

MINUTES
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE
COUNTY OF OXFORD

County Council Chamber
Woodstock
April 23, 2008

MEETING #14

Oxford County Council meets in regular session this twenty-third day of April 2008, in the Council Chamber, County Building, Woodstock.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

7:00 p.m., with Warden Holbrough in the chair.

All members of Council present except Councillors Harding, Sobeski and Talbot.

Councillor Sobeski arrives at 7:01 p.m.

Councillor Talbot arrives at 7:14 p.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. Kubiak, Corporate Manager of Human Resources
M. Misk-Evans, Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning
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: James Hayes

Seconded by: Don McKay

That the 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:

Report No. F-1 (CS) 2008-9

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Council Minutes of April 9, 2008

RESOLUTION NO. 2:

Moved by: James Hayes
Seconded by: Don McKay

That the Council Minutes of April 9, 2008 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

RESOLUTION NO. 3:

Moved by: James Hayes
Seconded by: Don McKay

That Council rise and go into a public meeting pursuant to Section 244/02 under the Municipal Act 2001, to consider 2008 water and wastewater rates, and that the Warden chair the public meeting.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (7:04 p.m.)

1. County of Oxford Water and Wastewater Systems
2008 Water and Wastewater Rates

R. Walton, the County's Director of Public Works, comes forward to address Council on the subject of the water and wastewater rate increases for 2008. By means of a 10-screen PowerPoint presentation, R. Walton proceeds to provide background to the rate increases.

He initiates his presentation by reviewing the new regulations that have an impact on the operations and capital costs for water and wastewater systems. Specifically he notes accreditation and licensing requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act. In addition, in 2007 the Ministry of Environment started to require the collection of samples from private plumbing for the testing of lead content. The County's nineteen systems must collect 448 samples twice yearly.

R. Walton also informs Council that a water and wastewater rate study will be completed this year. A final report and recommendations by Hemson Consulting will be presented at a public meeting in 2008. Looking at the actual rate increases, R. Walton shows a chart indicating that in the case of water systems, the small and medium systems will have no increase for 2008 whereas the systems in Ingersoll, Tillsonburg and Woodstock will all experience a 10% increase effective June 1, 2008. In the case of the wastewater systems, there would be no increase in Tavistock, Norwich, Plattsville, Drumbo and Thamesford while Ingersoll, Tillsonburg and Woodstock would experience a 10% increase.

R. Walton displays a graph showing the monthly water consumption charges for the years 2006 – 2008 as experienced in the small, medium and large urban water systems. A graph is also displayed showing a comparison of the rates in Oxford with the cities of Stratford, Kitchener, Brantford, London and the Town of Aylmer and indicates that Oxford's rates are certainly in line with our neighbours. Similar comparative charts are also displayed for wastewater rates with the same observations applying.

R. Walton also draws Council's attention to the rates applying to various miscellaneous charges. He specifically notes a new charge for illegal hydrant use where a connection is made to a municipal hydrant without pre-approval from the County or operating authority. That charge will be \$500.

R. Walton closes his presentation by noting that tonight's public meeting is optional under the provisions of Ontario's Municipal Act. All of the material relating to the rate increases is also on the County's website. He does note that the Public Works Department has had a few requests for the background material.

Warden Holbrough opens the floor for questions from Council members to either R. Walton or the other staff present including Deb Goudreau, Manager of Water Services, Shahab Shafai, Manager of Wastewater Services and Brenda Smith, Public Works Services Coordinator.

Warden Holbrough begins the questioning by asking how the increases for the various systems are determined. R. Walton explains that the investments in each of the systems and those costs stay with the individual system. The medium and small systems each have their own bank account. The rates are established by looking at the situation independently for the five individual systems. In the case of the three large urban centers, there is an older infrastructure and therefore a greater need for reinvestment.

Warden Holbrough asks whether the increases were geared towards the sustainability of the systems. R. Walton responds indicating that the Hemson review that is underway at the present time will provide a number of options to ensure that sustainability is maintained.

