

The first 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 8, 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 arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Councillor Gordon Young

Councillor Larry Wight

Members of Staff present:

Chief Administrative Officer Will Jaques

Clerk Hazel Soady-Easton

**1. Opening:**

Mayor Van Bakel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Soady-Easton swore Jeffery Gordon Marshall in as Councillor for the seat in the Mitchell Ward left vacant by the resignation of Darryl Seigner. By-law No. 127-08 will be considered later in the Agenda to confirm the appointment.

**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 and Derek Iwanuk, News and Sports Reporter, Your Neighbourhood Weekly.

- 3. Delegations and Petitions:** Mr. Bob Norris, West Perth's representative on the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) and Mr. Tom Prout, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer of the ABCA attended the Council meeting to present the ABCA proposed 2009 budget and municipal levy. The delegation answered questions from Council. Mayor Van Bakel thanked Mr. Norris and Mr. Prout for their presentation.

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

RESOLUTION: 531/08

Moved by Walter McKenzie

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the November 24, 2008 Council meeting and the December 1, 2008 Special Council meeting.

CARRIED

Business arising from the minutes: CAO Jaques reviewed the draft By-law to consider a Business Improvement Area (BIA) in Mitchell. It was noted that a few businesses did not understand the correspondence sent to them. The confusion arose mainly that it is a negative vote that you have to inform the Municipality that you do not want to participate in the BIA. This is how the legislation is written.

Councillor McKenzie reported on the Public Information Centre meeting for Hwy 8 from Seaforth to Mitchell that was held at the Municipal office on December 2, 2008 by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). There were 6 MTO employees in attendance. This project meets what the delegation from St. Columban in August requested from the Municipality. This work will be done in 2010.

**5. Planning:**

RESOLUTION: 532/08

Moved by Mike Tam

Seconded by Gord Young

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approves the minutes of the November 26, 2008 Planning Advisory Committee meeting as presented.

CARRIED

Council is invited to attend the Official Plan Review on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

**6. Drains:**

RESOLUTION: 533/08

Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth appoint William J. Dietrich as the Drainage Superintendent to prepare an Improvement/Repair Report under Section 74 of the Drainage Act, Chapter D17, R.S.O. 1990, on the Mitchell Municipal Drain for property owned by Josef and Vreni Tschudi at 6277 Line 32, Lot 29, Concession 3, Fullarton.

CARRIED

**7. Correspondence for Council Direction:**

In 2008, the Committee of the Whole combined reports from Operations and Administration. The consensus of Council is that this function is split again with a chair for each Committee.

A consensus was reached that each member of Council has an opportunity to chair a Committee of the Whole meeting. The following is the schedule;

<b>Date</b>	<b>Member of Council</b>
December 2008	Councillor McKenzie
January 2009	Councillor Young
February 2009	Councillor Jones
March 2009	Councillor Marshall
April 2009	Councillor McIntosh
May 2009	Councillor Tam
June 2009	Councillor Wight

July 2009 (Council & Cmte)	Mayor Van Bakel
August 2009 (Council & Cmte)	Mayor Van Bakel
September 2009	Councillor MacLean
October 2009	Councillor Vorstenbosch
November 2009	Deputy Mayor Kehl

Council decided that they would not have a representative on the Business Improvement Area. The Economic Development Committee will have 2 members representing Council.

The Clerk advised members of Council that Section 243 of the Municipal Act states; "Except as provided in Sections 233 and 238, no vote shall be taken by ballot or by any other method of secret voting, and every vote so taken is of no effect. 2001, c.25, s.244; 2006, c.32, Sched.A, s.106." Council took the Clerk's advice under advisement. Secret ballots were used to determine members of the Police Services Board and the Water/Wastewater Committee.

