

The second regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of West Perth for the month of December 2008 was held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office on Monday, December 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Members of Council present:

Mayor John Van Bakel
Deputy Mayor Gerry Kehl
Councillor Don Jones
Councillor Barb MacLean
Councillor Jeff Marshall
Councillor Walter McKenzie
Councillor Ross McIntosh
Councillor Mike Tam
Councillor Bert Vorstenbosch
Councillor Gordon Young
Councillor Larry Wight

Members of Staff present:

Fire Chief Walter Anderson
Clerk Hazel Soady-Easton

1. Opening:

Mayor Van Bakel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no pecuniary conflicts of interest stated by any members of Council with regard to items on the Agenda.

Media coverage was provided by Hilary Long, Reporter for the Mitchell Advocate.

3. Delegations and Petitions: Mr. Camiel Van Poele attended the Council meeting to request a taxi business in Mitchell. Mr. Van Poele operates a taxi for an existing business, TJ's Taxi. Mr. Van Poele is contemplating going into partnership with TJ's. When this is established, Mr. Van Poele will contact staff.

Mr. Thom Everd, Office of the Fire Marshall attended the Council meeting to present the West Perth Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Everd explained that his department supports monitors and reviews Fire Departments to establish the appropriate level of fire protection. Mr. Everd listed the requirements. He commended Chief Anderson for his commitment to West Perth. Mr. Everd stated that Council should be proud and pleased with the West Perth Fire service. Mayor Van Bakel and Chief Anderson accepted the Certificate of Compliance.

4. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):

RESOLUTION: 555/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the December 8, 2008 Council meeting, the December 15, 2008 Special Council meeting and the December 15, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting with amendments.

CARRIED

Business arising from the minutes: Council reconsidered recommendation 250/08 from the December 15, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting. There was a great deal of discussion.

RESOLUTION: 556/08

Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth direct staff to turn the siren back on for fire notification.

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION: 557/08

Moved by Walter McKenzie

Seconded by Barb MacLean

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth direct staff to use the fire siren for major emergency situations at the discretion of the Emergency Co-ordinator;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The siren be used for testing on Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 558/08

Moved by Gordon Young

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth open the tenders for the sale of property at 6786 Line 53, Conc. 15, Part Lot 30, Logan for consideration.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 559/08

Moved by Gerry Kehl

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth award the tender for the property at 6786 Line 53, Conc. 15, Part Lot 30, Logan to John Looby in the amount of \$37,080.00;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Mr. Looby be notified of the successful tender subject to scrutiny.

CARRIED

5. Planning:

6. Drains:

RESOLUTION: 560/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Gordon Young

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve a tile drainage loan for property at West Part Lot 19, East Part Lot 20, Concession 15, Logan Ward.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence for Council Direction:

RESOLUTION: 561/08

Moved by Barb MacLean
Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth defer a request for a donation from the Perth County Plowmen's Association to budget.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 562/08

Moved by Jeff Marshall
Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth receive for information the principles of the Provincial Poverty Strategy from the Perth District Health Unit.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

Councillor Wight reported on the Friends of Ellice and Gads Hill Swamps Committee from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) meeting minutes. The UTRCA want to charge a \$50 user fee to use these swamps. Councillor Wight doesn't agree. It has been historically free and he wants it to remain that way. Copies of correspondence will be sent to the County of Perth and the Municipality of Perth East.

RESOLUTION: 563/08

Moved by Larry Wight
Seconded by Ross McIntosh

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth support the Friends of Ellice and Gads Hill Swamps Committee in their opposition to user fees at the Ellice and Gads Hill Swamps.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 564/08

Moved by Mike Tam
Seconded by Jeff Marshall

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the correspondence included on the FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION AGENDA for information only.

CARRIED

Mayor Van Bakel will report on the driveway for the Brodhagen Community Centre later on the agenda.

9. Presentation of Accounts:

RESOLUTION: 565/08

Moved by Ross McIntosh
Seconded by Gordon Young

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the accounts.

