

The second regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of West Perth for the month of March 2009 was held in the Council Chambers at the West Perth Municipal Office on Monday, March 23rd, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Members of Council present:

Mayor John Van Bakel
Deputy Mayor Gerry Kehl
Councillor Don Jones
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 Barb MacLean

Members of Staff present:

CAO Will Jaques
Clerk Hazel Soady-Easton

1. Opening:

Mayor Van Bakel called the meeting to order at 7:03 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.

3. Delegations and Petitions: none

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

RESOLUTION: 117/09

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Gordon Young

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 regular Council meeting, the March 16, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting and the March 16, 2009 emergency Council meeting with amendments.

CARRIED

Business arising from the minutes:

RESOLUTION: 118/09

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Jeff Marshall

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 A Branch of the McGrath Municipal Drain by Ross Balfour for property at Concession 5, Lot 9, Hibbert Ward.

CARRIED

5. Planning:

RESOLUTION: 119/09

Moved by Bert Vorstenbosch

Seconded by Jeff Marshall

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the March 18, 2009 Planning Committee meeting with amendments.

CARRIED

Councillor McIntosh was not in attendance at the Planning Committee meeting.

RESOLUTION: 120/09

Moved by Gordon Young

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 Public meeting for Tri-Bar Flooring Ltd. as presented.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 121/09

Moved by Jeff Marshall

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 Public meeting for Mitchell Memorial Hospital as presented.

CARRIED

6. Drains: none

7. Correspondence for Council Direction:

RESOLUTION: 122/09

Moved by Gerry Kehl

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth forward the correspondence from Audrey Harloff to the Operations meeting in April.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 123/09

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve a request to hold the 2nd Annual Classic Car Show in Mitchell on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at Centennial Park.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 124/09

Moved by Gerry Kehl

Seconded by Gordon Young

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve West Perth Pins for the 2008-2009 Belle "AA" Ringette Team to attend the Canadian Nationals as Team Ontario April 6 to 11, 2009 in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 125/09

Moved by Gerry Kehl

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth nominate Margaret Drummond as 2009 Senior of the Year with input from Councillor Jones.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 126/09

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Jeff Marshall

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth endorse the Drinking Water Quality Management System (DWQMS) Operational Plan for the Mitchell Waterworks System as prepared by American Water Canada for the Municipality of West Perth as the Municipality's Operating Authority.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 127/09

Moved by Larry Wight

Seconded by Jeff Marshall

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve a request to amend By-law No. 26-08, Schedule A, which is a Memorandum of Understanding between Ducks Unlimited and the Municipality of West Perth to extend the Agreement to March 31, 2009.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 128/09

Moved by Gordon Young

Seconded by Jeff Marshall

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve the applications for the Façade Improvement Program;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Application #9, 10 and 11 be withdrawn for clarification;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The list of applicants be attached to this Resolution as Schedule A.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

There was a great deal of discussion about the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) proposed new Discussion about the UTRCA proposed new administration centre.

RESOLUTION: 129/09

Moved by Larry Wight

Seconded by Walter McKenzie

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth direct staff to organize a meeting to discuss the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority proposed new Administration Centre with member municipalities.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 130/09

Moved by Gerry Kehl

Seconded by Walter McKenzie

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth approve Mayor John Van Bakel to attend the Perth County Federation of Agriculture annual spring brief on Friday, April 3, 2009.

CARRIED

There was a great deal of discussion about the invoices and change orders from the Brodhagen Hall construction project. The paving of the driveway will be considered on the upcoming Road Tour.

RESOLUTION: 131/09

Moved by Mike Tam

Seconded by Gordon Young

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth withdraw Brodhagen Hall contemplated Change #27 as some items should have been covered by the general tender document.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 132/09

Moved by Larry Wight

Seconded by Gerry Kehl

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth support a Resolution from the Municipality of Middlesex Centre as follows:

WHEREAS the Department of Fisheries and Oceans review and approval of such matters as drain maintenance and construction and bridge reconstruction projects has proven to be a lengthy process resulting in unreasonable delays in the completion of Municipal Projects;

AND WHEREAS the cost of implementing the conditions for approving drain maintenance and construction or bridge reconstruction is an added cost passed on to those assessed for the drainage works and to Municipalities, respectively;

AND WHEREAS errors and inconsistencies in the drainage mapping, used for drain and waterway classifications, which includes man made open ditches, by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans could result in delays and increased additional costs;

