

MINUTES
OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION
OF THE
COUNTY OF OXFORD

County Council Chamber
Woodstock
January 11, 2006

MEETING #2

Oxford County Council meets in regular session this eleventh day of January 2006, in the Council Chamber, County Building, Woodstock.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

9:40 a.m., with Warden Woolcott in the chair.

All members of Council present except Councillors Hampson, Molnar and Nadalin.

Councillor Molnar arrives at 9:42 a.m.
Councillor Nadalin arrives at 9:50 a.m.

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
J. L. Hill, Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning
J. Kubiak, Corporate Manager of Human Resources
A. C. Orvidas, Director of Social Services and Housing
R. G. Walton, Director of Public Works

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 1:

Moved by: Sandra Talbot
Seconded by: Don McKay

That the Agenda and Additional Agenda be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

Councillor Molnar, being the spouse of an employee of Burns, Demeyere & Associates, discloses a pecuniary interest and does not take part in the discussion or voting on:

The first recommendation contained in Report No. A-1 2006-01.

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Council Minutes of December 14, 2005, December 14, 2005, December 21, 2005 and January 5, 2006

RESOLUTION NO. 2:

Moved by: Sandra Talbot
Seconded by: Don McKay

That the Council Minutes of December 14, 2005, December 14, 2005, December 21, 2005 and January 5, 2006 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

RESOLUTION NO. 3:

Moved by: Sandra Talbot
Seconded by: Don McKay

That Council rise and go into a public meeting pursuant to Section 51(20) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to consider an application for draft approval of a plan of subdivision, and that the Warden chair the public meeting.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (9:42 a.m.)

1. Application for Draft Plan Approval of a Proposed Subdivision
- 32T-05004 – Permtterra Development Corporation
Southeast corner of Quarter Town Line and Baldwin Street, being
Part of Lot 7, Concession 12 (former Dereham), in the Town of
Tillsonburg

The Chair asks J. Hill, Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning, to outline the nature of this application for Council. J. Hill explains that this application is for an approval of a draft plan of subdivision to permit the development of a residential subdivision, consisting of 38 lots for single detached dwellings, a block for a 17 unit townhouse condominium development and a parkland block. The subject property is approximately 6 hectares (15 acres) in area and currently consists of cropped agricultural land containing no buildings or structures. The subject property is surrounded by arterial roads to the north and west (Baldwin Street and Quarter Town Line), existing low density residential development to the east and an unopened town road allowance and treed ravine to the south.

J. Hill notes that the application has been reviewed in light of the policies of the County's Official Plan and it has been found to be compatible with those policies. Various agencies have commented on the application as part of the review process. The Long Point Region Conservation Authority does not anticipate any impact on adjacent woodlands, expecting that the municipality will ensure that encroachment into the adjacent woodland will be minimal.

At their meeting of December 12, 2005, the Town of Tillsonburg Council endorsed the application and recommended its approval to Oxford County Council. J. Hill concludes by indicating that the Community and Strategic Planning Office fully supports the application and will be bringing forth a report to Council on January 25th to seek the final approval.

The Chair asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak in favour of the application. John Gilvesy, representing Permtterra Development Corporation, indicates that he is present today to answer any questions that members of Council might have regarding the application but does not have prepared comments.

The Chair asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak in opposition to the application and no one indicates such intent.

The Chair asks if members of Council have any questions for J. Hill or J. Gilvesy. No questions are forthcoming from Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 4:

Moved by: Paul Holbrough
Seconded by: William Semeniuk

That Council adjourn the public meeting and reconvene as Oxford County Council with the Warden in the chair.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (9:45 a.m.)

C-1 2006-2
Re: Application for Draft Plan Approval
- 32T-05004 – Permterra Development Corporation

RESOLUTION NO. 5:

Moved by: Paul Holbrough
Seconded by: William Semeniuk

That the recommendation contained in Report No. C-1 2006-2, titled "Application for Draft Plan Approval – 32T-05004 – Permterra Development Corporation", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. C-1 2006-2:

That Oxford County Council hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 51(20) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to consider an application for draft approval of a plan of subdivision; and further,

That Oxford County Council, at its regular meeting of January 25, 2006, consider draft plan approval to a proposed subdivision submitted by Permterra Development Corporation (File No. 32T-05004) and prepared by Kim Husted Surveying Ltd., dated September 21st, 2005, comprising Part of Lot 7, Concession 12 (former Dereham), in the Town of Tillsonburg, subject to the conditions included in Report No. 2006-2.

