

The first regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of West Perth for the month of February 2009 was held in the Council Chambers at the West Perth Municipal Office on Monday, February 9th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Members of Council present:

Mayor John Van Bakel
Deputy Mayor Gerry Kehl
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 Council absent:

Councillor Don Jones

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.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest stated by any members of Council with regard to items listed on the Agenda.

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

- 3. Delegations and Petitions:** Mr. Luke Hoegger, Golden Lane Farm Ltd., 4110 Road 170, Mitchell attended the Council meeting to discuss a charge for a fire call that has appeared on his tax bill. Mr. Hoegger stated that he knows of many people who burned but were not charged; why him if everyone is burning? Mr. Hoegger asked about a demolition permit. If he would have known it was illegal, he would not have burned the house. Doesn't think it's fair and the Burn By-law should be changed. Mr. Hoegger would like a solution discussed with him at the Council meeting. Does demo permit give the right to burn? Mr. Hoegger claims the CBO said he could clean out the house and burn it. There was discussion about whether houses will ever be free of toxic material. Mr. Hoegger received a bill in May of 2008 with a reduction of \$500.00, which is the Administration fee. He did not pay the bill so it was put on the tax bill that was received recently. Chief Anderson will address this matter at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Camiel Van Poele attended the Council meeting to request a taxi business in West Perth. He has started a small delivery service and wants to have a taxi service. Council decided not to interfere with the competitive nature of business.

Mr. James Cowan of TJ's Taxi was in attendance, he says that his business has slowed down and he doesn't think West Perth can support another taxi business. Mr. Van Poele and Mr. Cowan answered questions from members of Council.

There was discussion about smoking in taxis in West Perth. The delegations assured members of Council that this will not be an issue in the future.

RESOLUTION: 38/09

Moved by Gerry Kehl

Seconded by Gordon Young

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth allow a third taxi business in West Perth.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 39/09

Moved by Barb MacLean

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth limit the number of taxis in West Perth to three.

DEFEATED

Ms. Laurie Knechtel, eMotivate attended the Council meeting to review the proposed West Perth website design. Council gave Laurie some suggestions. She will complete the site and review the content with Council before it goes live.

Chair June Demerling, West Perth Police Services Board attended the Council meeting to make a presentation on policing costs. Chair Demerling distributed a handout on the costs. Ms. Demerling stated that the West Perth PSB is a proactive board and they are planning for the contract renewal in 2011 that will have increased costs. Ms. Demerling corresponded with MPP Wilkinson; MPP Wilkinson has contacted Mayor Van Bakel and would like to discuss the costs with him. The Province of Ontario sets the contract. Ms. Demerling answered questions from members of Council.

Ms. Demerling stated that we have received more funding for the R.I.D.E. program.

The description of the West Perth Police Office was described as a Community Police Office in the last contract instead of a detachment. This has disallowed the new phone system from being installed. Inspector Andrews is working on getting the office called a detachment so that the phone system can be installed, which links OPP offices together.

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

RESOLUTION: 40/09

Moved by Jeff Marshall

Seconded by Gerry Kehl

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the January 26, 2009 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED

Business arising from the minutes: CAO Jaques reviewed the application for the Commercial Façade Improvement Program. Some changes were made to the dates. There may be a conflict on Economic Development as business people will be applying. Comes from the RED Grant from the County of Perth and municipal money,

50/50. West Perth's portion is \$125,000; the whole grant is \$250,000. CAO Jaques will review applications with applicants before it comes to Council for approval.

RESOLUTION: 41/09

Moved by Jeff Marshall

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the Commercial Façade Improvement Program Application;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth will be the approval authority;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The total program will be considered at the Budget meeting.

CARRIED

5. Planning: none

6. Drains:

RESOLUTION: 42/09

Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Gordon Young

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth appoint William Dietrich as the Drainage Superintendent to prepare an Improvement/Repair Report under Section 74 of the Drainage Act, Chapter D17, R.S.O. 1990, Request for Repair on the Parsons Municipal Drain by the Ministry of Transportation for property at Concession 6, Lot 26, Fullarton Ward.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence for Council Direction:

RESOLUTION: 43/09

Moved by Walter McKenzie

Seconded by Gordon Young

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth appoint Arnold Storey as West Perth's appointment to the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Board for 2009.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 44/09

Moved by Barb MacLean

Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth give direction to our representative on the Draft Budget and Levy for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority for 2009 be presented as follows;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth recommend that the increase be in line with the rate of inflation.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 45/09

Moved by Bert Vorstenbosch

Seconded by Jeff Marshall

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the 2009 General Levy for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority as presented.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 46/09

Moved by Walter McKenzie

Seconded by Jeff Marshall

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth donate West Perth Pens to Katie Lang, a student at St. Michael Catholic Secondary School, for a trip to the Dominican Republic from February 13 to 20, 2009.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

There was discussion about recycling; the Province of Ontario is looking at standardizing what can be recycled throughout the Province.

