

The first regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of West Perth for the month of September 2008 was held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office on Monday, September 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 Walter McKenzie
Councillor Darryl Seigner
Councillor Mike Tam
Councillor Larry Wight
Councillor Bert Vorstenbosch
Councillor Gordon Young

Members of Council absent;

Councillor Ross McIntosh

Members of Staff Present:

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

1. Opening:

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

1. Mr. Mark Moore, Tim Hortons attended the Council meeting to appeal to 'local celebrities' to participate in the Smile Cookie Campaign Week, Monday, September 22 to Sunday, September 28, 2008. Mr. Moore distributed Smile Cookies, coffee and milk for members of Council. A sign-up sheet was distributed for Council and staff to volunteer at Tim Hortons that week. The proceeds of the Smile Cookie campaign will be donated to the West Perth Library.

Mayor Van Bakel thanked the delegation for their attendance and the work that is undertaken in the community.

Ms. Irmagard Gross attended the council meeting to make a presentation with regard to the condition of the animals in Lions Park. Ms. Gross feels that fawns and deer are not fed properly or need to have more feed than they are getting. Last 2 or 3 days they have been more satisfied. Tiny deer are on the skinny side. Not enough nourishment. Plus sometimes it is not cleaned up. Visitors come to the park; it should be looked after better.

Bill French, who looks after the animals in the park on a volunteer basis, was in attendance. Mr. French thanked Council for informing him of the complaint. Regulars of the park were in attendance too. Mr. French informed Council of his schedule for the animals. The birds are moulting, that is why there are a lot of feathers around. Mr. French has spoken with Ms. Gross. Mr. French had a call from the Humane Society on August 19; they have no problem with the condition of the animals. Mr. French spends 50-55 hours per month with the animals. There is a problem with someone letting the animals out and Mr. French would like to have security cameras so that the people vandalizing the zoo can be caught. Any excess food that gets put in the cages does not necessarily get eaten.

Members of Council were given an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. French.

The Humane Society would like to see a fire alarm at the zoo. The OPP make regular checks of the area. The animals are treated for parasite on a regular basis. Perhaps food dispensers could be brought back. Dispensers were well used but were vandalized.

Ms. Gross stated that the Stratford zoo animals look much better than the Mitchell zoo animals. The animals can't speak for themselves so that is why she is.

Mayor Van Bakel thanked Mr. French for his volunteer services and Mrs. Gross for her presentation.

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

RESOLUTION: 392/08

Moved by Darryl Seigner

Seconded by Gord Young

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the August 25, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting and the August 25, 2008 regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

Business arising from the minutes:

The Council portrait will be taken at the Municipal Office on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a report on surveillance cameras in the Clerk's Report for the September 15, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting.

5. Planning:

RESOLUTION: 393/08

Moved by Darryl Seigner

Seconded by Barb MacLean

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the Planning correspondence for information.

CARRIED

6. Drains:

RESOLUTION: 394/08

Moved by Larry Wight

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth appoint William J. Dietrich as the engineer to prepare an Improvement/Repair Report under Section 74 of the Drainage Act, Chapter D17, R.S.O. 1990, on the Whirl Creek Drain for property owned by Age Huitema at 4430 Road 150, Concession 5, Lot 1, Logan.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 395/08

Moved by Gord Young

Seconded by Barb MacLean

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth appoint William J. Dietrich as the engineer to prepare an Improvement/Repair Report under Section 74 of the Drainage Act, Chapter D17, R.S.O. 1990, on the McNaught Drain for property owned by Jim Maas at 6895 Line 46 for property at Concession 11, West Lot 33, Logan.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence for Council Direction:

RESOLUTION: 396/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Walter McKenzie

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve a request from the Huron Perth Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society to hang a banner across Highway 8 to support the Taking Steps Against Breast Cancer event that will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Lions Park in Mitchell.

CARRIED

There was a great deal of discussion with regard to the draft Fees By-law. Staff will look into the following:

- Why is there no fee to open the Mitchell Hall
- Are we competing with downtown businesses selling smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors?
- Operations Manager Kraemer will clarify his fees; Council feels they are too low.
- What to charge, for example, Mitchell Agricultural Society for the attendance of the West Perth Fire Department at the Fair. A donation has been received in the past, the past few years there has been none. Do we charge or expect a donation?
- CBO McLean will explain the Sign By-law fees at the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 15, 2008.

At 8:30 p.m., 17 members of the West Perth Fire Department and spouses were in attendance to receive awards. Chief Anderson thanked Council for recognizing his members and informed members of Council that the recipients of the awards bring 150 years of experience to the Department.

Mayor Van Bakel thanked the Firefighters for their service to the community and thanked Mrs. Elliott for her attendance; former Chief Elliott would be very proud of the Department's accomplishments.