Councillor Talbot leaves the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Craig Merkley
Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Clean Water Project
Brad Glasman, Conservation Services Unit Co-ordinator
Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
Hugh Fletcher, Chair, Clean Water Project
Re: Update on the Clean Water Project

Hugh Fletcher, the Chair of the Clean Water Project, addresses Council first and thanks Council for their previous support of the Project over the past number of years. He indicates that, from his perspective, the Project has been very successful and he hopes that Council will see fit to continue to provide support in the future. H. Fletcher then proceeds to introduce Craig Merkley and Brad Glasman.

Brad Glasman, by way of introductory comments, indicates that the Clean Water Project has both a technical and a financial component. The monies received to support the program have been obtained

through a wide variety of sources. The overall program is administered and overseen by a committee of municipal and agricultural representatives, including M. Evans, Senior Policy Planner from the Community and Strategic Planning Office of the County. The agricultural representatives include Betty Semeniuk, who has been on the program committee representing the Oxford Federation of Agriculture and is a resident of the Thamesford area.

B. Glasman turns the presentation over to Craig Merkley who proceeds to highlight a 20 screen PowerPoint presentation for Council. He emphasizes the fact that the program caters to both the rural farm and non-farm population. The program is quite flexible in how it responds to local issues and considerable technical support is available to residents in terms of assistance with projects. C. Merkley also emphasizes the boundaries of the Clean Water Project and the various Conservation Authorities that are involved in the overall project. Projects are dealt with on a watershed basis and not just on the basis of political boundaries.

C. Merkley displays a series of photos of various components of the Project, such as wellhead protection, repair of septic systems, erosion control, spills prevention, livestock fencing, crossings and alternate watering, milkhouse wastewater, clean water diversion and fragile land retirement. A pie chart is displayed showing the various program components and how the money is allocated. There were 211 projects sponsored in 2005. In Oxford County specifically, there were 65 projects in 2005 with a total value of \$372,000. Of that amount, \$136,000 was obtained from grants and a further \$70,000 was contributed by the County itself. B. Glasman displays a number of graphs that indicate the distribution of projects among the local municipalities and the total project value over the 5 years of the program, as it pertains to each area municipality. B. Glasman also mentions that the overall contribution by Oxford during 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 is \$465,000. There has been no decline in interest in the program demonstrated by the fact that the Review Committee, looking at various project applications, had a total of 96 applications to review in December 2005. B. Glasman also explains that there are Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) grants available to farmers through the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Greencover and Farm Stewardship Programs. There are, however, a series of "caps" and "gaps" that B. Glasman outlines which do present some limitations to the usefulness of these programs.

In conclusion, B. Glasman outlines five reasons why the County should continue to contribute and be part of the Clean Water Project. Those reasons are as follows:

- Cost share non-eligible projects
- Strong technical support provides better projects
- Top up of projects
- Relationships with Environmental Farm Plan personnel
- The commitment to date to the Clean Water Project is substantial and it is important not to lose this successful investment.

During a question and answer session, Deputy Warden Holbrough enquires as to how people go about applying for the Clean Water Project and what criteria must be satisfied. B. Glasman responds and indicates that each application is dealt with on its own merits. The Clean Water Project Committee has not had to say "no" to any great extent since most applications are quite supportable and can be carried forward on their own merits. B. Glasman goes on to say that the available monies are allocated on the basis of priority needs and this comment is further supported by Hugh Fletcher, who reinforces the fact that the Committee does follow its priorities and has stretched the available money very well.

Councillor Nadalin enquires about the chart showing the division of projects and dollars among the eight local municipalities in Oxford and the fact that Zorra Township seems to be the highest on the chart. B. Glasman responds and indicates that Zorra has always been a hot spot for UTRCA programs and, in fact, has always been a bit of an anomaly across the full watershed of the UTRCA. B. Glasman goes on to say that he is personally surprised by the application numbers in the Township of Norwich where the Upper Thames is only involved in a portion of the overall Township but the number of applications is surprisingly high, even within the Long Point Region portion of the municipality.

