

**MINUTES**  
**of the Municipality of West Perth Council Meeting**  
**on Monday, March 7, 2005**  
**at 7:00 p.m. in the**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Municipality of West Perth**

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**Present:** All members of Council were present.  
Staff: Pat Taylor, Clerk-Administrator; Mike Kraemer, Operations Manager; Karen McLagan, Treasurer; Barb Westlake-Power, Deputy Clerk

**1. Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

**2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None declared

**3. Delegations**

i) Members of the Arena Expansion Committee were in attendance to open RFPs received.

**Motion: 117-05**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Don Jones

THAT the proposals submitted for arena expansion be opened.

Carried

Prior to the opening, there was explanation and discussion regarding the process that was to be followed – the firms will be qualified by the Committee (and the Treasurer) and evaluated with a prepared grading system. Following, the second envelope (proposed fees) of qualified firms will be opened.

ii) A delegation was in attendance to speak to the proposed revisions to the stop sign locations in Fullarton; scheduled to speak were Bill French, Ron and/or Susan Koert and Doug Ahrens. The following signed in to the meeting: Bill French, Deanne Power, Barry Power, Betty Enns, Cor Enns, Erwin Fierz, Cal Strathdee, Doug Ahrens, Bert Knott, Cathy Hutson, Carol Kautz, Marg Campbell, Donna Barr, Marg French, Theo Koert, Rob Barr, Patsy Hopf, Rod Hopf, Y. & A. Trachsel, Susan Koert, and Ron Koert.

Mr. French spoke against removing the Fullarton four-way stops. Comments were as follows (but not limited to):

- Concern that the sign removal will cause: excess speed, increased commuter traffic, a safety risk to residents, increased wear and tear on roads, and more accidents
- Notation that four-ways reduce accidents; and when they do occur they're less severe
- The stop signs slow the traffic down
- Comparison to urban ward
- Impact on travel time with the stops is nominal
- Disappointed with the lack of notice

Mr. French read four letters on behalf of residents.

Notification of the decision was requested.

Mr. Ron Koert re-iterated the points of Mr. French.

Mr. Doug Ahrens addressed Council in favour of the stop sign removal, noting the following (but not limited to):

- It was noted that there are valid arguments to having the signs remain.
- The history of the four-way stops was noted; original intention was to change the direction/location of existing signs. The change was meant to be a gradual one, as was in accordance with the policy of MTO.
- Comparison to neighbouring municipalities and other wards within West Perth
- The distance:stop sign ratio was noted as far less than other areas (ie. five stops in a five km stretch of road)
- Creation of a ‘false sense of security’
- These are country roads where there is too much unsupervised recreation (road hockey and hopscotch)
- The signs are not being obeyed as they currently exist

Kathy Hutson was recognized by the Council and noted:

- Concern regarding the notice of the proposal
- Since the roads were paved, the traffic volume and speed has increased
- Concern that will see increase in littering, speeding and drinking and driving
- These are ‘residential roads’

A letter was presented on behalf of Donna Barr.

Deanne and Barry Power spoke, noting the accident that affected their family. The Powers noted that the Council’s first priority should be safety.

Following the presentations, Councillors personal comments.

#### **4. Adoption of Minutes**

- Minutes of the February 28, 2005 Regular Council Meeting

**Motion: 118-05**

Moved by: Gordon Young

Seconded by: Larry Wight

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated February 24, 2005 be accepted as presented.

Carried

#### **5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

It was noted that to-date no street name suggestions (Blanshard St.) had been received.

#### **6. Planning**

i) Notice of Deferral, Re: LDC file No. B38/04 - Stacey

ii) Notice of Deferral, Re: LDC file No. B39/04 – Paulen

iii) ZBA Application, Re: Part Lot 5, Plan 286, Logan – Stacey

**Motion: 119-05**

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Brock Sinnamon

THAT the Zoning By-law Amendment Application affecting Pt Lot 5 Plan 286 (Logan Ward) – Stacey, be forwarded to Planning Advisory, and that we proceed to a public meeting on April 4, 2005.

Carried

- iv) ZBA Application, Re: Lot 15, Plan 286, Logan – 789274 Ontario Ltd.

**Motion: 120-05**

Moved by: Barb MacLean

Seconded by: Ruth Fiebig

THAT the Zoning By-law Amendment application affecting Plan 286, Lots 10 & 4 (Logan Ward) – 789274 Ontario Ltd. be forwarded to Planning Advisory, and that we proceed to a public meeting on April 4, 2005.

