

**MINUTES**  
**of the Municipality of West Perth Council Meeting**  
**on Monday, March 27, 2006**  
**at 7:00 p.m. in the**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Municipality of West Perth**

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**Present:** All members were present  
Staff: Pat Taylor, Clerk-Administrator; Barb Westlake-Power,  
Deputy Clerk; Karen McLagan, Treasurer  
(Others as noted)

**1. Call to Order.**

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

**Motion: 131-06**

Moved by: Brock Sinnamon

Seconded by: Ross McIntosh

THAT the following items be added to the agenda:

1. Opening of tenders for the August Bauer Municipal Drain
2. Petition for maintenance on the Cook Drain (Hibbert Ward),  
Section 74
3. Ontario Good Roads Association, Press Release March 24,  
2006
4. Water Committee Minutes dated March 27, 2006

Carried

**2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

none declared

**3. Delegations**

Vicki Wolfe-Hinz was in attendance to discuss with Council the Mobility Bus. Vicki circulated to Council a revised job description from the information previously reviewed. It was noted that the position is a contract position. Also, it was clarified that benefits were included for budgetary purposes because it was hoped that the position would be filled "internally" and this may be someone already on group insurance. The purpose of the position is to provide a client-focused review of the service, and ensure that optimum service is available to the community. Council noted a need for assurance that this would not result in future finance requests in excess of the current funding.

**Motion: 132-06**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Walter McKenzie

THAT we approve the Mitchell and Area Mobility Bus Growth Ridership Strategy and Specialized Transit Asset Management Plan.

Carried

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

- i) Minutes of the March 13, 2006 Regular Council Meeting

**Motion: 133-06**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Don Jones

THAT the Minutes of the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Regular Council meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**6. Planning**

- i) Sign Variance application, Re: Great Lakes New Holland Inc.,  
5458 Line 34 (Logan Ward)

**Motion: 134-06**

Moved by: Walter McKenzie

Seconded by: Gordon Young

THAT the Sign Variance application of Great Lakes New Holland Inc.  
for 5458 Line 34 be approved.

Carried

- ii) Minutes of the West Perth Planning Advisory Committee  
meeting dated March 15, 2006

**Motion: 135-06**

Moved by: Barb MacLean

Seconded by: Darryl Seigner

THAT the Minutes of the West Perth Planning Advisory Committee  
meeting dated March 15, 2006 be accepted as presented.

Carried

- iii) Notice of Decision, Re: Plan 44M-19, Lot 10 Park Lane  
(Mitchell Ward) – File B06/06  
iv) Notice of Decision, Re: Plan 345, Lot 5 – 95 Waterloo Street  
(Mitchell Ward) – File B03/06  
v) Notice of Decision of Committee of Adjustment – Minor  
Variance, RP44M-19 Lot 10, Park Lane (Mitchell Ward)  
vi) Declaration, Re: Z80-2006, Larry & Shirley Muegge

**Motion: 136-06**

Moved by: Larry Wight

Seconded by: Don Jones

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

Carried

**7. Drains**

- i) August Bauer Municipal Drain tenders

**Motion: 137-06**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Brock Sinnamon

THAT the tenders for the August –Bauer Municipal drain be opened.

Carried

The following tenders were received (prices exclusive of GST):

Hanna & Hamilton Construction	\$303,617.65
Van Bree Drainage Ltd.	\$277,513.00
969774 Ontario Ltd.	\$416,054.49
Nicholson Construction Ltd.	\$333,900.00
Birnam Excavating Ltd.	\$326,267.93
McCann Construction Inc.	\$323,702.00

**Motion: 138-06**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Barb MacLean

THAT Bill Dietrich review the tenders and report to Council.

Carried

Mr. Dietrich reviewed the tenders at this time, along with members of  
the Ritz Lutheran Villa Board of Directors. A recommendation was  
made to accept the low tender, for both parts of the project.