CARRIED

10. Committee Reports:

RESOLUTION: 566/08

Moved by Don Jones
Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the Water/Wastewater Committee meeting of December 3, 2008.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 567/08

Moved by
Seconded by

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the Library Accessibility and Expansion Project of December 9, 2008.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 568/08

Moved by Gordon Young
Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the Elma Logan Arena & Park Committee meeting of September 18, 2008.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 569/08

Moved by Mike Tam
Seconded by Barb MacLean

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the Tourism and Communities in Bloom meeting of December 9, 2008;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The draft budget be referred to the Budget Committee.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 570/08

Moved by Bert Vorstenbosch
Seconded by Gerry Kehl

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the Economic Development meeting of December 16, 2008;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The draft budget be referred to the Budget Committee.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 571/08

Moved by Barb MacLean
Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth recognize the act of bravery of West Perth OPP Constables Van Der Aa and Friederichsen for rescuing a woman from her car when it turned over and was filling with water on the weekend of December 20, 2008.

CARRIED

11. By-laws:

RESOLUTION: 572/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

By-law No. 134-08; being a By-law to provide for the appointment of members of Council of the Municipality of West Perth to Committees for 2009;

By-law No. 135-08; being a By-law to authorize an agreement between Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation and the Corporation of the Municipality of West Perth for a donation (gift) for a Community Playground at the Brodhagen Community Centre;

By-law No. 133-08; being a By-law to withdraw funds from the Development Charges Reserves based on the 1991, 1999 and 2004 studies;

Be introduced, read or considered read a first and second time.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 573/08

Moved by Gordon Young

Seconded by Ross McIntosh

THAT:

By-law No. 134-08; being a By-law to provide for the appointment of members of Council of the Municipality of West Perth to Committees for 2009; be read or considered read a third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 574/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

By-law No. 135-08; being a By-law to authorize an agreement between Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation and the Corporation of the Municipality of West Perth for a donation (gift) for a Community Playground at the Brodhagen Community Centre; be read or considered read a third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 575/08

Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Walter McKenzie

THAT:

By-law No. 133-08; being a By-law to withdraw funds from the Development Charges Reserves based on the 1991, 1999 and 2004 studies; be read or considered read a third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

CARRIED

12. Unfinished Business: none

13. New Business: none

13. Status of Reports:

West Perth Power – nothing

Brodhagen Community Hall – Mayor Van Bakel reported that there is an issue with the driveway for the hall; it is at the point to be covered. The Brodhagen Community Hall Committee does not have the money to pay for the driveway. Completion expenses are being given to the Committee and the insurance company has settled and they have no money for requirements required by the CBO. Norlon gave the Committee a quote for the paving of the whole driveway and parking lot of

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\$104,177.59. A bill for the parking lot engineering has been received by the Committee. A bill has been received from the architect for the parking lot too. It was debated whether or not the driveway needs to be paved. The CBO wants the fire route paved. CBO willing to give occupancy before the parking lot is paved. Committee feeling is that if the fire route is paved, the parking lot may as well be too. \$58,500 quote for subsurface work on parking lot. Rapiens quote for the parking lot is approximately \$51,000 to do in the Spring. \$1,100 will make is ready for occupancy in the next few weeks. Lights needs to be installed in the parking lot. There is an electrical quote for \$12,000 for lighted. There is approximately \$60,000 left in contingency. The Committee is willing to let the contingency go to the parking lot. The insurance is settled. There was discussed about the septic tanks being strapped down. The CBO wants the bottom of tanks cemented (engineered). The Committee is hoping the tanks don't need to be strapped down. Council discussed the quote from Rapiens and are comfortable with it. The Committee was advised that they may have to put a drain in. The direction from Council is to make the driveway usable and look at it again in the Spring.

14. **Notices of Motion:** none
15. **Questions from the Press:** none
16. **Closed to the Public Session:** none
17. **Adjournment:**

RESOLUTION: 576/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

By-law No. 136-08; being a By-law to confirm generally previous actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Perth; be introduced, read or considered read a first, second, be read or considered read a third time, finally passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 577/08


Moved by Larry Wight

Seconded by Ross McIntosh

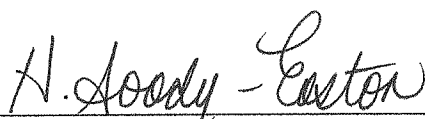
THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth adjourn the Council meeting at 9:25 p.m.

CARRIED



 John Van Bakel, Mayor



 Hazel Soady-Easton, Clerk