Carried

- v) Notice of Public Meeting, March 14, 2005, Re: B39/04 Paulen, B2/05 Jarmuth, B44/04 Van Pelt and B38/04 Stacey

**Motion: 121-05**

Moved by: Gerry Kehl

Seconded by: Brock Sinnamon

THAT Planning correspondence not specifically dealt with be noted and filed.

Carried

- vi) At this time, Council discussed the matter of development in the Wimpole Street area. It was noted that there had been a meeting with the interested parties (including the Engineer). The consensus of Council was to leave all options open at this time. There was brief discussion regarding parkland and dollars in lieu, at the development stage. Also, sample designs were noted.

**7. Drains**

- i) Application for Tile Drain Loan, Lot 20, Con 15 Logan Ward

**Motion: 122-05**

Moved by: Gordon Young

Seconded by: Ross McIntosh

THAT the Tile Drain loan application for Con 15, Lot 20 (Logan Ward) – Nicholson, be approved in the amount of \$9,700.00, subject to funds being available from the Province.

Carried

- ii) Notice of meeting to receive Gardiner Drain Report (Perth South), March 15, 2005. It was noted that this work should qualify for the previous Provincial grant, because the report was submitted prior to the July 28, 2004 deadline.
- iii) Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Re: new Agricultural Drainage Infrastructure Program

**8. Correspondence**

- i) AMO
  - a. Alert, February 23, 2005, Re: Municipalities make gains in Federal Budget
  - b. Alert, February 23, 2005, Re: Premier commits to reconsidering CRF decision
  - c. Alert, February 22, 2005, Re: AMO President speaks to combined OGRA/ROMA Conference
- ii) Township of St. Clair, Re: Request for support – support and viability of Ontario Farms

**Motion: 123-05**

Moved by: Gerry Kehl

Seconded by: Ruth Fiebig

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Municipality of West Perth supports the Township of St. Clair, regarding the need for support from the Provincial and Federal Governments for the long term viability of Ontario farmers.

Carried

- iii) Municipality of West Nipissing, Re: Request for support – funding inequities and commitment to provide effective medical care to rural and northern Ontario
- iv) AMO
  - a) News Release, Plan to replace \$656 million Community Reinvestment Fund appears to leave Province’s Bills unpaid in 2004
  - b) Alert, February 18, 2005, Re: Newspaper Stewards special in-kind blue box contribution

**Motion: 124-05**

Moved by: Gerry Kehl

Seconded by: Ruth Fiebig

THAT the Council of the Municipality of West Perth hereby endorses that the CNA/OCNA become stewards and pay ‘steward fees’ and not in-kind services.

Carried

- c) Alert, February 18, 2005, Re: AMO report to members: Recent MOU meeting with the Province
- d) For Your Information, February 18, 2005, Re: AMO responds to the Places to Grow Act
- e) For Your Information, February 28, 2005, Re: Provincial Announcements on several matters at ROMA conference
- f) Alert, February 28, 2005, Re: Your input needed on the role of Municipalities in the New Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Program
- vii) Regional Municipality of Halton, Re: Benefits of membership in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- viii) County of Oxford, Re: Further tsunami relief
- ix) Announcement from Social Development Canada, Re: Understanding the Early Years
- x) Grey Bruce Huron Perth District Health Council, Re: Invitation to Farewell Celebration – March 17, 2005
- xi) Province of Ontario, Re: Protection of key lands in the Golden Horseshoe now Law, The Green Belt Act, 2005
- xii) Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, Re: Volunteer Recognition Programs 2005. This information will be forwarded to Community groups.
- xiii) ABCA, Re: Municipal and Public Input invitation, March 17, 2005
- xiv) County of Dufferin, Re: Gasoline Tax rebate

**Motion: 125-05**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Brock Sinnamon

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Municipality of West Perth supports the County of Dufferin regarding the need for the Minister of Finance to reassess and develop a new formula for the gasoline tax rebate to municipalities.

Carried

- xv) Mitchell Mets, Re: Fundraising tournament

**Motion: 126-05**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Darryl Seigner

THAT the Council of West Perth has no objection to the plans of the Mitchell Mets Intermediate Fastball Team Fundraising tournament scheduled for the 10, 11 and 12 of June 2005.

Carried

There was brief discussion regarding the insurance requirement for special events. Additional information will be brought to Council.

