

MINUTES  
OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE  
COUNTY OF OXFORD

County Council Chamber  
Woodstock  
April 9, 2008

MEETING #13

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

9:30 a.m., with Deputy Warden McKay in the chair.

All members of Council present except Warden Holbrough and Councillors Molnar and Talbot.

Councillor Molnar arrives at 9:32 a.m.

Staff Present: K. J. Whiteford, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk  
P. D. Beaton, Manager of Social Services and Housing  
L. S. Buchner, Director of Corporate Services  
M. Metcalfe, Manager of Health Protection  
M. Misk-Evans, Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning  
R. G. Walton, Director of Public Works

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 1:

Moved by: Donald Doan  
Seconded by: Patrick Sobeski

That the Agenda be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

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

NIL

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Council Minutes of March 26, 2008

RESOLUTION NO. 2:

Moved by: Donald Doan  
Seconded by: Patrick Sobeski

That the Council Minutes of March 26, 2008 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

RESOLUTION NO. 3:

Moved by: Donald Doan  
Seconded by: Margaret Lupton

That Council rise and go into a public meeting pursuant to Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to consider an application for Official Plan Amendment for Application No. OP 11-157, and that the Deputy Warden chair the public meeting.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (9:34 a.m.)

1. Application for Official Plan Amendment  
Elfi Nielsen - Solar Energy Generating System - OP 11-157  
to amend the Official Plan for lands located at Part Lot 10, Concession 15  
(East Zorra), Township of East Zorra-Tavistock, from 'Agricultural Reserve'  
to 'Agricultural Reserve with a special development policy'

The Chair asks M. Misek-Evans, Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning, to outline the nature of this application. M. Misek-Evans explains that the application for the amendment to the Official Plan is intended for the establishment of a 1.0 hectare (2.47 acre) solar energy generating system on the southwest corner of the 10.4 hectare (25.7 acre) subject property. The applicant proposes to maintain the existing Agricultural Reserve designation with the addition of a special development policy to permit the development of an on-farm diversified use, being for a solar energy generating system. The proposed area for the solar energy generation is comprised of 20 solar trackers, 6.1 meters (20.0 feet) in height which rotate throughout the day in order to convert solar energy into electricity. The plan is to generate electricity and sell the generated electricity to the Ontario Power Authority. The applicant has been awarded a 20-year Renewable Energy Standard Offer Contract by the Ontario Power Authority and an electrical Connection Impact Assessment is being completed by Hydro One. The applicant is also proposing to allow livestock raising in the area in between the panels and the remainder of the land will stay in agricultural production.

M. Misek-Evans refers to the Provincial Policy Statement, specifically Section 1.8.3, titled "Energy and Air Quality" which states that these kinds of systems shall be permitted in settlement areas, rural areas and prime agricultural areas in accordance with provincial and federal requirements. The Planning Office has concluded that this proposal meets the intent of the PPS as long as the impacts on agricultural operations are minimized.

Currently, the Official Plan for the County is silent on these kinds of energy systems. The Planning Office has chosen to review the proposal on the basis of the criteria applicable to on-farm diversified uses. In applying these standards, the proposal does conform to the Official Plan.

Two additional land use planning considerations that were looked at by the Planning Office were reflection and site decommissioning and remediation. The applicant has submitted information regarding the potential for reflection produced by the proposed solar panels. Apparently, the panels reflect 4 – 6% of the incoming light. Based on the available information, the Planning staff have concluded that reflection will not be an issue with this proposal. With respect to site decommissioning, the applicant has indicated that the solar modules are guaranteed to have 80% of their original efficiency and are anticipated to have a life expectancy of 35 years. At the end of this time period, the modules can be completely recycled by specialized companies and used again in the manufacturing of

new solar modules. Planning staff are satisfied with the decommissioning information supplied by the applicant.

M. Misek-Evans informs Council that the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock Council, at their meeting on March 19, 2008, adopted a resolution recommending that Oxford County Council support this applicant for an amendment to the Official Plan. M. Misek-Evans also points out that the Planning Office, based on the available information regarding this proposal can support this land use and find it consistent with the PPS and the Official Plan.

The Chair asks if there are any questions for M. Misek-Evans from Council.

Councillor Harding enquires as to when Council can expect to see policies for alternative energy sources in the Official Plan. M. Misek-Evans responds indicating policies will come forth during the second quarter of 2008.

Councillor Harding enquires as to whether the proposed policies will draw upon the experience gained by other neighbouring counties and regions and specifically Bruce County and the response was affirmative.

The Chair asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak in support of the application. Rolf Maurer, the applicant, was in attendance and indicates that he is present simply to answer any questions that Council might have about the proposal.

Councillor Sobeski asks if there are any parameters for noise separation. R. Maurer responds indicating that there is no noise with this operation and points out that it is completely silent since there are no transformers involved.