Warden Holbrough also enquires as to whether the wastewater rates were inherited from the former Public Utility Commissions. R. Walton responds in the affirmative. The Warden questions whether the formulae used by the P.U.C.s has ever been re-examined. R. Walton indicates that the basic structure of the rates has been the same for many years but a common rate structure across the County would be preferred.

Councillor Hayes enquires as to whether stability has been achieved with respect to the small systems. R. Walton indicates that while the changes to the small systems in 2001 have alleviated some of the concerns about their financial stability, there are no reserves being built up for those systems. They are covering their costs and it's just simply system maintenance which is occurring.

Councillor Molnar enquires as to how third party resources and the funds that are generated from those third parties are being integrated within the financial formulae. R. Walton responds and talks about OSTAR and the dollars that were received from that program for upgrades to the water and wastewater systems. Further funds have been received from COMRIF especially pertaining to system work in the east part of Woodstock. R. Walton goes on to explain that the OSTAR funds reside separately but have been shared by all of the customers of the systems. Councillor Molnar comments that without the senior government funding, the rates would even be higher. He also makes the point that future funding is quite important in terms of the economic development of County municipalities since water is an economic indicator. Councillor Molnar asks whether subsidies that are currently paid into the system would generate a situation where a user is paying for another system. R. Walton indicates that this is exactly the issue that will be addressed through the Hemson Report.

Councillor Molnar also asks what happens when an investment is made in a system and then not brought online and where do those dollars end up in the overall calculations. R. Walton indicates that those dollars would be totally within the Tillsonburg designated County budget and reflected in the numbers for that system only.

Councillor Molnar also enquires about the Community Service Assistance Program and what percentage of the funds are being used from that program. R. Walton indicates that considerable dollars were used for the Thamesford projects from that account and the account is currently not growing.

Warden Holbrough poses a question as to whether there will be anything in the Hemson report that addresses the quantity of water issue, for instance whether there is a need for a pipeline from Lake Erie. R. Walton responds indicating that class environmental assessments would have to be done and the expense of those options would have to be built into County budgets.

Warden Holbrough also asks about lead sampling and whether those procedures that are in effect now will ever be taken off the books. R. Walton sits in on some of the meetings at the provincial level on this subject and there is no question that the first two rounds of samples will proceed since they have already been triggered. What the future holds is up in the air at this point with respect to future sampling exercises.

The Warden asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak to the rate increases.

Paul Burns from Ingersoll enquires as to what is being done by the Public Works Department to lower the cost of the water and wastewater rates over time. R. Walton points out that since the year 2000 there have been numerous regulations introduced by the Province in the area of water services and the Public Works Department and the County have been reacting to changes. Some of these changes have required considerable staff overtime. An afternoon shift has been introduced amongst water operators to try and reduce this overtime load. R. Walton also points out that the eventual introduction to a full SCADA will have financial benefits since the systems will be able to be checked online.

Councillor Sobeski enquires about the \$500 fine for illegal use of water hydrants and how this will be enforced. R. Walton points out that the County runs the Ingersoll system and therefore the County will do the enforcement while in Tillsonburg and Woodstock, it will be enforced by the operating authorities.

RESOLUTION NO. 4:

Moved by: Donald Doan
Seconded by: Margaret Lupton

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

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (7:40 p.m.)

D-3 2008-35
Re: County of Oxford Water and Wastewater Systems -
2008 Water and Wastewater Rates

RESOLUTION NO. 5:

Moved by: Donald Doan
Seconded by: Margaret Lupton

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-3 2008-35, titled "County of Oxford Water and Wastewater Systems - 2008 Water and Wastewater Rates", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-3 2008-35:

That a by-law be raised to set the 2008 water and wastewater rates as outlined in Attachment No. 1 to Report D-3 2008-35.

