

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE INAUGURAL SESSION  
OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE  
COUNTY OF OXFORD

County Council Chamber  
Woodstock  
December 12, 2006

MEETING #1

The Inaugural Session of Oxford County Council for the 2007-2008-2009-2010 term is held this twelfth day of December, 2006, in the Council Chamber, County Building, Woodstock at 7:30 p.m.

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, Mr. Kenneth J. Whiteford in the chair.

CALL TO ORDER:

All members of Council present.

Staff Present: K.J. Whiteford, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk  
M.R. Bragg, Director of Public Health and Emergency Services  
L. S. Buchner, Director of Corporate Services  
M. Campbell, Operations Manager, Public Works  
J. Kubiak, Corporate Manager of Human Resources  
M. Misek-Evans, Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning  
A. C. Orvidas, Director of Social Services and Housing

All members have filed the required Certificate as to Election/Appointment to County Council with the Clerk:

Kenneth R. Howling	Township of Blandford-Blenheim
Donald E. McKay	Township of East Zorra-Tavistock
Donald I. Doan	Township of Norwich
James E. Hayes	Township of South-West Oxford
Margaret E. Lupton	Township of Zorra
Paul J. Holbrough	Town of Ingersoll
Stephen B. Molnar	Town of Tillsonburg
Michael J. Harding	City of Woodstock
Patrick A. Sobeski	City of Woodstock
Sandra J. Talbot	City of Woodstock

The Clerk welcomes the guests and announces that the initial duty at the Inaugural Session of Oxford County Council is to install the 2007-2008-2009-2010 County Council members and elect a Warden and Deputy Warden.

The Clerk introduces His Honour Regional Senior Justice Alexander M. Graham, who is present tonight.

Mr. Whiteford requests The Honourable Alexander M. Graham, Regional Senior Justice, Ontario Court of Justice, to administer the Declarations of Office to the Council members.

Mr. Whiteford asks each Councillor to come forward in alphabetical order so Regional Senior Justice Graham can administer the Declarations of Office.

Regional Senior Justice Graham extends congratulations to each member of Council. Justice Graham goes on to extend a welcome to the various former Wardens that are in the gallery tonight. He thanks them for their continued interest in County government and the contributions that they have made in the past. Justice Graham also extends a warm welcome to friends and family of the ten individuals who will be acting as the leaders of Oxford County over the next four years. He encourages the members of the Council to always strive towards team work in their deliberations for the betterment of the County as a whole.

After the Declarations of Office, the Clerk, in accordance with Sections 4.1.4, 4.1.9 and 4.1.10 of Procedure By-law No. 4339-2003, announces that Regional Senior Justice Graham will, in fact, draw a ballot to decide on any equality of votes which may occur during the election of the Warden and Deputy Warden.

The Clerk calls for a resolution to proceed with the election of a Warden.

RESOLUTION NO. 1:

Moved by: Stephen Molnar  
Seconded by: Patrick Sobeski

That we proceed to elect a Warden in accordance with Section 4 of By-law No. 4339-2003.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Clerk Whiteford calls for nominations for the Office of Warden.

RESOLUTION NO. 2:

Moved by: Michael Harding  
Seconded by: James Hayes

That Paul Holbrough be nominated for the position of Warden for Oxford County for the term 2007.

Clerk Whiteford calls for further nominations.

RESOLUTION NO. 3:

Moved by: Donald Doan  
Seconded by: Margaret Lupton

That Don McKay be nominated for the position of Warden for Oxford County for the year 2007.

Clerk Whiteford calls for further nominations.

RESOLUTION NO. 4:

Moved by: James Hayes  
Seconded by: Michael Harding

That nominations for the Office of Warden be closed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Clerk Whiteford proceeds with the calling of the roll for the first ballot.

BALLOT 1:

For Holbrough: Harding, Hayes, Holbrough, Howling, Lupton, Molnar, Sobeski, Talbot Total 8

For McKay: Doan, McKay Total 2

Councillor Holbrough is declared Warden Elect for the year 2007.

Mr. Holbrough approaches the Chair and takes the Declaration of Office before His Honour Regional Senior Justice Alexander M. Graham.

Regional Senior Justice Graham proclaims Mr. Holbrough duly sworn into office and declared Warden of Oxford County for the year 2007.

Warden Holbrough is presented with the Chain of Office and gavel. Regional Senior Justice Graham offers congratulatory comments and Warden Holbrough takes the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Warden Holbrough calls for a resolution to proceed with the election of a Deputy Warden.

RESOLUTION NO. 5:

Moved by: Stephen Molnar

Seconded by: Patrick Sobeski

That we proceed to elect a Deputy (Acting) Warden in accordance with Section 5 of By-law No. 4339-2003.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Warden Holbrough calls for nominations for the Office of Deputy Warden.

RESOLUTION NO. 6:

Moved by: Michael Harding

Seconded by: Stephen Molnar

That Don McKay be nominated for the position of Deputy (Acting) Warden for Oxford County for the term 2007.

Warden Holbrough calls for further nominations.

RESOLUTION NO. 7:

Moved by: Donald Doan

Seconded by: Margaret Lupton

That nominations for the Office of Deputy (Acting) Warden be closed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Councillor McKay is declared Deputy (Acting) Warden Elect for the year 2007.

Mr. McKay approaches the chair and takes the Declaration of Office before His Honour Regional Senior Justice Alexander M. Graham.

Regional Senior Justice Graham proclaims Mr. McKay duly sworn into office and declared Deputy (Acting) Warden of Oxford County for the year 2007.

Warden Holbrough, as part of his acceptance of his election, thanks his fellow Councillors for the honour being bestowed upon him. Warden Holbrough goes on to touch on several items that he sees as important for the County in the next few months. He specifically mentions the need to attend to the expansion of the boundaries of the urban areas in the County, stressing that there will be a lot of work required to ensure that all of the involved municipalities are satisfied with the outcome. Warden Holbrough also notes that the work on the boundary adjustments will bring the relationship between the County and its area municipalities to a point where roles can be further defined. He also encourages Councillors to remember both sides of communications – the speaking and the listening – when dealing with each other, with staff and the public. The Warden emphasizes the need to work together in a compatible manner to make Oxford County stronger together. He makes reference to the motto on the County Crest which states, “Labour Conquers All”, whereas today we need to stress the idea of “Growing Stronger...Together”. In the view of the Warden, with hard labour on the parts of all of members of Council and the public, we will grow stronger together.

Warden Holbrough asks the newly elected Deputy Warden if he wishes to make any comments.

Deputy Warden McKay thanks his supporters and comments on the valuable interaction amongst Councillors over the past few days leading up to these elections. He notes that he looks forward to working with Warden Holbrough to address some of the key issues that confront the County as a whole. He indicates that he is prepared to do his part to ensure that the issues are addressed in the interest of all County residents. The Deputy Warden concludes his comments by thanking everyone for their attendance tonight.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council adjourns its proceedings until the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.

8:17 p.m.

Minutes adopted on January 10, 2007 by Resolution No. 2

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CLERK