

The first regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of West Perth for the month of February 2008 was held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office on Monday, February 4, 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 Ross McIntosh
Councillor Walter McKenzie
Councillor Mike Tam
Councillor Bert J. Vorstenbosch
Councillor Larry Wight
Councillor Gordon Young

Members of Council absent:

Councillor Darryl Seigner

Members of Staff Present:

Chief Administrative Officer Will Jaques
Fire Chief Walter Anderson
Clerk Hazel Soady-Easton

1. Opening:

Mayor Van Bakel called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Council had a moment of silence for in memory of Keith McLagan and in support of Eileen McLagan.

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 Andy Bader, Editor of the Mitchell Advocate.

3. Delegations and Petitions

3.1 The delegation listed on the agenda cancelled.

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

4.1 RESOLUTION: 51/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the January 28, 2008 regular Council meeting

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 52/08

Moved by Walter McKenzie

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the minutes of the January 29, 2008 Executive Committee meeting as presented.

CARRIED

There will be an Executive Committee meeting on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

5. **Planning:** none

6. **Drains:** none

7. **Correspondence for Council Direction:**

7.1 RESOLUTION: 53/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Barb MacLean

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth send the request for a donation to the Stratford-Perth Museum to the budget deliberations.

CARRIED

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

RESOLUTION: 54/08

Moved by Gordon Young

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

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

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 55/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Gerry Kehl

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth support a Resolution from the Township of Russell as follows:

Whereas Ontario municipalities are subject to a borrowing capacity based on 25% of their previous year taxation revenues;

And whereas the calculation of the debt capacity includes debts for public utilities such as waterworks and sanitary sewer;

And whereas the public utilities debts are reimbursed through user fees, which have no impact on the operation of a municipality's general fund;

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of West Perth hereby petitions the Provincial Government to consider amending the formula used to calculate a municipality's debt capacity by excluding debts for public utilities in order to allow a municipality to increase the financing of capital projects such as roads, bridges and other municipal infrastructures which are reimbursed through property taxes; and

Be it also resolved that a request for support be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Finance, AFMO, AMO, OGRA.

CARRIED

9. **Presentation of Accounts**

9.1 RESOLUTION: 56/08

Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the accounts in the amount of \$16,096.06.

CARRIED

10. Committee Reports:

10.1 RESOLUTION: 57/08

Moved by Gerry Kehl

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of January 28, 2008 for information.

CARRIED

11. By-laws: none

12. Unfinished Business: none

13. New Business:

13.1 RESOLUTION: 58/08

Moved by Barb MacLean

Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the Brodhagen Chamber of Commerce's recommendation to re-build the Brodhagen Hall;

AND FURTHER THAT:

An Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Mayor Van Bakel and Councillor Tam be struck to represent Council on the Building Committee;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The reconstruction costs fall within the Brodhagen Chamber of Commerce Building Committee's budget.

CARRIED

14. Status of Reports

14.1 West Perth Landfills; updated figures - CAO

14.2 West Perth Power; Karen got email from Dr. Murphy, working on valuations, going to have a conference call with Erie Thames on February 11.

14.3 North Perth Fire Agreement – on hold

14.4 Clayton Street lots – CAO met with lawyer land registry check pin numbers

14.5 EMS lease – wasn't adjusted – renegotiate with County

14.6 West Perth Official Plan – Executive Committee

14.7 West Perth Library – review handout and make comments if necessary.

15. Questions from the Press: none

16. "Closed to the Public" Session: none

17. Adjournment:

17. RESOLUTION: 59/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Gordon Young

THAT:

By-law No. 15-08; 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

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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.

RESOLUTION: 60/08

Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth adjourn the Council meeting at 7:55 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor John Van Bakel



Clerk Hazel Soady-Easton