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Harry Cummings, Director
Don Murray, Senior Evaluation Consultant
Harry Cummings and Associates
Re: Economic Development in Oxford's Rural Townships

Don Murray, Senior Evaluation Consultant with Harry Cummings and Associates, comes forward to address Council. D. Murray presents a 15-page PowerPoint presentation entitled "Economic Development in Oxford's Rural Townships". D. Murray explains that their firm has just completed a six-month study in the Township of Norwich on the subject of economic development through a visioning exercise. D. Murray emphasizes to Council that the firm has a knowledge base of Oxford County due to a previous agricultural study that they did a few years ago encompassing Elgin, Oxford and Middlesex Counties.

The first part of the presentation tonight focuses on an economic profile of the rural Townships in Oxford. D. Murray shows Council a screen indicating the declining population of the Townships, specifically South-West Oxford, Blandford-Blenheim, the Township of Norwich and Zorra. In the case of East Zorra-Tavistock, there was a very minimal increase over the years 1996 – 2006.

A further point is made regarding the limited capacity for economic development within the five Townships and the fact that they have a lack of resources to focus on development activity. Growth of the industrial base is limited by the availability of employment land.

On the other hand, the agribusiness section is changing with subjects such as green energy, bio products and nutraceuticals, and food security being part of the changing trends. A regional approach to economic development is required. D. Murray shows a chart indicating that Oxford has the second highest revenue per farm in the Province of Ontario, right behind Essex County and ahead of Niagara Region. This gross farm revenue is being generated by 1,990 total farms in the County, a number which is significantly less than some of the traditional agriculturally related Counties such as Middlesex and Huron.

The research done for this study shows that agriculture has a large multiplier effect. Every on-farm job generated supports 2 - 3 jobs in the wider economy. There is a ripple effect experienced across multiple sectors including manufacturing, construction, transportation and retail.

D. Murray puts forward the argument that a regional approach to economic development is necessary since the economic pie is now global and so is the competition and industrial site selectors target a region first. Furthermore, regions attract more government funding. He cites the examples of the regional approach including the South Central Ontario Region (SCOR) and the South Simcoe Economic Alliance.

The consultants then looked at whether Oxford is ready for a regional approach. Subjects such as capacity building, marketing, opportunity identification, investment attraction and advocacy were looked at. This led to two key recommendations. In the case of the finding that the rural municipalities are not optimized to contribute fully to Oxford's economy, the consultants have recommended that Oxford establish a rural advisory committee to stimulate economic development in the Townships.

Secondly, on the issue of the rural municipalities lacking the capacity to deliver rural economic service and programs, the recommendation is made that the County Planning staff provide rural economic development services to the rural Townships.

At this point the meeting is opened to questions from members of Council.

Warden Holbrough starts the questioning by asking whether SOMA (Southwestern Ontario Marketing Alliance) could be of assistance on the rural economic development front in Oxford. D. Murray refers the question to Mark Cassidy, the Economic Development Officer for the Township of Norwich, who is in the gallery. M. Cassidy indicates that the Township of Norwich does participate in SOMA but not as a dues paying member. Normally, there is a \$10,000 annual bill to be a member of SOMA. If all five rural municipalities in Oxford joined, there would certainly be a rural voice as part of SOMA but it is important to note that SOMA focuses on four sectors with one of the key sectors being auto and machine components. D. Murray indicates that SOMA may be part of the solution but there is still a need to have input into the Official Plan Policies and that is why the recommendation has been made to establish the rural advisory committee.

Warden Holbrough also asks whether there are barriers to rural economic development. D. Murray responds and indicates that ownership of individual parcels of land and the interest of the owner are very much an impediment to development in rural areas especially if the owners are not interested in seeing development proceed. This effectively stymies the process.

Councillor Molnar asks whether boundary adjustments over the course of the last few years are reflected in the population numbers that were part of the presentation. D. Murray indicates that only Stats Canada information has been used and any boundary adjustment after the census in 1996 would not be reflected in the numbers. Councillor Molnar also enquires about the other four Townships in the County as a result of this study and D. Murray indicates that M. Cassidy has had dialogue with the other rural municipalities.