**Motion: 127-05**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig  
Seconded by: Larry Wight  
THAT correspondence not specifically dealt with be noted and filed.  
Carried

**9. Presentation of Accounts**

**Motion: 128-05**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig  
Seconded by: Darryl Seigner  
THAT the accounts totaling \$893,393.59 be approved for payment.  
Carried

**10. Standing Committee Reports**

- i) Minutes of the Water Committee meeting dated February 28, 2005

**Motion: 129-05**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig  
Seconded by: Darryl Seigner  
THAT the Minutes of the Water Committee Meeting dated February 28, 2005 be accepted as presented.  
Carried

- Resolution required for West Perth Power Inc.

**Motion: 130-05**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig  
Seconded by: Ross McIntosh  
THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign the Banking Agreement for Water Department (West Perth Power).  
Carried

- ii) Minutes of the Operations meeting, dated February 28, 2005

**Motion: 131-05**

Moved by: Walter McKenzie  
Seconded by: Gordon Young  
THAT the Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting dated February 28, 2005 be accepted as presented.  
Carried

The Operations Manager reported on the tenders received. There was brief notation regarding the proposed motor.

**Motion: 132-05**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig  
Seconded by: Gordon Young  
THAT the tender of Highway Sterling Western Star Trucks, in the amount of \$ 103,960.00 + \$345.00 (taxes included), for 2005 Tandem Truck cab and chassis be accepted.  
Carried

**11. Committee Reports**

- i) Councillor McKenzie reported on his attendance at the ABCA Sinkhole study meeting.

**12. By-laws**

- i) By-law 29-2005, being a by-law to Amend By-law 30-2001

**Motion:**

Moved by: Don Jones  
Seconded by: Ruth Fiebig  
THAT By-law 29-2005 being a by-law to amend By-law 30-2001 be read a first and second time.

Motion withdrawn

**Motion: 133-05**

Moved by: Darryl Seigner  
Seconded by: Don Jones  
THAT Section 4 of the proposed By-law 29-2005 be removed from the by-law to be considered.  
Carried

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor McIntosh.

**Motion: 134-05**

Moved by: Don Jones  
Seconded by: Ruth Fiebig  
THAT By-law 29-2005 to amend By-law 30-2001 be read a first and second time.

Yea

Mayor Van Bakel  
Deputy Barb MacLean  
Councillor McKenzie  
Councillor Kehl  
Councillor McIntosh

Nay

Councillor Jones  
Councillor Seigner  
Councillor Young  
Councillor Wight  
Councillor Sinnamon  
Councillor Fiebig

Defeated

**Motion: 135-05**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig  
Seconded by: Don Jones  
THAT Section 4, regarding the Fischer Road / Frank Street area be brought back to Council.  
Carried

**13. Unfinished Business**

- i) The Arena Expansion committee (Mike Uniack, Joe Klumper and Don Giles) and the Treasurer presented the grading of the Engineering proposals. There were three firms graded above the minimum standard. The Committee recommended opening the fee information for these firms: Totten, Sims, Hubicki; Smylie and Crow and Barill Engineering.

**Motion: 136-05**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig  
Seconded by: Brock Sinnamon  
THAT we open envelope #2.  
Carried

The Committee was asked to review and summarize the financial proposals.

**Motion: 137-05**

Moved by: Darryl Seigner  
Seconded by: Larry Wight  
THAT the Proposal for Planning Design and contract Administration for the proposed expansion of the Mitchell & District Arena as submitted by Barill Engineering Limited be accepted at:  
Phase I \$39,875.00  
Phase II (if proceeded with) \$136,000.00, as included in the proposal.  
Carried

- ii) Truck for Building Department

**Motion: 138-05**

Moved by: Gordon Young  
Seconded by: Ross McIntosh  
THAT we review truck RFP's.  
Carried

It was noted that two proposals were received: McLaughlin's Chrysler and Ross Rocher.

**Motion: 139-05**

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Barb MacLean

THAT the vehicle (2002 Ford F150 XL 2 WD), as proposed by Ross Rocher Sales be purchased in the amount of \$13,500.00 plus taxes and licensing.

Carried

There was consensus for the CBO to investigate and purchase a cap for the truck.

**14. New Business**

- i) The Clerk advised of a Community Futures meeting and tour scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>. Council members wishing to attend are to contact the Office.

**15. Questions from the Press**

**16. Closed Session**

**17. Adjournment**

**Motion: 140-05**

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Ross McIntosh

THAT we do now adjourn – time 10:50 p.m.

Carried

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Mayor, John VanBakel

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Clerk-Administrator, Pat Taylor