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

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 Deputy Warden in the chair.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (9:40 a.m.)

C-1 2008-97  
Re: Application for Official Plan Amendment  
Elfi Nielsen - Solar Energy Generating System - OP 11-157

RESOLUTION NO. 5:

Moved by: Donald Doan  
Seconded by: Margaret Lupton

That the recommendations contained in Report No. C-1 2008-97, titled "Application for Official Plan Amendment - Elfi Nielsen - Solar Energy Generating System - OP 11-157", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendations Contained in Report No. C-1 2008-97:

That Oxford County Council hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to consider an application for Official Plan Amendment for Application No. OP 11-157.

That Oxford County Council approve an application by Elfi Nielsen to amend the County of Oxford Official Plan for lands located Part Lot 10, Concession 15 (East Zorra), Township of East Zorra-Tavistock, from 'Agricultural Reserve' to 'Agricultural Reserve with a special development policy' to permit a 1.0 ha (2.47 ac) solar energy generating system and that County Council approve Amendment No. 130 and that the County raise the necessary implementing by-law.

RESOLUTION NO. 6:

Moved by: James Hayes  
Seconded by: Michael Harding

That Council rise and go into a public meeting pursuant to Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to consider an application for Official Plan Amendment for Application No. OP 11-159, and that the Deputy Warden chair the public meeting.

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

2. Application for Official Plan Amendment  
2141076 Ontario Inc. - OP 11-159  
to redesignate the subject lands from 'Service Commercial' to 'Medium Density Residential' - located on the west side of Mill Street, just north of Main Street, known as 62 Mill Street, Woodstock

The Chair asks M. Misek-Evans, Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning, to outline the nature of this application.

M. Misek-Evans advises Council that the applicant is seeking an amendment to the Official Plan to facilitate the development of a three-storey, 39 unit apartment building on the subject lands. The applicant has indicated that the building will comprise 27 one-bedroom units and 12 two-bedroom units. M. Misek-Evans goes on to note that this project has received a funding commitment from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in the amount of \$2.1M for 30 of the proposed 39 units under the Brownfields Initiative of the Rental and Supportive component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program.

M. Misek-Evans explains that the applicant has also applied to sever a parcel of land comprising approximately 1,427 square meters (15,360 square feet) for future commercial use and retain approximately 4,573 square meters (51,162 square feet) for the residential use previously described. The subject lands are currently vacant. The lands front on and have direct access to Mill Street, which is an arterial road under the jurisdiction of the County.

M. Misek-Evans mentions that there is full compliance with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). In relation to the Official Plan, the subject lands are affected by the flood plain associated with Cedar Creek. It is therefore imperative that a hydraulic floodway analysis be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the UTRCA and be submitted to the Authority for review and comment prior to proceeding with the Planning review process. For this reason, the Planning office is recommending that Council defer further consideration of this application until the UTRCA concerns have been addressed.

At the regular Council meeting on April 3, 2008, Woodstock City Council concurred with the recommendation to defer the application at this time. M. Misek-Evans concludes her comments by noting that the deferral will not jeopardize the provincial funding which is available to this project.

The Chair asks if any members of Council have questions for M. Misek-Evans. No questions are forthcoming.

The Chair asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak in support of the application. No one indicates such intent.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7:

Moved by: James Hayes  
Seconded by: Michael Harding

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

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (9:46 a.m.)

C-3 2008-101  
Re: Application for Official Plan Amendment  
OP 11-159 - 2141076 Ontario Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 8:

Moved by: James Hayes  
Seconded by: Michael Harding

That the recommendations contained in Report No. C-3 2008-101, titled "Application for Official Plan Amendment - OP 11-159 - 2141076 Ontario Inc.", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendations Contained in Report No. C-3 2008-101:

That Oxford County Council hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to consider an application for Official Plan amendment for Application No. OP 11-159.

That County Council defer an application to amend the Official Plan submitted by the 2141076 Ontario Inc. to redesignate the subject lands from 'Service Commercial' to 'Medium Density Residential' to facilitate the development of an three storey, 39 unit apartment building on the site pending the submission and consideration of additional information by the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority regarding the extent of the floodway associated with Cedar Creek as it affects the subject lands and further consideration of the proposal by the City of Woodstock.

RESOLUTION NO. 9:

Moved by: James Hayes  
Seconded by: Michael Harding

That Council rise and go into a public meeting pursuant to Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to consider an application for Official Plan Amendment for Application No. OP 11-160, and that the Deputy Warden chair the public meeting.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (9:48 a.m.)