Councillor McKay indicates that he likes the recommendation on the formation of a rural advisory committee but process is where the emphasis should be. Councillor McKay indicates that he is not in favour of growing an empire. The County has to be consistent and can't just simply forget the Official

Plan. The Township of East Zorra-Tavistock has worked very closely with the Community and Strategic Planning Office and has spent time processing individual Official Plan Amendments to re-designate certain lands for economic development opportunities. In his estimation, this individual Official Plan approach is the best one to follow.

Councillor Hayes comments that servicing is a big issue in South-West Oxford Township. He asks specifically whether economic development is carried on at the County level in other jurisdictions. Harry Cummings responds in the affirmative and indicates that Oxford is a bit unique in not having an economic development component at the County level. Councillor Hayes goes on to comment that he has reservations about the creation of a rural advisory committee although he certainly commends the approach that the Township of Norwich has pursued over the past few months.

Warden Holbrough comments that the County contributes approximately \$20,000 each year to local economic development pursuits by the City of Woodstock and the Towns of Ingersoll and Tillsonburg. Warden Holbrough asks as to what the three most common barriers to success are in the rural areas. D. Murray responds and lists the lack of awareness of the status of the agricultural economy as being one key barrier. The second barrier that he mentions is the availability of suitable land for development and the fact that residents have a limited knowledge of the Official Plan and the amount of paperwork involved in making changes to that document. A third barrier is the changing nature of the economy in general.

Councillor Doan refers to the recent creation of the South Central Ontario Region (SCOR). He notes that SCOR covers a different focus than some of the other regional economic development organizations and in his view SCOR will be able to react faster to opportunities than what has been the pattern in the past in the field of economic development.

2. Marianne Park, Chair
Social Housing Advisory Committee
Re: Social Housing Advisory Committee Work Plan

M. Park comes forward to address Council and starts by noting that she is here tonight to talk specifically about social housing. In her estimation and in the estimation of the County's Social Housing Advisory Committee, social housing is a very important part of society and especially important to the working poor in the County. Social housing should be considered as a concrete service of the County in the same manner as roads and bridges and other typical infrastructure components.

M. Park refers to the County's great examples of collaboration with respect to affordable housing which have unfolded over the past number of months and this is very positive for the Oxford community.

M. Park takes the opportunity to promote the upcoming Housing Forum which will be held on May 27 and organized by SHAC. Susan Eagle, Councillor for the City of London, will be the guest speaker at this event. S. Eagle is well versed on social housing issues. Canada Mortgage and Housing will also be represented at the Forum which will be held at the Southgate Centre in Woodstock starting at 8:30 a.m. and concluding at 1:30 p.m.

M. Park again emphasizes that the need for Social Housing is critical. It is especially crucial with respect to the maintenance of the 600 units that Oxford has under its jurisdiction. She comments that the recent \$587,000 that is coming to Oxford from the provincial government is really a drop in the bucket when compared to the maintenance needs of the number of units that the County has.

M. Park also stresses the need to consider affordable housing and social housing in the policies of the County's Official Plan. She refers to a previous study done by SHAC which the current committee members have been going through, especially the recommendations, in detail. Those recommendations have been pared down to approximately ten to twelve and they will be coming forward to Council with recommendations for specific action within the next month or so.

At the conclusion of M. Park's presentation, T.Orvidas, Director of Social Services and Housing, mentions to Council that the formal invitation to the Housing Forum on May 27 was put on e-BIC over the course of the last few days.

7. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Not Required

8. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE:

NIL

9. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

A CORPORATE SERVICES

A-1 2008-21

Re: Development Charges Annual Report - 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 6:

Moved by: Donald Doan

Seconded by: Margaret Lupton

That the recommendation contained in Report No. A-1 2008-21, titled "Development Charges Annual Report - 2007", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. A-1 2008-21:

That Report No. A-1 2008-21 titled "Development Charges Annual Report - 2007" be received for information and forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

A-2 2008-22

Re: New County Administration Building Grand Opening Event

RESOLUTION NO. 7:

Moved by: James Hayes

Seconded by: Don McKay

That the recommendation contained in Report No. A-2 2008-22, titled "New County Administration Building Grand Opening Event", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. A-2 2008-22:

That Council approve the date of Friday, June 20, 2008 for holding a grand opening event for the new Oxford County Administration Building.

B SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

B-1 2008-19

Re: Pharmacy Services - Woodingford Lodge Woodstock, Tillsonburg and Ingersoll

RESOLUTION NO. 8:

Moved by: James Hayes
Seconded by: Don McKay

That the recommendation contained in Report No. B-1 2008-19, titled "Pharmacy Services - Woodingford Lodge Woodstock, Tillsongburg and Ingersoll", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. B-1 2008-19:

That Oxford County Council authorize the Director of Social Services and Housing to advertise a Request for Proposals for the provision of pharmacy services to the three Woodingford Lodge Long Term Care Homes.

C COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

NIL

D PUBLIC WORKS

D-1 2008-33
Re: Extra-Strength Sewage Surcharge Agreement
Atlantic Packaging Products Ltd.

RESOLUTION NO. 9:

Moved by: James Hayes
Seconded by: Don McKay

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-1 2008-33, titled "Extra-Strength Sewage Surcharge Agreement - Atlantic Packaging Products Ltd., Ingersoll", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-1 2008-33:

That a By-law be raised to authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign an Extra Strength Sewage Surcharge Agreement with Atlantic Packaging Products Ltd., Ingersoll.

D-2 2008-34
Re: Tender Award - Land Application of Biosolids

RESOLUTION NO. 10:

Moved by: Kenn. R. Howling
Seconded by: Donald Doan

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-2 2008-34, titled "Tender Award - Land Application of Biosolids", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-2 2008-34:

That County Council award a contract to Wessuc Inc., Jerseyville, in the amount of \$905,503.20, for the land application of biosolids from County Wastewater Treatment Plants.

D-3 2008-35
Re: County of Oxford Water and Wastewater Systems -
2008 Water and Wastewater Rates

Report dealt with under Public Meetings.

D-4 2008-36
Re: Waste Management - Garbage and Recycling Collection Contract
and Large Article Collection Contract

RESOLUTION NO. 11:

Moved by: Kenn. R. Howling
Seconded by: Donald Doan

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-4 2008-36, titled "Waste Management - Garbage and Recycling Collection Contract and Large Article Collection Contract", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-4 2008-36:

That County Council award a contract to Halton Recycling Ltd., for the provision of garbage and recycling collection services for the County of Oxford for a five year term, as outlined in Report D-4 2008-36;

And that County Council award a contract to Halton Recycling Ltd. for the provision of large article collection services for the County of Oxford for a five year term as outlined in Report D-4 2008-36;

And that a by-law be raised to authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign a contract with Halton Recycling Ltd.

D-5 2008-37
Re: Access Culvert - Tillsonburg Golf and Country Club Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 12:

Moved by: Kenn. R. Howling
Seconded by: Donald Doan

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-5 2008-37, titled "Access Culvert - Tillsonburg Golf and Country Club Agreement", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-5 2008-37:

That a by-law be enacted to authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign an Agreement with the Tillsonburg Golf and Country Club and the Town of Tillsonburg for the installation and maintenance of an access culvert crossing County Road 51 (John Pound Road).

D-6 2008-38
Re: 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment

RESOLUTION NO. 13:

Moved by: Don McKay
Seconded by: James Hayes

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-6 2008-38, titled "2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-6 2008-38:

That a by-law be raised to meet the requirements of the 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment.

D-7 2008-39
Re: Administration Building Parking Policy

RESOLUTION NO. 14:

Moved by: Don McKay
Seconded by: James Hayes

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-7 2008-39, titled "Administration Building Parking Policy", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-7 2008-39:

That County Council approve the Parking Policy for the County Administration Building attached to Report D-7 2008-39.

