on Dereham Line was to deal with the reduced site line at the Hawley Farm where laneways

on both sides of the road exit onto Dereham Line. The 80 kilometer speed limit does not allow drivers adequate time to stop for vehicles driving out of those laneways. Once road construction is completed to take back some sections of the hills on that roadway the speed limit should be increased back to an 80 kilometer zone.

Marlene Van Ham noted that the reduced speed zones actually provided the O.P.P. with fishing areas to ticket speeding drivers.

Councillor David Mayberry noted that O.P.P. enforcement on local roadway would certainly slow people down and expressed hope that increased police presence could potentially result in people obeying speed limit restrictions.

Marlene Van Ham requested in any change in speed limit should address the concerns of the community as a whole and not just a few local residents who don't want people speeding by their homes.

Mayor Hayes thanked her for coming to present her concerns to Council.

PLANNING & ZONING

#672 Public Notice for Zone Change – ZON 4-08-10; 1040669 Ontario Inc.

There was no council discussion regarding the application as it would be coming to a future meeting for presentation at a public meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Resolution No. 10 Moved by George Klosler
Seconded by D. Anne Vanhoucke

RESOLVED that the following Accounts be approved for payment:

Council Report dated December 1/09	\$1,750,840.52
GST Recoverable	\$5,305.90
Bi-weekly Payroll #24	\$30,344.77
Council October Remuneration	\$11,721.10

TOTAL \$1,798,212.29

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS

Resolution No. 11 Moved by George Klosler
Seconded by D. Anne Vanhoucke

RESOLVED that the following correspondence be noted and filed; #859, #867, #870.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS CORRESPONDENCE

#872 - A.M.O. announcing second application period for 2009-2010 Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program.

Resolution No. 12 Moved by George Klosler
Seconded by D. Anne Vanhoucke

RESOLVED that correspondence item #872. Re: Second Application Period for 2009-10 Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program be noted & filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#876 – City of St. Catharines requesting support of their request to have the federal g.s.t. on poppies removed.

Resolution No. 13 Moved by George Klosler
Seconded by D. Anne Vanhoucke

RESOLVED that the Private Members Bill introduced by Welland MP Malcolm Allen asking that the Royal Canadian Legion be exempt from GST on purchases of red lapel poppies be supported.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#877 – McNab-Braeside Disaster Relief Committee – Request for financial assistance

Resolution No. 14 Moved by George Klosler
Seconded by D. Anne Vanhoucke

RESOLVED that correspondence item #877 from the McNab/Braeside Disaster Relief Committee be accepted and further that a donation of a \$200.00 be made to assist the rural community in its recovery from localized flooding due to the torrential rainstorm of July 24, 2009.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#878 A.M.O. Proposed Organic Guidelines

Resolution No. 15 Moved by D. Anne Vanhoucke
Seconded by George Klosler

RESOLVED that correspondence item #878. entitled Proposed Organics Guidelines be received and followed up for more information.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#879 – Township of Madawaska Valley – Requesting support of resolution.

Resolution No. 16 Moved by D. Anne Vanhoucke
Seconded by George Klosler

RESOLVED that correspondence item #879 being a resolution from the Township of Madawaska Valley requesting that the Province of Ontario financially assist all Ontario municipalities so that all Ontario water users pay the same amount for a cubic metre for clean, safe drinking water be supported.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#880 – Township of Madawaska Valley – Requesting support of resolution.

Resolution No. 17 Moved by George Klosler
Seconded by D. Anne Vanhoucke

RESOLVED that correspondence item #880 from the Township of Madawaska Valley requesting that the Province of Ontario change assessment values back to 2008 values, and re-instate one year annual assessments;

And further that the Province draft legislation to help alleviate the significant tax burden of the owners of water front properties be noted and filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Council requested that MPAC be invited to a future Council meeting to make a presentation on the assessment process.

CLOSED MEETING

Council went into closed session to discuss the following:

Resolution No. 18 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by Ron Sackrider

RESOLVED THAT Council hold a closed meeting in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Council went into Committee of the Whole “in camera” at 11:41 a.m. and reconvened “in public” at 12:00 p.m.

BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

By-Law No. 48-2009 Letter of Agreement between Ontario Trillium Foundation and South-West Oxford Township- First and Second Reading

Resolution No. 19 Moved by Ron Sackrider
Seconded by David Mayberry

RESOLVED that the mover be granted leave to introduce a by-law to authorize the execution of a Letter of Agreement between Ontario Trillium Foundation and South-West Oxford Township and this shall constitute the First and Second Reading thereof. (By-Law No. 48-2009).

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

By-Law No. 48-2009 Letter of Agreement between Ontario Trillium Foundation and South-West Oxford - Third Reading

Resolution No. 20 Moved by Ron Sackrider
Seconded by Gerry Mitchell

RESOLVED that the By-Law to authorize the execution of a Letter of Agreement between Ontario Trillium Foundation and South-West Oxford Township be now Read a Third time and Finally Passed, signed, sealed and numbered 48-2009.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS CORRESPONDENCE *(continued)*

Livestock Valuer's Report – November 30th Claim for 4 turkeys killed by a dog.

Resolution No. 21 Moved by George Klosler
Seconded by D. Anne Vanhoucke

RESOLVED that the Stock Valuer's Report re: Scott Vanden Brink's November 30th claim be accepted and the stock valuer's fee and mileage paid.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#881 – Copy of Peg Andrews and Jane Grass email to Oxford MP Dave MacKenzie asking that the CAF funding of the project be reconsidered.

Staff was instructed to send Oxford MP Dave MacKenzie a letter re-stating Council's support of the project.

These minutes were adopted by Council on the 15th day of December, 2009.