

MINUTES
of the Municipality of West Perth Council Meeting
on Monday, March 26, 2007
at 7:00 p.m. in the
Council Chambers
Municipality of West Perth

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

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

Motion: 125-07

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT the following items be added to the agenda:

1. Open St. Andrew St. tenders – 7:30, B.M. Ross
 2. Calcium chloride tender summary, and recommendation
- Carried

3. Delegations

- i) Renato Pulia and Steve Drake (County of Perth) were in attendance to discuss Information Technology with Council. The County is conducting a needs assessment for IT support among the lower tier municipalities. The current situation (throughout the participating municipalities) was reviewed. The County is inviting feedback from the lower tiers to determine if there is a need for a consistent first level of support that the County could provide. Council was encouraged to discuss with staff this proposal.
- ii) Dennis Elliott, B.M. Ross and Associates Ltd., was in attendance to open tenders for the St. Andrew Street project.

Motion: 126-07

Moved by: Larry Wight

Seconded by: Don Jones

THAT the Tenders for St. Andrew Street reconstruction be opened.
Carried

Four tenders were received, as follows (inclusive of GST):

Moorefield Excavating Ltd.	\$ 2,161,745.98
Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd.	1,757,955.15
PCN Construction Group Inc.	1,768,194.48
Birnam Excavating	1,845,540.68

Motion: 127-07

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Barb MacLean

THAT tenders be reviewed by BM Ross and Operations Manager, and bring forward a recommendation.

Carried

Motion: 128-07

Moved by: Larry Wight

Seconded by: Mike Tam

THAT the Tender of Lavis Contracting in the amount of \$1,757,955.15 for the St. Andrew Street project (#05034) be accepted.

Carried

- iii) Dave Hanly, Perth County Planning Department Director was in attendance to discuss with Council the Mitchell Official Plan. (Alvin Dow and Angela Weber of Planning Advisory Committee were in attendance for this presentation.) Mr. Hanly provided some background information as to how and why the Perth County and Mitchell Official Plans were developed. Prior to amalgamation, there were fourteen plans in the county – one in each lower tier municipality. The Province regulated (circa 94/95) that the County must also have a plan; the development of the County plan coincided with the amalgamation process and the County plan included the lower tiers with the exceptions of Mitchell, Listowel and Milverton. It was noted that County Council has never “over-ruled” an amendment decision of a lower tier for the local plan and that there are very limited examples of County Council’s decision to amend the County Plan contrary to the input of the Council at the lower tier. Mr. Hanly noted that the Mitchell Plan was due to be examined and updated. There was discussion regarding the fringe area outside of the Mitchell Ward and how best to address this in the Plan. Mayor Van Bakel noted that there has been discussion regarding a desire for a West Perth Plan (independent for the entire municipality from the County). There was discussion regarding Provincial Policy Statements, 50 acre severances and the “Secondary Plan” system that is used in Huron County. Mr. Hanly noted that the Ministry made it very clear in 2004 that the County must have its own plan – not just be a collection of the plans existing at the lower tier; the Ministry did not want to see the County Plan segregated.

Motion: 129-07

Moved by: Gerry Kehl

Seconded by: Don Jones

THAT Council authorize the Planning Office to move through with a review of the Mitchell Official Plan.

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes

i) Minutes of the March 12, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

ii) Minutes of the March 19, 2007 Special Council Meeting

Motion: 130-07

Moved by: Gordon Young

Seconded by: Ross McIntosh

THAT the Minutes of the March 12, 2007 Regular Council meeting, and March 19, 2007 Special council meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

- i) The Clerk advised that there had been a reply from MTO regarding the letter of concern sent about the condition of the bridge on Highway 23. However, it was noted that this has been forwarded on to the appropriate personnel within the Ministry, and there has been no further response.

6. Planning

- i) Municipality of South Huron, Re: Notice of Passing ZBA – Minimum Distance Separation
- ii) Zoning By-law Amendment application, Pt of Lot 81, Plan 339 (West Perth Public Library)

Motion: 131-07

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Don Jones

THAT the Zoning By-law Amendment application for Pt of Lot 81, Plan 339 (West Perth Public Library), proceeds to Public Meeting on April 23, 2007.

Carried

iii) Planning Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated March 22, 2007

Motion: 132-07

Moved by: Mike Tam

Seconded by: Gordon Young

THAT the Planning Advisory meeting Minutes dated March 22, 2007 be accepted as presented.

Carried

Motion: 133-07

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Darryl Seigner

THAT Planning Correspondence be noted and filed.