AND WHEREAS given the relatively short and inflexible construction/maintenance season and the reluctance of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to reduce in turnaround time of approvals places an undue burden on the municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of West Perth petitions the department of Fisheries and Oceans to review and shorten the time frame required for approval of drainage maintenance and construction and bridge reconstruction requests to allow for a more flexible and reasonable construction/maintenance season, especially where weather conditions warrant an extended season; and

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipality of West Perth petitions the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to delegate their authority for such matters to the local Conservation Authorities given their existing in-depth knowledge of these issues and mandate to protect the environment;

AND FURTHER THAT this Resolution be forwarded to Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Minister of Natural Resources, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and John Wilkinson, M.P.P., Perth-Wellington.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 133/09

Moved by Larry Wight

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth support a Resolution from the Municipality of Thames Centre by requesting the Province of Ontario to provide immediate support to Municipalities and our private sector partners to secure the long-term viability of our waste diversion programs.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 134/09

Moved by Gordon Young

Seconded by Mike Tam

THAT:

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

CARRIED

Mr. Jeff Murdoch attended the Council meeting to explain his portion of his application for the Facade Improvement Program.

9. Presentation of Accounts:

RESOLUTION: 135/09

Moved by Gerry Kehl

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth direct staff to correspond with Perth County Ambulance to determine why the Municipality of West Perth was invoiced for an ambulance call for an employee.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 136/09

Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

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

CARRIED

10. Committee Reports:

The Tourism/Communities in Bloom (CiB) Committee's Spring Fling is on April 8, 2009.

The Resolution from CiB will be sent to West Perth Power.

Mayor Van Bakel will bring greetings at the Spring Fling event.

RESOLUTION: 137/09

Moved by Bert Vorstenbosch

Seconded by Jeff Marshall

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality approve the minutes of the following Committee meetings as presented:

- West Perth Public Library Board meeting of March 12, 2009
- Communities in Bloom/Tourism Committee meeting of March 10, 2009
- Seaforth & District Community Centres Management Committee of March 12, 2009
- West Perth Water/Wastewater Committee meeting of March 12, 2009.

CARRIED

11. By-laws:

RESOLUTION: 138/09

Moved by Mike Tam

Seconded by Ross McIntosh

THAT:

By-law 18-09; being a By-law to authorize an agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Municipality of West Perth for OSWAP-2;

By-law No. 19-09; being a By-law to authorize an agreement between the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Corporation of the Municipality of West Perth for a grant for upgrades to the community pools in the Mitchell Ward;

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

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 139/09

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

By-law 18-09; being a By-law to authorize an agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and West Perth for OSWAP-2; 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: 140/09

Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Walter McKenzie

THAT:

By-law 19-09; being a By-law to authorize an agreement between the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Corporation of the Municipality of West Perth for a grant for upgrades to the community pools in the Mitchell Ward; 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:

13. New Business:

RESOLUTION: 141/09

Moved by Walter McKenzie

Seconded by Don Jones

THAT:

The Council of the municipality of West Perth accept the low tender submitted by Lafarge Paving and Construction in the amount of \$822,266.55 for the 2009 Rural Asphalt Paving contract.

CARRIED

16. Status of Reports:

West Perth Power: nothing to report

Brodhagen Community Hall: parking lot paving will be considered on the Road Tour.

There is a Public meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Dublin regarding the recent water problems.

17. Notices of Motion: none

18. Questions from the Press: Ms. Long will contact staff for clarification of projects approved for the Facade improvement program.

19. Closed to the Public Session:

RESOLUTION: 142/09

Moved by Gord Young

Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth continue the meeting in a Closed Session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including but not clearly limited to employees of the Municipality and a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Municipality.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 143/09

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Jeff Marshall

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth resume the regular Council meeting at 9:50 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 144/09

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Larry Wight

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth direct staff to advertise for the position of Environmental Services Coordinator.

CARRIED

19. Adjournment:

RESOLUTION: 145/09

Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch

THAT:

By-law No. 20-09; 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: 146/09

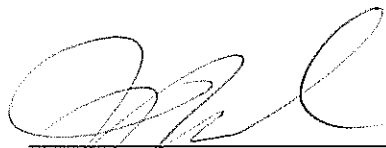
Moved by Ross McIntosh

Seconded by Larry Wight

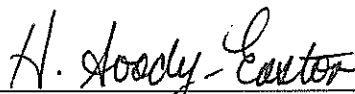
THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of West Perth adjourn the Council meeting at 9:52 p.m.

CARRIED



John Van Bakel, Mayor



Hazel Soady-Easton, Clerk