

**MINUTES**  
**of the Municipality of West Perth Council Meeting**  
**on Tuesday, April 10, 2007**  
**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; Karen McLagan,  
Treasurer; Barb Westlake-Power, Deputy Clerk  
Others, as noted

**1. Call to Order.**

The Mayor invited those in attendance to stand for the Lord's Prayer, prior to the opening of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None declared

**3. Delegations**

3.1 John R. Spriet was in attendance to present the Lannin 'A' Drain Report. Also in attendance were: Frank Louwagie, Dave Vandewalle, Winston Jibb and Ken Britton – assessed owners. It was noted that there had been several meetings with the land owners in regard to the proposed work. Councillor McKenzie requested clarification regarding future maintenance; it was noted that a maintenance schedule was included in the report.

**Motion: 149-07**

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Darryl Seigner

THAT West Perth Council accepts the Report of Spriet Associates for the Lannin 'A' Municipal Drain,

And sets Court of Revision for Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm,

And call for tenders to be returned at noon, on Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Carried

3.2 Rick Vivian, Arena Manager, was in attendance regarding rates for the curling club. Keith Patterson and Dan Ward, of the Mitchell Curling Club were also in attendance. There was discussion regarding the club's declining numbers, and the need to address the billing for the upcoming season. It was noted that there has been meetings with the Curling Club prior to the presentation of this proposal.

**Motion: 150-07**

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Gerry Kehl

THAT the proposal for the 2007-2008 season for the Curling Club be accepted as presented by the Arena Manager.

Carried

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

4.1 Minutes of the March 26, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

**Motion: 151-07**

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Ross McIntosh

THAT the Minutes of the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Regular Council meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- 5.1. There was some brief discussion regarding the IT presentation made at the previous meeting.
- 5.2. Council discussed at length the matter of an Official Plan for West Perth. There was apparent consensus that the Council is still very interested, and considers it desirable, to have a plan specific to all of West Perth and independent of the County. It was suggested that there be additional discussion at the Committee meeting in this regard, and that there be information gathered to support a request to County Council, should West Perth Council decide to do so.

**6. Planning**

- 6.1 Declaration, Koskamp Family Farms, Z91-2006
- 6.2 Notice of Public meeting, Consent application Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 21, 22, 23, 24 Registered Plan 312 (Hibbert)
- 6.3 CBO Report, Re: Cooper-Standard site plan agreement minor adjustment. Councillor Darryl Seigner declared a conflict with this item.

**Motion: 152-07**

Moved by: Don Jones  
Seconded by: Barb MacLean  
THAT the request for a minor adjustment to the Cooper-Standard Site Plan Agreement at 79 Arthur Street be approved, as per the recommendation of the Chief Building Official.  
Carried

**Motion: 153-07**

Moved by: Mike Tam  
Seconded by: Ross McIntosh  
THAT Planning Correspondence be noted and filed.  
Carried

**7. Drains**

**8. Action Correspondence**

- 8.1 **Endorsement** requests
  - 8.1.1 County of Huron, Re: Request for Province to assume 100% responsibility for Ontario Disability Support Program

**Motion: 154-07**

Moved by: Don Jones  
Seconded by: Darryl Seigner  
THAT West Perth Council supports the County of Huron regarding the Ontario Disability Support Program.  
Carried

- 8.1.2 Municipality of Powassan, Re: Drinking Water Quality Management Standard

**Motion: 155-07**

Moved by: Gerry Kehl  
Seconded by: Don Jones  
THAT the Council of the Municipality of West Perth endorses resolution 2007-117 of the Municipality of Powassan, regarding Drinking Water Quality Management Standard.  
Carried

- 8.1.3 Township of King, Re: Federal and Provincial funding for municipal infrastructure

**Motion: 156-07**

Moved by: Ross McIntosh  
Seconded by: Larry Wight  
THAT West Perth Council hereby endorses the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 resolution of the Township of King, regarding the need for Upper

levels of Government to provide funding assistance for Municipal Infrastructure, and to review certain programs.

Carried

- 8.2 Minister Responsible for Seniors, Re: Active Living: Share Your Experience
- 8.3 West Perth Business Affiliates, Re: Home-based businesses
- 8.4 Mitchell & District Kinsmen Club, Re: Cornfest event August 17-19, 2007

**Motion: 157-07**

Moved by: Mike Tam

Seconded by: Darryl Seigner

THAT West Perth Council has no objection to the plans of the Mitchell Kinsmen for their annual Cornfest celebrations on August 17, 18, 19, 2007,

And hereby declare this to be a Community Festival,

And that the Club be advised of the progress of the development of a Municipal Alcohol Policy and how this policy may impact the event.

Carried

- 8.5 Letter regarding approval for filming on municipal road – Darlow Smithson Productions. It was noted that the matter of insurance for this proposal has been confirmed to the satisfaction of the Operations Manager.

