

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

December 15, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor: James Hayes
Councillors: David Mayberry, Ron Sackrider, Gerry Mitchell
D. Anne Vanhoucke, Gerry Klosler,
Jay Heaman (arrived at 7:54 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councillor: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Ellen Greb, Clerk-Treasurer/CAO
Dianne Harnett, Deputy Clerk

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 Ron Sackrider
Seconded by David Mayberry

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

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Councillor David Mayberry requested the following item be discussed in the New Business Section:

- Closure of Federal Farm Prisons

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor George Klosler declared a pecuniary interest regarding Planning Application No. ZON 4-09-6 (967777 Ontario Ltd.)

ADJOURN FOR PUBLIC MEETING FOR ZONE CHANGE (*Application ZON 4-09-6*)

Councillor George Klosler vacated the Council chamber.
County Planner Melissa Sherron was present for the public meeting.

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

RESOLVED that Council adjourn in order that a Public Meeting for a Zone Change may be held.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Mayor Hayes noted that the Township may allow the community to pay off the 25% over the years as it has done for other groups in the past.

Councillor Heaman noted that the Sweaburg community is constantly fundraising to improve parks in the community and noted that it has not required any significant financial commitment from the Township. He noted that the Township should consider amending the existing 25% fundraising requirement and allow any money that is raised to be turned over to the community for park improvements.

Councillor Mayberry noted that while the 25% requirement seems cumbersome it could be addressed as the Township paying \$3.00 for every \$1.00 that is raised locally.

C.A.O. Greb noted that she had a meeting regarding the property with Thames Valley District School Board Superintendent Bill Tucker and would report back at the next Council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Council held a closed session to discuss:

- 1) Cranberry Line boundary issue
- 2) Folden's Patrol Yard Sale
- 3) Request to purchase portion of park property in Dereham Centre.

Resolution No. 8 Moved by Gerry Mitchell
Seconded by David Mayberry

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

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Council went into Committee of the Whole "in camera" at 9:01 p.m. and reconvened "in public" at 9:50 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS CORRESPONDENCE

#875 A.M.O. 2010 Training & Development Series

The Council Challenges in 2010 workshop on January 29, 2010 in London will be attended by C.A.O. Greb and Councillor Vanhoucke.

#889 County of Grey Wind Turbine Public Health Implications

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

RESOLVED that the resolution from the County of Grey requesting the Federal and Provincial agencies responsible for public health, energy creation and energy management complete the following:

- 1) Dedicate resources to the necessary scientific research to consider the impact of:
 - a) low frequency noise, and
 - b) electrical and electromagnetic disturbances in areas of industrial wind turbines with the intent to confirm/deny public health implications;
 - c) technology and infrastructure being used; and
- 2.) Create and provide authoritative regulations and guidelines for the locating of wind turbines to municipalities and wind energy developers;
be supported.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#890 Dave MacKenzie, MP Oxford, Letter – Brownsville Complex Ground Breaking

Dave MacKenzie sent regrets that he is unable to attend the ground breaking for the new complex due to commitments in Ottawa.

#892 Durham Region's Request concerning the Ombudsman Act

Resolution No. 10 Moved by Ron Sackrider
Seconded by David Mayberry

RESOLVED that the resolution from Durham Region requesting the Ontario Premier to explain fully and completely any negative response to amending the Ombudsman Act to include hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Act be supported.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#896 City of Kawartha Lakes Resolution Concerning Windmill Projects

Resolution No. 11 Moved by Ron Sackrider
Seconded by Gerry Mitchell

RESOLVED that the resolution of the City of Kawartha Lakes requesting Provincial Health Officials to:

- 1) Conduct a study of the adverse health effects being experienced where windmill projects are fully operational; and
- 2) Conduct a full environmental study to determine the possible impact on the conservation areas and the Oak Ridge Moraine; and;
- 3) Conduct an independent economic impact study to determine all related potential costs that will be incurred by the Municipality and the effect on property values in the affected areas; and

Further that all of this be done prior to the issuance of any permits and the continuance of any projects be supported.

DISPOSITION: Motion Defeated

STAFF REPORTS (Continued)

CAO Report No. C.A.O. 13-2009

CAO Mary Ellen Greb reports a by-law to establish policy with regard to purchase of property for parks and recreation purposes. CAO Greb reported that the fundraising requirement of the community was reviewed and it was suggested that any money raised locally be used for park development and not towards the initiation purchase of the property.