Councillor Hayes enquires if there is any deadline in sight with respect to the possible end of the Clean Water Project. B. Glasman indicates that there is no deadline evident at this time since the new farm programs are running, at least, to the end of 2008. B. Glasman states that his personal hope is that

the program carries on forever. Councillor Hayes goes on to ask about non-farm applications and M. Evans, Senior Policy Planner, who is in the gallery, indicates that non-farm applications are looked at and responded to in a similar fashion to the farm applications.

Councillor Molnar wonders if there is any breakdown of all the funding sources for the Clean Water Project. B. Glasman comments that all the accounting is done separately and he does not have all the available numbers at his disposal today but a breakdown is available and he volunteers to forward this to Councillor Molnar.

Councillor Semeniuk comments on the preponderance of applications and dollars allocated to Zorra Township. He states that a number of farm organizations have farm leaders in Zorra who have promoted this program and that has had a ripple effect across the municipality. Councillor Semeniuk goes on to ask about how the Clean Water Project is going to relate to new endeavours in the world of source water protection. M. Evans replies and indicates that the Clean Water Project is a good program and the County has been very successful in leveraging the dollars that have been forwarded to this Project for the benefit of Oxford residents. She goes on to state that the Oxford Natural Heritage Study will be helpful in the implementation of source water protection and, as well, the Clean Water Project.

Councillor McKay refers to a hypothetical neighbour having a problem with his septic tank and how much, in the way of funding, might be available to address such an issue. B. Glasman states that there is a \$4,000 maximum on responding to septic repair issues. The Authority does a site visit, takes photos and does follow-up with the owner. Councillor McKay then enquires as to what real advantage there is to the environment to have this program, since most of what has been described could be done by a private company involved with septic tank services. B. Glasman indicates that the presence of the Clean Water staff tends to encourage other projects on the part of the landowner and, furthermore, a lot of good technical advice is provided. Councillor McKay comments that although this is commendable, there are steps that could be taken by the property owner under his/her own volition which would ensure the same issues are addressed and that things get done. He questions whether the program is needed to make things happen.

Hugh Fletcher also responds to Councillor McKay and emphasizes that the septic tank repairs that the Clean Water Project gets involved with are the "real ugly ones". M. Evans also comments that there is still not enough education and promotion in terms of what the Clean Water Project is seeing in the way of applications and more is required.

2. Lorne M. Moon, Naval Veteran
Resident of Ingersoll

Re: Request to Rename County Road No. 9 to Nadalin Road

Lorne Moon comes forward to address Council and indicates that he has been a resident of Ingersoll and the County of Oxford all his life. He indicates that he is speaking on behalf of the patriotic Nadalin family from Beachville. He explains that the Nadalin family had 30 years of military service in World War II. He recounts for Council some of the background of the family and the fact that Beatrice Nadalin raised a family of eight boys without the advantage of her husband, who was killed in an accident at the local quarry operation in 1924. The service records of the eight boys is noted and the fact, as previously mentioned, that the total service adds up to approximately 30 years.

L. Moon emphasizes the high level of recruitment from this family as it pertains to military service. He questions whether there is another family in Canada that could equal the level of service, as noted, by the Nadalins. He also notes that son, John Nadalin, was a prime instigator in the establishment of the Beachville Legion and also served on local Council in the early 1970s. L. Moon indicates that his request to Council today is for the existing County Road No. 9, between Ingersoll and Woodstock, to be renamed as Nadalin Road. To his knowledge, there are no County roads currently named after veterans although there are many examples of County roads that have been named after historic figures from Oxford's past.

L. Moon concludes by indicating that this would be a very appropriate way to recognize the Year of the Veteran (2005). He specifically asks the Warden whether anything had been done by the County for this commemoration and the answer is "no".

Prior to the beginning of this presentation, Councillor Nadalin indicates that, due to family linkages, he would not be participating in the discussion or voting on this matter.

3. Don Wolan

Resident of Ingersoll

Re: Restructuring of the Oxford County Library System – Request for a Resolution under Section 274 of the Municipal Act 2001

Donald Wolan comes forward and addresses Council with the assistance of four pages of speaking notes on the subject of the recent changes and the staffing of the Oxford County Library system and the need for the County to pursue good governance.