**Motion: 139-06**

Moved by: Larry Wight

Seconded by: Brock Sinnamon

THAT the tender of Van Bree Drainage in the amount of \$277,513.00  
(plus GST) for the August-Bauer Municipal Drain be accepted subject  
to the expiry of all appeal periods, and the review of the tender by the  
Project Engineer.

Carried

- ii) Petition for maintenance, under Section 74 of the Drainage Act, for Lot 7, Con 1, Hibbert Ward – Cook Municipal Drain

**Motion: 140-06**

Moved by: Barb MacLean

Seconded by: Brock Sinnamon

THAT the petition for maintenance on the Cook Municipal Drain, Lot 7, Con 1 Hibbert, under Section 74 of the Drainage Act be forwarded to the Drainage Superintendent.

Carried

**8. Correspondence**

i) **AMO**

- a) 2006 Provincial Budget Offers no real plan for Municipalities

ii) Province of **Ontario**

- a) Province of Ontario, Re: Regulation 535/05 – ethanol in gasoline requirement, effective January 2007
- b) Ministry of Health, Long Term Care, Re: Preventing a chronic disease epidemic in Huron and Perth, Wed., March 29, 2006

iii) **Endorsement Requests**

- a) City of Owen Sound, Re: Municipal Financial Crisis

**Motion: 141-06**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Don Jones

THAT the Council of the Municipality of West Perth hereby endorses the March 2, 2006 resolution of the Council of the City of Owen Sound, regarding the need for the Province of Ontario to address the Provincial-Municipal fiscal gap.

Carried

- iv) Canadian Union of Postal Workers, Re: Campaign to stop plant and post office closures
- v) Mitchell and District Kinsmen and Kinettes Clubs, Re: Beach Party, May 13, 2006

**Motion: 142-06**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Don Jones

THAT the Council of the Municipality of West Perth has no objection to the plans of the Mitchell and District Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs, with respect to their Beach Party Dance plans.

Carried

- vi) Riverboat Jamboree on the Thames Committee, Re: Notice of fundraising dance
- vii) Pelmorex, Re: Emergency public alerting in Canada
- viii) Thames River Fisheries Management Plan, Re: Public input sessions for Thames River Fisheries Management Plan
- ix) Conservation Ontario, Re: Communication from 'OPERA' regarding the Section 28 Regulation, Conservation Authorities Act.
- x) 1025091 Ontario Ltd., Application for liquor license – Godfather Pizza

**Motion: 143-06**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Darryl Seigner

THAT the Clerk be authorized to complete the required Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario Municipal Information form, for the liquor license application of Godfather Pizza (Ontario Road, Mitchell).

Carried

- xi) Perth County Federation of Agriculture, Re: Annual Spring Brief, March 31, 2006
- xii) Ontario Family Fishing Weekend, Re: Request for declaration of National Fishing Week

**Motion: 144-06**

Moved by: Gerry Kehl

Seconded by: Larry Wight

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Municipality of West Perth declares July 7 through July 9, 2006 as Family Fishing Weekend in the Municipality of West Perth in conjunction with “National Fishing Week.”

Carried

- xiii) Community Futures News, Re: Newsletter, and Invitation to Workshop on March 30, 2006
- xiv) Stratford General Hospital Foundation, Re: Invitation to Information Sessions
- xv) OGRA, Press Release, Re: OGRA responds to Ontario Budget and Transportation funding

**Motion: 145-06**

Moved by: Brock Sinnamon

Seconded by: Ruth Fiebig

THAT correspondence not specifically dealt with be noted and filed.

Carried

**9. Presentation of Accounts**

**Motion: 146-06**

Moved by: Larry Wight

Seconded by: Ross Mc Intosh

THAT accounts totaling \$412,290.46 be approved for payment.

Carried

**10. Standing Committee Reports**

**11. Committee Reports**

- i) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Council meeting, dated March 20, 2006

**Motion: 147-06**

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Walter McKenzie

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Council dated March 20, 2006 be accepted as presented.