Carried

7. Drains

8. Action Correspondence

i) **Endorsement** requests

a) Ontario Forestry Coalition (Feb. 12), Re: Proposed Species at Risk Legislation

b) Forestry Coalition (Mar. 12), Re: Rush job risks Ontario economy and wildlife

ii) Ritz Lutheran Villa, Re: Walk 'n Roll-a-thon Request and Information

Motion: 134-07

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Gerry Kehl

THAT the Council of West Perth has no objections to the plans for the Walk 'n Roll-a-thon of the Ritz Lutheran Villa, for June 9, 2007 as presented.

Carried

iii) Mitchell & District Kinette Club, Re: Annual Beach Party event, May 12, 2007

Motion: 135-07

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Mike Tam

THAT West Perth Council has no objection to the plans of the Mitchell Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs for their annual Beach Party Dance,

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

Carried

iv) Mitchell Mets Fastball Team, Re: Tournament June 8, 9 & 10, 2007

Motion: 136-07

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Gerry Kehl

THAT West Perth Council has no objection to the plans of the Mitchell Mets Fastpitch Tournament, June 8, 9 and 10, 2007,

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

v) Minister Responsible for Seniors, Re: Seniors' Month, "Senior of the Year 2007" nomination request

9. Information Correspondence

- i) **AMO/OGRA**
 - a) Alert, March 12, Re: HealthForce Ontario recruitment centre
 - b) Alert, March 12, Re: Notification process for permits seized under MTO's accessible parking permit (APP) program
 - c) FYI, March 12, Re: TORC, Public Issue Forum
 - d) Alert, March 19, Re: 2007 Federal Budget a step in the right direction for municipal infrastructure
- ii) **Province of Ontario**
 - a) Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Service, Re: 2006 Essential level compliance
- iii) **Local Authority Services, Re: Making the Most of Energy**
- iv) **Mitchell & District Kinettes, Re: Playground equipment**
- v) **The Mayor read aloud correspondence received from Secular Ontario**

Motion: 137-07

Moved by: Don Jones
Seconded by: Ross McIntosh
THAT correspondence (action and information) not specifically dealt with, be noted and filed.

Carried

10. Presentation of Accounts

Motion: 138-07

Moved by: Ross McIntosh
Seconded by: Gordon Young
THAT the accounts totaling \$ 131,690.36 be approved for payment.

Carried

11. Standing Committee Reports

- i) **Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Council meeting dated March 19, 2007**

Motion: 139-07

Moved by: Walter McKenzie
Seconded by: Darryl Seigner
THAT the tender of Den-Mar Brines for dust control, in the amount of \$191.24 per metric tonne be accepted as per the Operations Manager's report,
And that a report regarding performance and stability of the product be submitted in October.

Carried

Motion: 140-07

Moved by: Darryl Seigner
Seconded by: Mike Tam
THAT the Minutes of the West Perth Committee of the Whole Council meeting dated March 19, 2007 be accepted as presented.

Carried

12. Committee Reports

- i) **Minutes of the West Perth Police Services Board dated March 14, 2007 (and correspondence from J. Shivas, Mitchell Public School)**

Motion: 141-07

Moved by: Darryl Seigner
Seconded by: Don Jones
THAT the Minutes of the West Perth Police Services Board meeting and Minutes of Closed Session dated March 14, 2007 be received and filed.

Carried

- ii) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting dated March 20, 2007

Motion: 142-07

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Mike Tam

THAT the Minutes of the West Perth Economic Development Committee Meeting dated March 20, 2007 be accepted as presented.

Carried

13. By-laws

- i) By-law 016-2007, being a by-law to authorize agreement (Dublin District Athletic Association)

Motion: 143-07

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Walter McKenzie

THAT By-law 16-2007 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a lease agreement with the Dublin District Athletic Association be read a first and second time.

Carried

Motion: 144-07

Moved by: Don Jones

Seconded by: Mike Tam

THAT By-law 16-2007 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a lease agreement with the Dublin District Athletic Association be read a third time and finally passed,

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

Carried

14. Unfinished Business

15. New Business

- i) The Operations Manager advised Council that the County had contacted him regarding a detour route for the Fullarton Ward during reconstruction of a bridge. This would be for the months of June, July and August. Concern was expressed regarding the impact on the rural roads based on the request and also the inconvenience and safety concerns of alternative routes. Preference was expressed to have access remain at site during construction – proceed one side at a time.

Motion: 145-07

Moved by: Walter McKenzie

Seconded by: Mike Tam

THAT the County of Perth be not given permission for detour route.

Carried

16. Questions from the Press

17. Closed Session

18. Adjournment

Motion: 146-07

Moved by: Ross McIntosh

Seconded by: Darryl Seigner

THAT we do now adjourn – time 9:30 pm.

Carried