E HUMAN RESOURCES

NIL

F C.A.O./CLERK

F-1 2008-7
Re: County Administration Building - Minutes of Building Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 15:

Moved by: Stephen Molnar
Seconded by: Patrick Sobeski

That the recommendation contained in Report No. F-1 2008-7, titled "County Administration Building - Minutes of Building Committee", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. F-1 2008-7:

That Report No. F-1 2008-7 pertaining to the Minutes of the Building Committee for the new Administration Building be received as information.

F-2 2008-8
Re: South Central Ontario Region - MOU and Appointments

RESOLUTION NO. 16:

Moved by: Stephen Molnar
Seconded by: Patrick Sobeski

That the recommendation contained in Report No. F-2 2008-8, titled "South Central Ontario Region - MOU and Appointments", be adopted with the removal of the Warden and the insertion of the names Councillor Stephen Molnar and Councillor Donald Doan as appointees to the SCOR Executive Committee.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. F-2 2008-8:

That the County of Oxford authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the five counties comprising the SCOR initiative as attached to Report No. F-2 2008-8;

AND THAT the County of Oxford appoint the Warden and _____ to represent the County on the SCOR Executive Committee.

G PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

G-1 2008-09
Re: Family Health Statistics

RESOLUTION NO. 17:

Moved by: Stephen Molnar
Seconded by: Patrick Sobeski

That the recommendation contained in Report No. G-1 2008-09, titled "Family Health Statistics", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. G-1 2008-09:

That County Council receive report G-1 2008-09 and attachment summarizing the Health Promotion Division Family Health Statistics for 2007 as information.

H WARDEN

NIL

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NIL

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS:

NIL

12. NEW BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES/COMMENTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 18:

Moved by: Don McKay
Seconded by: James Hayes

That County Council direct Public Works to negotiate extensions of existing contracts for cold-in-place asphalt recycling and hot mix asphalt placement to allow for approximately 5 km of additional pavement rehabilitation in 2008 as part of the 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment and to report back to County Council on the negotiations.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Warden Holbrough reports on his activities over the past two weeks noting that a lot of his efforts have been focused on the move of County offices from the Oxford County Court House on Hunter Street over to the new Oxford County Administration Building on Reeve Street in Woodstock. The Warden comments that no special recognition of the last meeting of Council in the Oxford County Court House Council Chamber has been planned but he is proposing to have the May 14 meeting start in the Council Chamber of the Court House and then move to the new Council Chamber. This procedure will allow members of Council to express their feelings and reminisce about the existing Chamber. A considerable amount of history has evolved in this Chamber over the last hundred years.

The Warden mentions that he attended a meeting of ARC, pertaining to the Norwich High School, which is a committee that has been established to assist the Thames Valley District School Board in their deliberations regarding the retention of some schools in Oxford County. The meeting of ARC occurred on the evening of April 21 in the village of Norwich.

Dealing again with the office move, the Warden extends thanks to all staff of the County in contributing to the successful move to the new Administration Building. Continuity of operations was maintained and this is important. There have been a lot of very positive comments from staff and others regarding the new building.

The Warden asks the C.A.O./Clerk to comment on the move and K. Whiteford thanks the members of the Management Group of the County for all of their assistance in the last few weeks leading up to the move on April 18 and April 21. The Warden also acknowledges J. Kubiak, Corporate Manager of Human Resources, who advises Council of the upcoming Service Awards that will be part of the May 28 meeting of Council. As in the past few years, that particular meeting of Council will start at 6:30 p.m. to enable the awards ceremonies to occur and for a reception afterwards.

13. CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION NO. 19:

Moved by: Patrick Sobeski
Seconded by: Stephen Molnar

That Council rise and go into a Closed session for the purpose of considering Reports No. B-1 (CS) 2008-20, No. B-2 (CS) 2008-21, No. E-1 (CS) 2008-3 and No. F-1 (CS) 2008-9 regarding matters that have not been made public concerning property matters, labour relations and litigation.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (9:44 p.m.)