RESOLUTION: 534/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Jeff Marshall

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth make the following appointments to Committees of Council for 2009;

<b>Committee</b>	<b>2009</b>
Committee of Adjustment	Larry Wight
	Mike Tam
	Ross McIntosh
	Bert Vorstenbosch
	Jeff Marshall
Planning Advisory	Mike Tam
	John Van Bakel
Property Standards	Bert Vorstenbosch
	Mike Tam
Mobility Bus	Ross McIntosh
Perth County Farm Safety	Gordon Young
Heritage Committee	Bert Vorstenbosch
Tourism & CiB	Mike Tam
Library Board	Bert Vorstenbosch
Bluewater Recycling	Barb MacLean
Energy & Environment	Don Jones
Seaforth Fire	Barb MacLean
Elma Logan Arena	Gordon Young
Seaforth Arena	Walter McKenzie
Police Services Board	Larry Wight

	Jeff Marshall
Water/Wastewater	Don Jones
	Ross McIntosh
	John Van Bakel
	Bert Vorstenbosch
	Jeff Marshall
North Logan Cemetery	Gordon Young
	Larry Wight
	Bert Vorstenbosch
Chair of Operations	Walter McKenzie
Chair of Administration	Barb MacLean
Economic Development	Bert Vorstenbosch
	Gerry Kehl
Executive	John Van Bakel
	Gerry Kehl
	Walter McKenzie
	Barb MacLean
	Don Jones

AND FURTHER THAT:

A By-law confirming the appointments be considered at the December 22, 2008 Council meeting.

CARRIED

Staff will inform Committees of changes.

RESOLUTION: 535/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth enter into an agreement with WattsWorth based on the following criteria;

1. That the Small Net System Load Accounts remain in the RPP to gain the lower regulated rate,
2. That the Large Net System Load Shape Accounts be priced in the Spot Market, with hedging,
3. That the Mitchell and Dublin Street Light Accounts be priced in the Spot Market, without hedging.

CARRIED

Council discussed the Council social on December 15 after the Committee of the Whole meeting; a \$10 gift for an exchange game, bring your spouse. Mayor Van Bakel invited the press to the social.

RESOLUTION: 536/08

Moved by Mike Tam

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the recommendation from the West Perth Website Committee that the design, construction and maintenance of the Municipality of West Perth website be awarded to Laurie Knechtel of E-Motivate Marketing for the submitted bid of \$2,310.00.

CARRIED

CAO Jaques will attend the Mitchell & Surrounding Area Character Community Network Committee meeting on December 9 and report back to Council.

**8. Correspondence for Council's Information:**

RESOLUTION: 537/08  
Moved by Gordon Young  
Seconded by Barb MacLean  
THAT:

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

CARRIED

**9. Presentation of Accounts:**

RESOLUTION: 538/08  
Moved by Larry Wight  
Seconded by Ross McIntosh  
THAT:

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

CARRIED

**10. Committee Reports:**

RESOLUTION: 539/08  
Moved by Larry Wight  
Seconded by Gordon Young  
THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the Committee meetings as follows;

1. North Logan Cemetery Committee, November 20, 2008
2. Energy and Environment Committee, November 20, 2008
3. West Perth Public Library Board of November 13 and 20, 2008

CARRIED

**11. By-laws:**

RESOLUTION: 540/08  
Moved by Don Jones  
Seconded by Gerry Kehl  
THAT:

By-law No. 121-08; being a By-law to authorize an agreement between the Upper Thames Elementary School (the Avon Maitland District School Board) and the Municipality of West Perth for a temporary emergency shelter facility;

By-law No. 122-08; being a By-law to authorize an agreement between the Mitchell District High School (the Avon Maitland District School Board) and the Municipality of West Perth for a temporary emergency shelter facility;

By-law No. 123-08; being a By-law to provide for the maintenance of the Cook Municipal Drain;

By-law No. 124-08; being a By-law to provide for the maintenance of the Downey Municipal Drain;

By-law No. 125-08; being a By-law to provide for the maintenance of the Miller Municipal Drain;