RESOLUTION: 47/09

Moved by Gerry Kehl

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth support the Earth Day Challenge to turn off unessential electricity on March 28, 2009 between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 48/09

Moved by Ross McIntosh

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:

RESOLUTION: 49/09

Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Jeff Marshall

THAT:

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

CARRIED

Staff will have Treasurer McLagan explain the quarterly invoice from Keystone. Staff will have Chief Anderson explain the differences in price for firefighter physicals. Council would like consistent advertising copy. All advertising will be reviewed by CAO Jaques.

10. Committee Reports:

RESOLUTION: 50/09

Moved by Mike Tam

Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality approve the minutes of the February 3, 2009 Tourism and Communities in Bloom meeting as presented.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 51/09

Moved by Walter McKenzie

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality approve the minutes of the January 15, 2009 Seaforth & District Community Centre Management Committee meeting as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor MacLean reported that the tanker at the Seaforth Fire Station is no longer in service. It will be \$200,000 to replace; West Perth's portion is 6.6%. Councillor MacLean spoke with Treasurer McLagan about it. The remainder of the Seaforth Fire budget is essentially the same.

11. By-laws:

RESOLUTION: 52/09

Moved by Larry Wight

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

By-law No. 08-09; being a By-law to provide for the collection of actual costs for the maintenance of the Logan Maitland Drain, 2008 Municipality of North Perth;

By-law No. 09-09; being a By-law to provide for the collection of actual costs for the maintenance of the McClory Municipal Drain, 2008 Municipality of North Perth;

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

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 53/09

Moved by Gordon Young

Seconded by Jeff Marshall

THAT:

By-law No. 08-09; being a By-law to provide for the collection of actual costs for the maintenance of the Logan Maitland Drain, 2008 Municipality of North 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

RESOLUTION: 54/09

Moved by Mike Tam

Seconded by Walter McKenzie

THAT:

By-law No. 09-09; being a By-law to provide for the collection of actual costs for the maintenance of the McClory Municipal Drain, 2008 Municipality of North 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

13. Unfinished Business: none

14. New Business: none

15. Status of Reports:

West Perth Power: nothing to report
Brodhagen Community Hall – nothing to report

- 16. Notices of Motion:** none
- 17. Questions from the Press:** Ms. Long informed Council and staff that Friday is the deadline for running ads as Monday is Family Day.
- 18. Closed to the Public Session:**

RESOLUTION: 55/09

Moved by Gerry Kehl
Seconded by Jeff Marshall

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth continue the meeting in a Closed Session at 10:05 p.m. to discuss the following: Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including but not clearly limited to employees of the Municipality; Labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 56/09

Moved by Barb MacLean
Seconded by Gordon Young

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth resume the regular Council meeting at 11:30 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 57/09

Moved by Gordon Young
Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the Pay Administration Program as presented, including the 2009 Pay Band Structure.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 58/09

Moved by Mike Tam
Seconded by Barb MacLean

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth use the reimbursable mileage rate, benchmarked to the over 5,000 kilometre rate, of the Canada Revenue Agency set for the year (.46/km.) (Federal Ministry of Finance Automobile Deduction Limits);

AND FURTHER THAT:

This benchmark practice be included in the Employee Policy Manual.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 59/09

Moved by Mike Tam
Seconded by Gerry Kehl

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth accept the Employee Policy manual as presented.

CARRIED

19. Adjournment:

RESOLUTION: 60/09

Moved by Jeff Marshall

Seconded by Gordon Young

THAT:

By-law No. 10-09; 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: 61/09

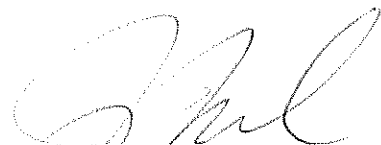
Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Larry Wight

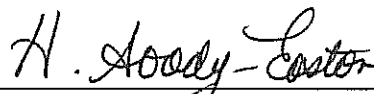
THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth adjourn the Council meeting at 11:45 p.m.

CARRIED



John Van Bakel, Mayor



Hazel Soady-Easton, Clerk