Carried

- ii) Operations Report – follow-up from March 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**Motion: 148-06**

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Gerry Kehl

THAT we accept the Operations Manager’s report, with number of tonnes (gravel) being clarified.

Carried

- iii) Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, dated March 20, 2006

**Motion: 149-06**

Moved by: Gerry Kehl

Seconded by: Ruth Fiebig

THAT the Executive Meeting minutes dated March 20, 2006 be accepted as presented.

Carried

- iv) Minutes of the Water Committee Meeting, dated March 27, 2006

**Motion: 150-06**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Ross Mc Intosh

THAT the West Perth Water Committee meeting Minutes dated March 27, 2006 be accepted as presented.

Carried

- v) Budget Information

**Motion: 151-06**

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Gordon Young

THAT the 2006 One-time funding from the Provincial government for roads and bridges in the amount of \$388,000.00 be allocated as follows:

\$ 188,000.00 to the 2006 West Perth Roads budget

\$ 200,000 to roads reserves.

Carried

The Treasurer noted that the entire allocation of \$388,000.00 from the Province would be allocated to the 2006 budget expenditures, and that requisition dollars would in turn be moved to reserves.

**12. By-laws**

**Motion: 152-06**

Moved by: Gordon Young

Seconded by: Don Jones

THAT By-law 17-2006, being a By-law to enter into an Agreement between Great Lakes Specialty Meats Ltd. and the Corporation of the Municipality of West Perth be read a first and second time.

Carried

**Motion: 153-06**

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Barb MacLean

THAT By-law 17-2006, being a By-law to enter into an Agreement between Great Lakes Specialty Meats Ltd. and the Corporation of the Municipality of West Perth be read a third time and passed;

And that the Mayor and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign and attach the Corporate Seal.

Carried

**Motion: 154-06**

Moved by: Ross Mc Intosh

Seconded by: Don Jones

THAT By-law 18-2006, being a By-law to amend the West Perth Official Plan, and By-law Z82-2006, being a By-law to amend By-law 100-1998 (Mitchell Zoning By-law) be read a first and second time.

Carried

**Motion: 155-06**

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Ross Mc Intosh

THAT By-law 18-2006, being a by-law to amend the West Perth Official Plan (Mitchell Ward), be read a third time and passed,

And that the Mayor and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign, and attach the Corporate Seal.

Carried

**Motion: 156-06**

Moved by: Gerry Kehl

Seconded by: Darryl Seigner

THAT By-law Z82-2006, being a by-law to amend By-law 100-1998 (Zoning By-law), be read a third time and passed,

And that the Mayor and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign, and attach the Corporate Seal.

Carried

**13. Unfinished Business**

- i) The Council further discussed rural farm severances. Each member offered additional comments, most based on calls/discussion with ratepayers. A recorded vote on the matter was requested. (Residents Frank Louwagie and Dave Vande Walle were in attendance for this discussion.)

**Motion: 157-06**

Moved by: Barb MacLean

Seconded by: Ruth Fiebig

THAT we do not allow rural farm severances.

Yea

Deputy Mayor MacLean

Councillor Seigner

Councillor Young

Councillor McKenzie

Councillor Sinnamon

Councillor Fiebig

Carried

Nay

Councillor Jones

Councillor Kehl

Councillor Wight

Councillor McIntosh

Mayor VanBakel

**14. New Business**

- i) Councillor Kehl reported to Council regarding the BR&E presentation in Stratford. It was noted that the participation of West Perth is in a County-wide program for BR&E. It will be critical to the success of the program to get appropriate volunteers from the business community to participate actively.
- ii) There was notation regarding a Mayors' meeting in Stratford. Additional information is expected.

**15. Questions from the Press**

**16. Closed Session**

**17. Adjournment**

**Motion: 158-06**

Moved by: Brock Sinnamon

Seconded by: Ross McIntosh

THAT we do now adjourn – time 10:15 pm.

Carried

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Mayor, John Van Bakel

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Clerk, Patricia Taylor