D. Wolan initiates his presentation by indicating that he is a proud resident of Ingersoll but is ashamed to be a constituent of the County of Oxford. He defines what is meant by good governance. Open government meetings, availability of budgets and financial statements for review by anyone and laws, rules and decisions that are open for full discussion are some of the components of his definition.

He makes the point that it is the responsibility of the County to provide notice to the public as to improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of the delivery of services by the municipality and its local boards. He turns his attention specifically to the Oxford County Library and makes the following points:

- The County has the responsibility to ensure that the public was aware that the Business Plan for the County Library for the year 2005 was being dramatically altered by making changes in the number of branches being retained. Sections of the Library Business Plan for 2005 are quoted and especially the Mission Statement and the fact that the libraries were to evolve as “information outlets”.
- Questions whether the closing of five libraries and the termination of eight employees was really done for the sake of building one new library.
- Excerpts from a Sentinel-Review article of June 22, 2005 are quoted, including quotes attributed to the Chair of the Oxford County Library Board, L. Reeves.
- After the closures of the branches, the disregard shown to the public by the Library Board was shameful.
- There should have been equality for the residents of Kintore, Hickson, Beachville, Oxford Center and Drumbo in having the opportunity, like the residents of Burgessville, to indicate their support for their local library branch.
- Raises the question as to whether the Oxford County Library Board has applied for any additional funding, especially at the Federal level through the Canadian Heritage Branch, which could be a possible source of funds for sustainability.
- Wonders why or if the Ministry of Culture or the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing were contacted prior to the restructuring plan.
- Wonders if the County is not required to give reasonable notice of any impending changes to its library systems, especially when notices were sent to supervisors in March 2005 indicating that there would be no changes in the foreseeable future.
- Questions whether due diligence was pursued in allowing the constituents the opportunities to voice their thoughts and suggestions.
- Raises the issue of accounting deficiencies and especially a discrepancy from the audited financial statements compared to the library budgets.
- Questions the treatment of long-term employees when they were let go in June 2005.

- Cites various staff of the County by title that should all resign as well as the current membership of the Library Board.

In conclusion, D. Wolan provides Council with two choices which he would like to see pursued by resolution. The first choice is to seek a judicial investigation through a Judge of the Superior Court of Justice to investigate a possible breach of trust and whether or not good government of the municipality was adhered to in the conduct of the public's business. This procedure is outlined in Section 274 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

The second choice is for the County to ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, under Sections 9 and 10 of the Municipal Affairs Act, to initiate a Provincially sponsored municipal audit of the financial affairs of the municipality and make an inquiry into any of the affairs of the municipality.

The Chair thanks D. Wolan for his presentation and asks if any members of Council have questions. No questions are forthcoming.

7. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 6:

Moved by: James Hayes
Seconded by: Michael Harding

That the request from Lorne M. Moon, Naval Veteran, to rename Oxford County Road No. 9 to Nadalin Road, be referred to the Public Works and Public Health and Emergency Services Departments for the preparation of a joint report.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 7:

Moved by: Don McKay
Seconded by: William Semeniuk

That Council request a report from the C.A.O./Clerk regarding the request by Mr. Don Wolan under Section 274 of the Municipal Act and that this report be presented at the January 25, 2006 Council session.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Tammy Cooper
January 3, 2006
January 4, 2006

Re: Request for By-law regarding the Operation of Off-Road Vehicles on the Shoulder of Roads

RESOLUTION NO. 8:

Moved by: James Hayes
Seconded by: Michael Harding

That the correspondence from Tammy Cooper, requesting a By-law regarding the operation of off-road vehicles on the shoulder of roads, be referred to the Public Works Department for the preparation of a report.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

2. Councillor Michael Harding
January 5, 2006
Re: Harvesting of Natural Power Sources

RESOLUTION NO. 9:

Moved by: Michael Harding
Seconded by: Don McKay

That the Office of Community and Strategic Planning review the Official Plan for policies that impact on the harvesting of natural power sources and report on the necessary policy statements for the development of wind, water or other sources of energy that may be converted on site to another form and that such policies be responsive to individual, local, municipal and provincial scales and further that such policies be permissive in the development of alternative energy sources.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

3. Mayor Michael Harding
City of Woodstock
January 5, 2006
Re: Bill 206 – Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act

RESOLUTION NO. 10:

