

MINUTES
of the Municipality of West Perth Council Meeting
on Monday, January 9, 2006
at 7:00 p.m. in the
Council Chambers
Municipality of West Perth

Present: All members were present, except Councillor Sinnamon
Staff: Pat Taylor, Clerk-Administrator; Barb Westlake-Power,
Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared

3. Delegations

7:30 pm - Ritz Lutheran Villa, Board members and volunteers were in attendance to present Council with a plaque of appreciation, and offer official and formal thanks, for Council's pledge to the Missing Link campaign.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Motion: 001-06

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Ross McIntosh

THAT the Minutes of the December 19, 2005 Regular Council meeting, and Minutes of the December 19th Public Meetings for By-law Z79-2005 and for Municipal fees be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

- i) There was discussion regarding item 14.i of the Regular Meeting minutes – farm severances. Several of the Councillors noted that there has been a lot of discussion regarding the matter, and several calls have been received. It was suggested that should Council proceed to support this, that there should be a public meeting regarding the matter. A tentative public meeting date was suggested; the matter to be further discussed at the next Council meeting. It was also noted that the matter had not yet been raised at County Council.

6. Planning

- i) Notice of Decision, Re: Consent Application B26/05 and B27/05, Willows, Fullarton Part Lot 5 Con. 6
- ii) Zoning By-law Amendment Application, Re: Plan 341, Pt Park Lots 55, 56, 60, 64 and all of Park Lots 61 to 63, 66 to 68 (Mitchell Ward) – West Mitchell Developments Inc.

Motion: 002-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Barb MacLean

THAT the Zoning By-law amendment application for Plan 341, Pt Park Lots 55, 56, 60 and 64 and all of Park Lots 61 to 63, 66 to 68 (Mitchell Ward) – West Mitchell Developments Inc. be forwarded to Planning Advisory.

Carried

- iii) Official Plan Amendment Application, Re: Plan 341, Pt Park Lots 55, 56, 60, 64 and all of Park Lots 61 to 63, 66 to 68 (Mitchell Ward) – West Mitchell Developments Inc.

Motion: 003-06

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Gerry Kehl

THAT the Official Plan amendment application for Plan 341, Pt Park Lots 55, 56, 60 and 64 and all of Park Lots 61 to 63, 66 to 68 (Mitchell Ward) – West Mitchell Developments Inc. be forwarded to Planning Advisory.

Carried

Motion: 004-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Larry Wight

THAT Planning correspondence be noted and filed.

Carried

7. Drains

- i) Municipality of Huron East, Re: Kistner Municipal Drain

Motion: 005-06

Moved by: Barb MacLean

Seconded by: Gordon Young

THAT the Council of the Municipality of West Perth has no objection to the proposed maintenance for the Kistner Municipal Drain, as received from the Municipality of Huron East.

Carried

- ii) There was some question regarding the status of petitions for the Lannin Drain, the Jarmuth Drain, and the Reaney Shaw Drain. These will be investigated.

8. Correspondence

i) **AMO**

- a. Alert, Dec. 16/05, Re: December Federal Gas Tax Implementation Update
- b. Alert, Dec. 19/05, Re: AMO Report to Members on December MOU Meeting
- c. AMO – Communicate, Re: Public Hearings on Bill 206 (Omers)
- d. Alert, Dec. 20/05, Re: Ministry announces funding for Land Ambulance and Long-term Care Equipment
- e. AMO Fact Sheet, December 2005, Re: \$3 billion Gap
- f. AMO, De. 22/05, Re: End of Session Status on Legislation relating to Municipal Governments. At this time there was question as to whether a reply had been received from the local MPP, regarding Council not supporting the passing of Bill 123. There has been no correspondence received.
- g. Office of the President, Re: Annual Conference, August 13-16, 2006, Ottawa, Ontario

ii) **Province of Ontario**

- a. Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, Re: Invitation to Family Health Team Information Sessions, January 2006
- b. Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, Re: Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

- c. Ministry of the Environment, Re: Funding available for Technical studies on Municipal Residential Drinking-Water Systems

Motion: 006-06

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Ruth Fiebig

THAT the Municipality of West Perth make application for the funding available for Technical Studies on Municipal Residential Drinking-Water Systems for applicable projects.

Carried

- d. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Re: Bill 206, Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act

iii) **Endorsement Requests**

- a. City of Port Colborne, Re: Property Tax and Assessment Issues

Motion: 007-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Gerry Kehl

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of West Perth supports the December 12th, 2005 resolution of the Council of the City of Port Colborne regarding the need for the Province to provide relief and remedy with respect to unacceptable spikes in the cost of living and likely property tax increases, and further that the Province end its downloading of provincial program and develop a plan to upload provincial program costs back to where they belong, to be funded through Provincial revenues.