Oxford County Council meets in Closed session, as part of a regular meeting, this twenty-third day of April 2008, in the Council Chamber, County Building, Woodstock.

A. CLOSED SESSION COMMENCEMENT TIME:

9:44 p.m., with Warden Holbrough in the chair.

All members of Council present except Councillor Harding.

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. 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
R. G. Walton, Director of Public Works

B. 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:

Report No. F-1 (CS) 2008-9

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

NIL

D. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE:

NIL

E. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

A CORPORATE SERVICES

NIL

B SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

B-1 (CS) 2008-20

B-2 (CS) 2008-21

C COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

NIL

D PUBLIC WORKS

NIL

E HUMAN RESOURCES

E-1 (CS) 2008-3

F C.A.O./CLERK

F-1 (CS) 2008-9

G PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

NIL

H WARDEN

NIL

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NIL

G. NEW BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES/COMMENTS:

J. Kubiak, Corporate Manger of Human Resources, updates Council on the results of the recent conciliation that occurred with the bargaining unit at Woodingford Lodge. The conciliation dates were April 7, 8 and 9 and those sessions were held in Woodstock. The outcome was that a No Board was requested by the bargaining unit and it is expected that an arbitration hearing will be scheduled later this year.

J. Kubiak also advises Council that a tentative settlement has been reached with the Ontario Nurses Association who bargain on behalf of approximately 40 staff of the Public Health and Emergency Services Department. It is expected that a report will be in front of Council regarding that settlement at the May 14 meeting.

H. TIME OF COMPLETION OF CLOSED SESSION:

10:03 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 20:

Moved by: Patrick Sobeski
Seconded by: Stephen Molnar

That Council rise and reconvene in Open session.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (10:03 p.m.)

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CLOSED SESSION:

A CORPORATE SERVICES

NIL

B SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

B-1 (CS) 2008-20

RESOLUTION NO. 21:

Moved by: Patrick Sobeski
Seconded by: Stephen Molnar

That the recommendation contained in Report No. B-1 (CS) 2008-20 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

B-2 (CS) 2008-21

RESOLUTION NO. 22:

Moved by: Don McKay
Seconded by: James Hayes

That the recommendation contained in Report No. B-2 (CS) 2008-21 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

C COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

NIL

D PUBLIC WORKS

NIL

E HUMAN RESOURCES

E-1 (CS) 2008-3

RESOLUTION NO. 23:

Moved by: Don McKay
Seconded by: James Hayes

That the recommendation contained in Report No. E-1 (CS) 2008-3 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

F C.A.O./CLERK

F-1 (CS) 2008-9

RESOLUTION NO. 24:

Moved by: Don McKay
Seconded by: James Hayes

That the recommendation contained in Report No. F-1 (CS) 2008-9 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

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

G PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

NIL

H WARDEN

NIL

15. BY-LAWS:

BY-LAW NO. 4945-2008
Being a By-law to remove certain lands from Part Lot Control.

BY-LAW NO. 4946-2008
Being a By-law to authorize municipal road and bridge infrastructure
works under the 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure
Investment program.

BY-LAW NO. 4947-2008
Being a By-law to repeal By-law No. 4811-2007 and to establish
new water and sewerage rates for various systems in Oxford County.

RESOLUTION NO. 25:

Moved by: Margaret Lupton
Seconded by: Donald Doan

That the following By-laws be now read a first and second time: No. 4945-2008, No. 4946-2008, and No. 4947-2008.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 26:

Moved by: Margaret Lupton
Seconded by: Donald Doan

That the following By-laws be now given third and final reading: No. 4945-2008, No. 4946-2008, and No. 4947-2008.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Council adjourns its proceedings until the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

10:05 p.m.

Minutes adopted on May 14, 2008 by Resolution No. 2

"Paul J. Holbrough"

WARDEN

"Kenneth J. Whiteford"

CLERK