Moved by: Michael Harding
Seconded by: Don McKay

That County Council support the position set forth in the January 5, 2006 letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing from the Mayor of the City of Woodstock regarding Bill 206 – Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Systems Act and that copies of this letter of support be circulated to AMO, the Chair of OMERS, the Minister of Finance, the M.P.P. for Oxford and the County's area municipalities and, in the case of the letters to the area municipalities, that the Clerk request each Council to consider this issue and forward their own response to the noted recipients.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

9. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

A CORPORATE SERVICES

- A-1 2006-01
Re: 2006 Comprehensive Insurance Program

RESOLUTION NO. 11:

Moved by: Don McKay
Seconded by: Michael Harding

That the first recommendation contained in Report No. A-1 2006-01, titled "2006 Comprehensive Insurance Program", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Councillor Molnar abstains from voting
due to pecuniary interest previously declared.

RESOLUTION NO. 12:

Moved by: Don McKay
Seconded by: Michael Harding

That the second recommendation contained in Report No. A-1 2006-01, titled "2006 Comprehensive Insurance Program", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendations Contained in Report No. A-1 2006-01:

1. THAT the County proceed to pay \$589,006, plus applicable retail sales tax, to Burns, Demeyere and Associates to cover the cost of the 2006 Comprehensive Insurance Program with the Frank Cowan Company Limited.
2. THAT the Council of the County of Oxford hereby supports the resolution of the Town of Essex circulated to AMO and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario lobbying the Province of Ontario to amend the *Negligence Act R.S.O. 1990* so that only where a Municipality is found to be at least 50% liable would the full claim be paid;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Essex, AMO and the MPP for Oxford County.

A-2 2006-02
Re: 2005/2006 Tile Loan Application No. 7

RESOLUTION NO. 13:

Moved by: Don McKay
Seconded by: Michael Harding

That the recommendation contained in Report No. A-2 2006-02, titled "2005/2006 Tile Loan Application No. 7", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. A-2 2006-02:

THAT By-law No. 4640-2006, being a by-law imposing special annual drainage levies upon Area Municipalities, be presented to Council for enactment.

B SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

B-1 2006-01
Re: Woodingford Lodge – Woodstock Change Order

RESOLUTION NO. 14:

Moved by: Stephen Molnar
Seconded by: William Semeniuk

That the recommendation contained in Report No. B-1 2006-01, titled "Woodingford Lodge – Woodstock Change Order", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. B-1 2005-01:

That County Council approve the following Change Order dated December 1, 2005 involving the construction of Woodingford Lodge – Woodstock.

Change Order #174 - \$103,400.00

C COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

C-1 2006-2

Re: Application for Draft Plan Approval
- 32T-05004 – Permterra Development Corporation

Report dealt with under Public Meetings.

D PUBLIC WORKS

D-1 2006-1

Re: Water Agreements – Township of South-West Oxford and
Kintore United Church

RESOLUTION NO. 15:

Moved by: Stephen Molnar
Seconded by: William Semeniuk

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-1 2006-1, titled “Water Agreements – Township of South-West Oxford and Kintore United Church”, be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-1 2006-1:

1. That a by-law be raised to authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign a service agreement with the Township of South-West Oxford to operate the water treatment system at the Salford Hall; and
2. That a by-law be raised to authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign a service agreement with the Kintore United Church to operate the water treatment system at the Church.

E HUMAN RESOURCES

NIL

F C.A.O./CLERK

F-1 2006-1

Re: County Council Meetings – July and August, 2006

RESOLUTION NO. 16:

Moved by: Stephen Molnar
Seconded by: William Semeniuk

That the recommendation contained in Report No. F-1 2006-1, titled “County Council Meetings – July and August, 2006”, be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. F-1 2006-1:

That the County Council meeting dates for July and August 2006 be as follows:

Wednesday, July 12, 2006 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, August 9, 2006 9:30 a.m.

G PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

NIL

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NIL

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS:

Councillor Semeniuk gives notice that at the January 25th meeting he will introduce a motion:

That County of Oxford Council ask staff to investigate the possibility of deferral of payment of farm property taxes similar to the Municipality of Huron East.

