

The second regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of West Perth for the month of January 2008 was held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office on Monday, January 28, 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 Darryl Seigner
Councillor Mike Tam
Councillor Bert J. Vorstenbosch
Councillor Larry Wight
Councillor Gordon Young

Members of Staff Present:

Chief Administrative Officer Will Jaques
Clerk Hazel Soady-Easton

1. Opening:

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

Mayor Van Bakel made a monetary presentation to Margaret Elligson, who is retiring at the end of this week after years of service as an Administrative Secretary to the Municipality of West Perth and the former Town of Mitchell.

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 Mr. George Emery, Business Development, OmniGlobe Networks, Inc. attended the Council meeting to discuss the construction of an OMAFRA Broadband Development tower in Bornholm. Mr. Emery distributed a handout. He answered question from Council.

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

4.1 RESOLUTION: 30/08

Moved by Ross McIntosh
Seconded by Gordon Young

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the January 14, 2008 regular Council meeting

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 31/08

Moved by Don Jones
Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the minutes of the January 21, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.

CARRIED

5. Planning:

5.1a) RESOLUTION: 32/08

Moved by Barb MacLean

Seconded by Gerry Kehl

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the January 16, 2008 Planning Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 33/08

Moved by Darryl Seigner

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee that the Application for Zoning By-law Amendment by Daryl Eckert affecting property described as Part of Lot 215, Registered Plan No. 339, Mitchell Ward proceed to a public meeting on February 19, 2008;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Council proceed with the adoption of the Zoning By-law Amendment.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 34/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Darryl Seigner

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the Planning correspondence not otherwise dealt with for information.

CARRIED

6. Drains:

6.1 RESOLUTION: 35/08

Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Gord Young

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth appoint William J. Dietrich as the Drainage Superintendent to prepare an Improvement/Repair Report on the Baker Municipal Drain in Fullarton Ward, West Perth for property owned by E.J. Hussel at Part Lot 15, Concession 5, Fullarton Ward.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence for Council Direction:

7.1 RESOLUTION: 36/08

Moved by Gerry Kehl

Seconded by Gordon Young

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve a request for a donation of \$5,000 per year for five years to Stratford and District Agricultural Society of the Perth Agriplex.

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION: 37/08

Moved by Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Mike Tam:

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth donate to the West Perth Agricultural Society and until we do not have an Agricultural Society, West Perth Council will support them.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 38/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Darryl Seigner

THAT:

The Municipality of West Perth supports a Resolution from the City of Port Colborne as follows:

WHEREAS the 2007 FCM-McGill Municipal Infrastructure Survey has estimated a \$123.6 billion infrastructure deficit in 2007:

AND WHEREAS Canada's future prosperity, economic development, international competitiveness and overall quality of life is at stake if this infrastructure deficit remains unaddressed;

AND WHEREAS governments need to acknowledge this looming crisis and to act immediately to address the problem by providing long-term financing based on established priorities for both the upgrade of existing infrastructure and the building of new infrastructure and through the development and implementation of new technologies, best practices and effective management;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of West Perth supports the findings of the 2007 FCM-McGill Municipal Infrastructure Survey and hereby petitions the Federal and Provincial Governments to establish a national plan to eliminate the municipal infrastructure deficit through the provision of equitable long-term funding strategies, to prepare the groundwork for effective management in the future and to undertake a comprehensive, national study, involving all three orders of government, to determine the size, scope and geographic characteristics of the municipal infrastructure deficit;

AND FURTHER THAT the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, Gary Schellenberger, M.P., Perth Middlesex and John Wilkinson, M.P.P., Perth Middlesex be distributed for support.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence for Council's Information

RESOLUTION: 39/08

Moved by Darryl Seigner

Seconded by Gordon Young

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

9.1 RESOLUTION: 40/08

Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Barb MacLean

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the accounts in the amount of \$244,079.98.

CARRIED

10. Committee Reports:

10.1 RESOLUTION: 41/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Gerry Kehl

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the minutes of the Energy & Environment Committee Meeting of January 17, 2008 for information.

CARRIED

10.2 RESOLUTION: 42/08

Moved by Barb MacLean

Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the minutes of the Communities in Bloom/Tourism, Economic Development, Heritage and Energy & Environment Joint Committee meeting of January 17, 2008 for information.

CARRIED

Councillors Tam and Vorstenbosch updated members of Council regarding the Accommodation Review Committee.

10.3 RESOLUTION: 43/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting of January 22, 2008 for information.

CARRIED

11. By-laws:

11.1 RESOLUTION: 44/08

Moved by Walter McKenzie

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

By-law No. 13-08; being a by-law to provide for the appointment of members of Council of the Municipality of West Perth to Committees for 2008; be introduced, read or considered read a first and second time.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 45/08

Moved by Larry Wight

Seconded by Gerry Kehl

THAT:

By-law No. 13-08; being a by-law to provide for the appointment of members of Council of the Municipality of West Perth to Committees for 2008; 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:

RESOLUTION: 46/08

Moved by Gerry Kehl

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth authorize Will Jaques, Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate with OmniGlobe Networks Inc. and report back to Council.

CARRIED

Staff will try and make alternate arrangements to ensure Mr. McLagan receives his Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ontario Heritage Trust.

13. New Business: none

14. Status of Reports

14.1 West Perth Landfills; meeting tomorrow

14.2 West Perth Power; nothing to report – valuation discussions going on between Dr. Murphy and Erie Thames. Haven't got report back.

14.3 North Perth Fire Agreement; rejected – coming back with counter proposal

14.4 CAO Jaques will make a report on Clayton Street lots

14.5 EMS lease – what do we pay – renegotiated the lease at a higher level – check – last year?

14.6 Staff negotiations – meeting Wednesday morning.

14.7 West Perth Official Plan; difficult to get support; North Perth and West Perth are supportive of their own municipal official plan. Mitchell OP will come to us in the spring.

15. Questions from the Press: none

16. "Closed to the Public" Session:

16. RESOLUTION: 47/08

Moved by Larry Wight

Seconded by Darryl Seigner

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth continue the meeting in a Closed Session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss the following: Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including but not clearly limited to employees of the municipality;

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 48/08

Moved by Gord Young

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth resume the regular Council meeting at 9:22 p.m.

CARRIED

17. Adjournment:

17. RESOLUTION: 49/08

Moved by Darryl Seigner

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

By-law No. 14-08; 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.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 50/08

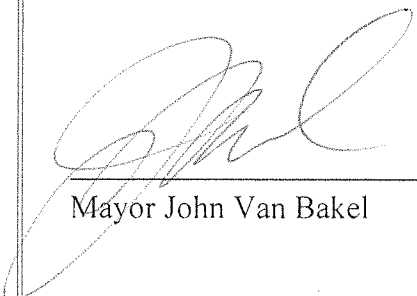
Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

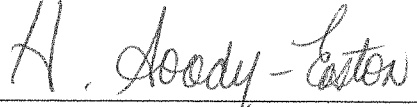
THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth adjourn the Council meeting at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor John Van Bakel



Clerk Hazel Soady-Easton