Resolution No. 12 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by Ron Sackrider

RESOLVED that the Chief Administrative Officer's Report No. C.A.O. 13-2009 be received.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

RESOLVED that the following Accounts be approved for payment:

Council Report dated December 15, 2009	\$246,423.21
GST Recoverable	\$10,212.74
Bi-weekly Payroll #25	\$30,219.71
Council November Remuneration	\$5,847.46

TOTAL **\$292,703.12**

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

Resolution No. 14 Moved by Ron Sackrider
Seconded by David Mayberry

RESOLVED that the following information correspondence be noted and filed.

#873, #874, #885, #888, #895, #897, #890

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes of the December 1, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

Resolution No. 15 Moved by Ron Sackrider
Seconded by David Mayberry

RESOLVED that the minutes of the December 1, 2009, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Brownsville Fire Station

Fire Chief Dirk Verboom's written report for Brownsville Fire Hall contained no recommendations.

Mount Elgin Fire Station

Fire Chief Eric Johnson's written report for Mount Elgin Fire Station contained no recommendations.

Beachville Fire Station

Fire Chief Wayne Lillywhite written report for Beachville Fire Hall contained no recommendations.

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

RESOLVED that the Fire Chief's Report for the Brownsville Fire Hall be received.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

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

RESOLVED that the Fire Chief's Report for the Mount Elgin Fire Hall be received.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Resolution No. 18 Moved by D. Anne Vanhoucke
Seconded by George Klosler

RESOLVED that the Fire Chief's Report for the Beachville Fire Hall be received.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

#904 Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake request for support of resolution

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

RESOLVED that the resolution from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake requesting that the Region of Niagara be directed to share the gross benefits derived from uploaded social services with lower tier Towns/Cities by way of a tax levy restatement be noted and filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#905 Township of East Zorra-Tavistock request for support of resolution

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

RESOLVED that the resolution from the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock requesting the Province of Ontario to impose a moratorium on all industrial wind turbine projects currently being considered until such time as further study can be completed be noted and filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

#906 Long Point Region Conservation Authority – Notice of Office Relocation

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority will be moving its' administration office to the former Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board building in Tillsonburg in 2010.

South-West Oxford Fire Departments Report 1-2009

Fire Chief Jeff Smith's written report Fire Department activities during October and November 2009 contained no recommendations. He will be making a presentation to Council at the January 19, 2010 meeting.

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

RESOLVED that F.D. Report No. 01-2009 be received.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

South-West Oxford Fire Department Report 2-2009

Emergency Control Group Notification Process and Procedure

Fire Chief Smith reported that the Woodstock Police Communications Centre has served all Oxford County municipalities notice that effective January 1, 2010; it will no longer provide notification services for members of the municipal Emergency Operations Centre. This is due to the changes in the policing partnership and the County "911" Agreement.

The Tillsonburg Fire Communications Centre is willing and able to assume the responsibility of notifying other municipalities as the OPP Provincial Communications Centre in London will only make contact with one municipality. Therefore, The Tillsonburg Fire Communications Centre will provide the emergency notification service for the cost of \$100.00 per use. Fire Chief Smith noted that this proposal is within reason and once the update is completed, the contact information as well as a copy of the current Emergency Response Plan will be provided to Tillsonburg Fire Communications. Once a firm date for Tillsonburg Fire Communications to assume the notification responsibility for the Township of South-West Oxford is established, a letter will be sent to Woodstock Police Service relieving them of this obligation.

Resolution No. 22 Moved by George Klosler
Seconded by D. Anne Vanhoucke

RESOLVED that the F.D. Report No. 2-2009 be accepted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Visioning Meeting

A Council visioning meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township office.

Grants Night 2010

Grants Night will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Breakfast with the Boards

The annual breakfast meeting will be on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Foldens Community Hall commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Federal Prison Farms

Councillor David Mayberry noted that the Federal Government is considering closing work farms prisons across Canada. As a rural Township we know the benefits of farming include physical exercise combined with the satisfaction of producing the food that you consume. Farming promotes problem solving and decision making and would help individuals in the prison system work off aggression. He urged Council to speak through resolution against the closing of prison farms.

C.A.O. Greb was instructed to prepare a resolution regarding this matter for the January 19, 2010 Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 23 Moved by Ron Sackrider
Seconded by David Mayberry

RESOLVED that there being no further business Council adjourn at 11:00 p.m. to meet again on January 19, 2010, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

These minutes were adopted by Council on the 19th day of January, 2010.

MAYOR: James Hayes

CLERK: Mary Ellen Greb