12. NEW BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES/COMMENTS:

Deputy Warden Holbrough enquires of Robert Walton, Director of Public Works, whether there has been any official word heard with respect to the COMRIF application submitted by the County. R. Walton responds that there has been no official word as to the status of the County's application.

Deputy Warden Holbrough extends congratulations to the Warden on his recent election on January 8th as the Chair of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC). He further notes that this new responsibility also entails a position on the Executive of the Counties and Regions Section of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. The residents of the County and the County Council should be very pleased that the Warden has been chosen as Chair of WOWC.

Councillor Semeniuk enquires as to whether there is going to be another meeting specifically to deal with waste management. He recognizes the fact that the resolution of the East Zorra-Tavistock Council is still before County Council and no formal position has been taken with respect to responding. The Warden indicates that a date for another meeting has been difficult to schedule, although he is zeroing in on Tuesday, January 31st as a possibility.

Councillor Molnar also indicates that he anxious to see the matter of waste management resolved and he would like to see another meeting occur as soon as possible.

Councillor Hayes notes that there is a meeting of the committee dealing with the Natural Heritage Study on the morning of January 31st, so he would prefer to see any meeting on waste management held in the afternoon.

Councillor Nadalin asks the C.A.O./Clerk as to the status of discussions regarding the Procedure By-law as it relates to the composition of Council and its operating procedure. K. Whiteford responds that the responses from the area municipalities on the subject of the proposal for alternate Council members have been trickling in. The intention is to prepare a report for Council once all eight municipalities have indicated their position. A letter has been forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing indicating the County's desire to see a change to the Municipal Act, 2001 as it relates to the appointment of alternates to Council by area municipalities.

As part of the Warden's comments, he acknowledges Deputy Warden Holbrough's congratulations for his appointment as Chair of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus. He points out that the C.A.O./Clerk will also be heavily involved in this position, since the secretarial function for the WOWC goes to the County where the Chair is located.

The Warden comments on another successful Oxford Beautiful Photography Awards ceremony which was held at the Elm Hurst Inn on the evening of January 9th. Eleanor Kent from Woodstock won the Best in Show award among the various entries and numerous categories. The Warden notes that this photo event is a grand opportunity to showcase the talents of photographers of all ages from the County. He also stresses that the photos submitted are the property of the County and can be used in various promotional pieces by the County.

At 12:10 p.m. Council recesses for lunch.

At 1:02 p.m. Council resumes with Warden Woolcott in the chair.

All members of Council present except Councillors Hampson and Talbot.

13. CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION NO. 17:

Moved by: Dave Nadalin
Seconded by: James Hayes

That Council rise and go into a Closed session for the purpose of considering Report No. B-1 (CS) 2006-02 regarding matters that have not been made public concerning potential litigation.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (1:02 p.m.)

RESOLUTION NO. 18:

Moved by: Dave Nadalin
Seconded by: Stephen Molnar

That Council rise and reconvene in Open session.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (1:51 p.m.)

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CLOSED SESSION:

B SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

B-1 (CS) 2006-02

RESOLUTION NO. 19:

Moved by: William Semeniuk
Seconded by: Paul Holbrough

That the recommendation contained in Report No. B-1 (CS) 2006-02 be tabled until the next County Council meeting to be held on January 25, 2006.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

15. BY-LAWS:

BY-LAW NO. 4640-2006
Being a By-law imposing special annual drainage levies upon Area Municipalities.

BY-LAW NO. 4641-2006
Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Region of York pertaining to the modernization of the Ontario Child Care Management System (O.C.C.M.S.).

BY-LAW NO. 4642-2006

Being a By-law to extend the operation for one year of the Management/Service Agreements with the Boards of Alexandra Hospital in Ingersoll and Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Trust, originally signed under By-law No. 4356-2003.

RESOLUTION NO. 20:

Moved by: William Semeniuk
Seconded by: Paul Holbrough

That the following By-laws be now read a first and second time: No. 4640-2006, No. 4641-2006 and No. 4642-2006.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 21:

Moved by: William Semeniuk
Seconded by: Paul Holbrough

That the following By-laws be now given third and final reading: No. 4640-2006, No. 4641-2006 and No. 4642-2006.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Council adjourns its proceedings until the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2006 following the regular session of Council.

1:54 p.m.

Minutes adopted on January 25, 2006 by Resolution No. 2

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CLERK