By-law No. 126-08; being a By-law to authorize an agreement between Hydro One Networks Inc. ("HONI") and the Municipality of West Perth for a donation (gift) through the Hydro One PowerPlay Grant Program for wheelchair accessible playground equipment for the Brodhagen Community Centre;

By-law No. 127-08; being a By-law to provide for the appointment of a member of Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Perth from December 8, 2008 to November 8, 2010;

By-law No. 129-08; being a By-law to authorize an agreement between WattsWorth and the Corporation of the Municipality of West Perth for the provision of on-going energy and risk management services;

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

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 541/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

By-law No. 121-08; being a By-law to authorize an agreement between the Upper Thames Elementary School (the Avon Maitland District School Board) and the Municipality of West Perth for a temporary emergency shelter facility; 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: 542/08

Moved by Barb MacLean

Seconded by Ross McIntosh

THAT:

By-law No. 122-08; being a By-law to authorize an agreement between the Mitchell District High School (the Avon Maitland District School Board) and the Municipality of West Perth for a temporary emergency shelter facility; 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: 543/08

Moved by Larry Wight

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

By-law No. 123-08; being a By-law to provide for the maintenance of the Cook Municipal Drain; 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: 544/08

Moved by Mike Tam

Seconded by Ross McIntosh

THAT:

By-law No. 124-08; being a By-law to provide for the maintenance of the Downey Municipal Drain; 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: 545/08

Moved by Larry Wight

Seconded by Gordon Young

THAT:

By-law No. 125-08; being a By-law to provide for the maintenance of the Miller Municipal Drain; 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: 546/08

Moved by Barb MacLean

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

By-law No. 126-08; being a By-law to authorize an agreement between Hydro One Networks Inc. ("HONI") and the Municipality of West Perth for a donation (gift) through the Hydro One PowerPlay Grant Program for wheelchair accessible playground equipment for 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: 547/08

Moved by Gerry Kehl

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

By-law No. 127-08; being a By-law to provide for the appointment of a member of Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Perth from December 8, 2008 to November 8, 2010; 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: 548/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

By-law No. 129-08; being a By-law to authorize an agreement between WattsWorth and the Corporation of the Municipality of West Perth for the provision of on-going energy and risk management services; 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:** Deputy Mayor Kehl reported that the contract for West Perth By-law Enforcement Officer Kristin Kovacs was being considered by North Perth and Perth East. West Perth was asked to participate by the contributing municipalities.

RESOLUTION: 549/08

Moved by Gerry Kehl

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to continue the 8 hour per week contract of By-law Enforcement Officer Kristin Kovacs.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 550/08

Moved by Walter McKenzie

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth recommend that the Fire Chief sell the fire truck for \$2,000.00 or more.

CARRIED

**13. New Business:** none

**14. Status of Reports:**

West Perth Power – Councillor MacLean reported on the light exchange at Faust Hardware. The hardware store was happy with the results and didn't mind taking in the lights. The extra lights will be used as door prizes at the Christmas party.

Brodhagen Community Hall – nothing

Logan Ward Gravel Pit – CAO Jaques reported that 5 people came in to get tender forms. December 19, 2008 is the due date for the tender.

**15. Notices of Motion:** none

**16. Questions from the Press:** none

**17. Closed to the Public Session:**

RESOLUTION: 551/08

Moved by Gordon Young

Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth continue the meeting in a Closed Session at 9:45 p.m. to discuss the security of the property of the Municipality and personal matters about an identifiable individual, including but not clearly limited to employees of the Municipality.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 552/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth resume the regular Council meeting at 10:35 p.m.

CARRIED

**18. Adjournment:**

RESOLUTION: 553/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

By-law No. 128-08; 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: 554/08

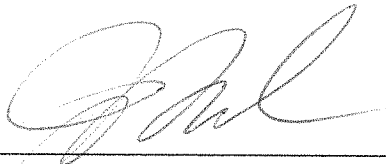
Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth adjourn the Council meeting at 10:36 p.m.

CARRIED



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John Van Bakel, Mayor



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Hazel Soady-Easton, Clerk