Carried

- b. Town of Niagara on the Lake, Re: Report of the Water Strategy Expert Panel
- c. City of Kawartha Lakes, Re: Municipal Water and Wastewater rates
- d. City of Sarnia, Re: 2006 MPAC Assessment Values

Motion: 008-06

Moved by: Gerry Kehl

Seconded by: Ruth Fiebig

THAT Council supports the November 21st resolution of the City of Sarnia, regarding the 2004 assessment values remaining in place until the Ombudsmen's report and recommendations are made public.

Carried

- e. The Nation Municipality, Re: Gas Tax Allocation to Municipalities

Motion: 009-06

Moved by: Barb MacLean

Seconded by: Ruth Fiebig

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Municipality of West Perth endorses the resolution 621-05 of the Council of the Corporation of The Nation regarding the need for the Federal government to review the existing method of distributing the gas tax and establish a fair and equitable formula for the distribution, including both population and kilometers of highways per municipality.

Carried

- iv) Ontario Hospital Association, Re: Conference for Leaders of Volunteers/Volunteer programs
- v) Ontario Small Urban Municipalities, Re: 2006 Annual Conference and Trade Show – May 3-5, 2006, Leamington, Ontario. Councillor Young indicated interest to register and attend.
- vi) ABCA, Re: ABCA Names new Forestry and Land Stewardship Specialist

- vii) Hydro One, Re: Hydro One Home Energy Efficiency Grant – Community Connections Newsletter
- viii) County of Perth, Re: Business Retention and Expansion Program. There was some discussion regarding this; the Clerk will bring additional information to the next meeting.
- ix) Dave Hanley, Re: Joint meeting regarding Source Water Protection
- x) CohenHighley, Re: Ontario’s Brave New World, Municipal Challenges and Opportunities in 2006

Motion: 010-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Larry Wight

THAT Gerry Kehl and Ross McIntosh attend the CohenHighley meeting in London, on January 27, 2006.

Carried

- xi) Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, Re: Snowmobile Safety Week, January 8-14, 2006

Motion: 011-06

Moved by: Gordon Young

Seconded by: Walter McKenzie

THAT correspondence not specifically dealt with be noted and filed.

Carried

9. Presentation of Accounts

Motion: 012-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Ross McIntosh

THAT the accounts totaling \$ 677,515.66 be approved for payment.

Carried

10. Standing Committee Reports

11. Committee Reports

- i) Councillor Fiebig gave a brief verbal report regarding a meeting earlier that day, with regard to the relocation of the OPP and West Perth Power offices. Some new ideas are being considered and investigated for the location of the Scada system.

12. By-laws

Motion: 013-06

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Gordon Young

THAT the Mover and Seconder be authorized to introduce the following by-laws to be considered read a first and second time:

- i) By-law 1-2006, being a by-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006
- ii) By-law 2-2006, being a rating by-law (Tile Drain Loan)
- iii) By-law 3-2006, being a by-law to provide for interim tax levies for the year 2006, for the Municipality of West Perth
- iv) By-law 4-2006, being a by-law to dedicate a one foot reserve as a public highway to form part of Sunset Drive

Carried

Motion: 014-06

Moved by: Ross McIntosh
Seconded by: Larry Wight
THAT By-law 1-2006, being a by-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006 be read a third and final time and be taken as read;
And that the Mayor and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign and attach the Corporate Seal.
Carried

Motion: 015-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig
Seconded by: Walter McKenzie
THAT By-law 2-2006, being a rating by-law (Tile Drain Loan) be read a third and finally passed;
And that the Mayor and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign and attach the Corporate Seal.
Carried

Motion: 016-06

Moved by: Don Jones
Seconded by: Barb MacLean
THAT By-law 3-2006, being a by-law to provide for interim tax levies for the year 2006, for the Municipality of West Perth be read a third and finally passed;
And that the Mayor and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign and attach the Corporate Seal.
Carried

Motion: 017-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig
Seconded by: Gordon Young
THAT By-law 4-2006, being a by-law to dedicate a one foot reserve as a public highway to form part of Sunset Drive be read a third and finally passed;
And that the Mayor and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign and attach the Corporate Seal.
Carried

13. Unfinished Business

14. New Business

- i) Committee meeting date for February – suggest change, due to OGRA/ROMA conference. Those Council members planning to attend the Conference, confirmed at this time.

Motion: 018-05

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig
Seconded by: Gordon Young
Be it hereby resolved that the date for the February Committee meeting be set for Thursday, February 23, 2006, due to the OGRA/ROMA conference.
Carried

Motion: 019-05

Moved by: Don Jones
Seconded by: Ruth Fiebig
THAT the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Ken, Mike, Pat and Operations Chair be registered for the ROMA luncheon.
Carried

15. Questions from the Press

16. Closed Session

17. Adjournment

Motion: 020-06

Moved by: Ross McIntosh

Seconded by: Larry Wight

THAT we do now adjourn – time 8:10 pm.

Carried

Mayor, John VanBakel

Clerk-Administrator, Pat Taylor