**Motion: 158-07**

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT we grant permission for True Heroes to film from April 24 – 26, 2007, with the requirement for the road (and shoulders, etc.) to be returned to the pre-filming condition upon completion.

Carried

**9. Information Correspondence**

9.1 AMO/OGRA

- 9.1.1 Alert, March 22, 2007, Re: Ontario Budget 2007
- 9.1.2 Alert, April 2, 2007, Re: AMO principles for social housing in Ontario
- 9.1.3 FYI, March 28, Re: Source water protection symposium
- 9.1.4 Alert, March 27, Re: Environmental assessment reforms – supporting alternatives to direct landfill disposal
- 9.1.5 Alert, March 26, Re: Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative final list of approved grants now available
- 9.1.6 LAS, Re: newsflash February/March 2007

9.2 Province of Ontario

- 9.2.1 Lisa Ross, MOE, Re: Notice of staffing changes

9.3 County of Perth, Re: Municipal class environmental assessment for the rehabilitation of Fullarton Bridge – Notice of Completion

9.4 Hibbert United Church, Re: Card of thanks – Maple Syrup Festival

**Motion: 159-07**

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Mike Tam

THAT correspondence not specifically dealt with be noted and filed.

Carried

**10. Presentation of Accounts**

**Motion: 160-07**

Moved by: Ross McIntosh

Seconded by: Mike Tam

THAT the accounts totaling \$796,940.46 be approved for payment.

Carried

Prior to the consideration of committee reports, the Treasurer returned to the meeting with additional budget information. This was discussed. There was specific notation regarding use of POA monies – for budget off-set, by-law enforcement, reserve, etc.

**Motion: 161-07**

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Mike Tam

THAT the 2007 budget increase be 3% for the rural wards (over 2006), and the corresponding urban rate.

Carried

**11. Standing Committee Reports**

11.1 Executive Committee minutes

**Motion: 162-07**

Moved by: John VanBakel

Seconded by: Larry Wight

THAT a meeting be with Phil Graul, F.D. Captains and the Executive be arranged, to receive their input on hiring a new Chief.

Carried

Councillor Young requested that the recommendation regarding Council reduction in size be dealt with separately. Mayor Van Bakel requested that Council remuneration be dealt with separately.

**Motion: 163-07**

Moved by: Gerry Kehl

Seconded by: Mike Tam

THAT the Minutes of the Executive committee meeting be accepted as presented, with the exception of **items 6.1 & 2** to be dealt with separately.

Carried

**Motion: 164-07**

Moved by: Gordon Young

Seconded by: Ross McIntosh

THAT Council reduction in size be deferred until the last meeting in June.

Carried

**Motion: 165-07**

Moved by: Barb MacLean

Seconded by: Larry Wight

THAT Council remuneration be moved forward with Option 6, effective June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Carried

It was noted that this option would be pro-rated for the remainder of the year.

**Motion: 166-07**

Moved by: Larry Wight

Seconded by: Gordon Young

THAT all Council members must be in attendance for the vote in June regarding Council number reduction.

Motion defeated

**12. Committee Reports**

12.1 Minutes of the West Perth Heritage Committee meeting, dated March 22, 2007

**Motion: 167-07**

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Mike Tam

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Committee meeting dated March 22, 2007 be accepted as presented.

Carried

12.2 Minutes of the Energy & Environment Committee meeting, dated March 22, 2007

**Motion: 168-07**

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Mike Tam

THAT the Minutes of the Energy and Environment Committee meeting dated March 22, 2007 be accepted as presented.

Carried

12.3 Minutes of the West Perth Water Committee meeting, dated March 27, 2007

**Motion: 169-07**

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT the Minutes of the West Perth Water Committee meeting dated March 27, 2007, be accepted as presented.

Carried

**13. By-laws**

**Motion: 170-07**

Moved by: Walter McKenzie

Seconded by: Don Jones

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 17-2007, being a by-law to provide for a drainage works in the Municipality of West Perth, Lannin 'A' Drain

ii) By-law 18-2007, being a by-law to execute an agreement – Bluewater Recycling Association

Carried

**Motion: 171-07**

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT By-law 18-2007, being a by-law to execute an agreement – Bluewater Recycling Association 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

**14. Unfinished Business**

14.1. Deputy Mayor Kehl clarified his previous report regarding the Rotary Club awarding "Citizen of the Year." A nomination has now been received, and the presentation will proceed as usual.

**15. New Business**

15.1 Councillor Tam advised that the Tourism, Communities in Bloom Committee is prepared to proceed with the installation of flower boxes on the bridge.

**Motion: 172-07**

Moved by: Mike Tam

Seconded by: Don Jones

THAT Communities in Bloom be given permission to place flower boxes on the bridge.

Carried

**16. Questions from the Press**

**17. Closed Session**

**18. Adjournment**

**Motion: 173-07**

Moved by: Ross McIntosh

Seconded by: Larry Wight

THAT we do now adjourn – time 9:55 pm.

Carried

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Mayor, John Van Bakel

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Clerk, Pat Taylor