Mrs. Barb Vosper stated that she and the spouses of volunteer firefighters are very proud that their husbands volunteer for the West Perth Fire Department.

- Paul Elliott – 20 Year Federal Exemplary Service Medal
- Ed Mohr – 20 Year Federal Exemplary Service Medal
- Phil Graul – 25 Year Provincial Service Medal
- Jim Tubb – 25 Year Provincial Service Medal
- Bill Vosper (retired) – 25 Year Provincial Service Medal
- Jack Fowler – 35 Year Federal and Provincial Service Bars

There was a reception to honour the recipients and their fellow firefighters and their families.

At 9:15 p.m., the Council meeting resumed.

CAO Jaques submitted a report; Council discussed the PUC Pole Yard. This is on hold as Mr. Upshall wants to buy ½ of St. Andrew Street unopened road allowance. It was not sold in the past because it would land lock the property. It crosses onto Town property.

Industrial Land 10 acre block; Planner Mark Swallow has no issues. The purchase and sale agreement is being finalized and should be ready for Council in a couple of weeks.

CAO Jaques is looking for direction on the proposed Industrial Lands.

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

RESOLUTION: 397/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

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

CARRIED

Minutes of the various Conservation Authorities will be sent electronically but not included in the printed packages. These minutes will be available from the Clerk should any members of Council wish to review them.

9. Presentation of Accounts:

RESOLUTION: 398/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

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

CARRIED

10. Committee Reports:

RESOLUTION: 399/08

Moved by Bert Vorstenbosch

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the minutes of the August 21, 2008 West Perth Public Library Board meeting.

CARRIED

October 31, 2008 is the tentative date for the Grand Opening of the West Perth Library.

Councillor Vorstenbosch informed members of Council that the West Perth Public Library web site has pictures of the construction.

RESOLUTION: 400/08

Moved by Bert Vorstenbosch

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the minutes of the September 2, 2008 West Perth Library Progress Review meeting.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 401/08

Moved by Gord Young

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the minutes of the September 3, 2008 Fullarton Conservation Area meeting.

CARRIED

11. By-laws:

RESOLUTION: 402/08

Moved by Darryl Seigner

Seconded by Walter McKenzie

THAT:

By-law 93-08; being a By-law to enter into an Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation for the provision of winter maintenance on the connecting links for Highways 8 and 23 in the Municipality of West Perth; be introduced, read or considered read a first and second time.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 403/08

Moved by Gord Young

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

By-law 93-08; being a By-law to enter into an Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation for the provision of winter maintenance on the connecting links for Highways 8 and 23 in the Municipality of West Perth; 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:**

Councillor Young asked about the property in Bornholm that has not been improved; By-law Enforcement Officer Kovacs will make a report at the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 15, 2008.

14. Status of Reports:

Landfill – Build Canada funding, if West Perth receives it, it will be applied to landfills. Waste Management is high priority for the Build Canada initiative.

West Perth Power – Waiting for agreement to come back signed. The lawyers are reviewing the agreements now.

West Perth Water – CAO Jaques and Councillor Jones are going through the agreement. It should be coming to Council very soon. Mayor Van Bakel would like to pass an agreement at the September 22, 2008 Council meeting.

Brodhagen Community Hall– CAO Jaques sent the information to the Building Commission today. There is some confusion about who sees what. No one has experience with this particular Commission. CAO Jaques will clarify the process for members of Council. With regard to the paving of the driveway, we are waiting on the insurance company to make a decision.

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

RESOLUTION: 404/08

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Darryl Seigner

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth continue the meeting in a Closed Session at 10:10 p.m. to discuss the security of the property of the Municipality.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 405/08

Moved by Darryl Seigner

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth resume the regular Council meeting at 10:43 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 406/08

Moved by Larry Wight

Seconded by Darryl Seigner

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth advertise the Clayton Street West property for sale.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 407/08

Moved by Larry Wight

Seconded by Darryl Seigner

THAT:

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The Council of the Municipality of West Perth offer the unopened St. Andrew's Street Road allowance south of the CNR tracks and north of Herbert Street property to abutting landowners;

AND FURTHER THAT:

An easement be entered into with the landowners.

WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION: 408/08

Moved by Gerry Kehl

Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth get an appraisal on the Municipally owned property known as Part Lot 30, Concession 15, Logan Ward (6786 Line 53), in the amount of 6.23 acres and advertise the property for sale.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 409/08

Moved by Walter McKenzie

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth direct staff to continue negotiations for industrial land in the Municipality of West Perth.

CARRIED

18. Adjournment:

RESOLUTION: 410/08

Moved by Gord Young

Seconded by Darryl Seigner

THAT:

By-law No. 94-08; 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: 411/08


Moved by Larry Wight

Seconded by Mike Tam


THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth adjourn the Council meeting at 10:44 p.m.

CARRIED



John Van Bakel, Mayor



Hazel Soady-Easton, Clerk