3. Application for Official Plan Amendment  
Ingerwood Construction Inc. - OP 11-160  
to redesignate the subject lands from 'Traditional Industrial' to 'Service Commercial' - located on the southeast corner of Springbank Avenue and Parkinson Road, Woodstock

The Chair asks M. Misek-Evans, Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning, to outline the nature of this application. M. Misek-Evans explains that the original request by the applicant was to change the designation of the subject lands from 'Tradition Industrial' to 'Service Commercial' to allow for a broad range of service-oriented commercial uses. This re-designation would allow the subject lands to be used for an ATV/motorcycle sales establishment and a tire sales and service establishment. The subject lands comprise approximately 1.6 hectares (4 acres) and presently serve

as a parking area for tractors and trailers. There are no buildings or structures on the subject lands at this time.

Surrounding uses include existing residential development to the north and northwest, a truck terminal to the immediate east and a contractor's yard and moving company to the west. The lands to the south are designated and zoned for industrial use.

With respect to the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), M. Misek-Evans points out that the Province expects planning authorities to retain as much 'Employment Lands' as possible and to fully justify any re-designation of these lands. There must be a demonstration that the land is not required for employment purposes over the long term and that there is a need for the conversion.

With respect to the Official Plan, M. Misek-Evans indicates that Planning staff are of the opinion that the re-designation of the subject lands for Service Commercial purposes represents good planning and provides an opportunity to provide for the development of land uses that would be more compatible with the residential area to the north than the range of industrial development that is currently permitted. In order to accomplish this and maintain the intent of the policies of the PPS, the Planning office is proposing an amendment to the Official Plan which re-designates the lands for 'Business Park' with special policy provisions that would allow an appropriate range of Service Commercial-type uses including the two identified by the applicant.

The agency review of this application generated a number of comments. The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority has indicated that a portion of the subject lands are within the "area of interference" surrounding a wetland feature and as such are subject to a specific Ontario regulation. However, the comments of the UTRCA do not specifically require the applicant to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the purpose of obtaining a permit from the Authority.

Woodstock City Council, at their meeting on April 3, 2008, concurred with the Planning office position that the land should be re-designated to Business Park and permit a hybrid selection of land uses.

M. Misek-Evans concludes her presentation by indicating that the Planning staff do recommend that Council proceed to re-designate the subject lands for Business Park with appropriate modifications to include a range of both Industrial and Service Commercial oriented uses, while at the same time, maintaining the intent and purpose of the County Official Plan and the PPS.

The Chair asks if any members of Council have questions for M. Misek-Evans. No questions are forthcoming.

The Chair asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak in support of the application. Deb Johnson, representing Ingerwood Construction, the applicant, comments that she supports the recommendations in the Planning office report.

Deputy Warden McKay enquires as to whether the necessary road improvements at the intersection of Parkinson Road and Springbank Avenue would be accommodated by the development proceeding. R. Walton, Director of Public Works, responds indicating that any access from the subject lands would be onto Springbank as opposed to Parkinson. R. Walton refers to some of the history of discussions with the City of Woodstock on this issue of access and improvements to the intersection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10:

Moved by: Kenn. R. Howling  
Seconded by: Patrick Sobeski

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

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (9:54 a.m.)

C-4 2008-102  
Re: Application for Official Plan Amendment  
OP 11-160 - Ingerwood Construction Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 11:

Moved by: Kenn. R. Howling  
Seconded by: Patrick Sobeski

That the recommendations contained in Report No. C-4 2008-102, titled "Application for Official Plan Amendment - OP 11-160 - Ingerwood Construction Inc.", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendations Contained in Report No. C-4 2008-102:

That Oxford County Council hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to consider an application for Official Plan amendment for Application No. OP 11-160.

That County Council approve an application to amend the Official Plan submitted by Ingerwood Construction to redesignate the subject lands to permit a range of light industrial and service commercial-oriented development on the site as the proposed amendment maintains the general intent of the Official Plan and the PPS as it pertains to the long-term availability of employment lands in the City of Woodstock and County of Oxford and that Council approve the attached Official Plan Amendment No. 129 to the County of Oxford Official Plan and that the County raise the necessary implementing by-law.

RESOLUTION NO. 12:

Moved by: Kenn. R. Howling  
Seconded by: Patrick Sobeski

That Council rise and go into a public meeting pursuant to Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to consider an application for Official Plan Amendment for Application No. OP 11-145, and that the Deputy Warden chair the public meeting.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (10:01 a.m.)

4. Application for Official Plan Amendment  
County of oxford (Village of Innerkip Servicing) - OP 11-145  
to amend the Official Plan for the subject lands from 'Agricultural Reserve',  
'Open Space' and 'Environmental Protection' to 'Settlement' and from 'Village'  
to 'Serviced Village' with special development policies and to add a new Village  
Land Use Schedule 'E-3'

The Chair asks M. Misek-Evans, Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning, to provide background to this application. M. Misek-Evans begins by indicating that there were a number of public meetings held in November of 2007 regarding the village of Innerkip Wastewater Servicing Study. There was even a statutory public meeting held by County Council on November 28, 2007. Based on the input received from the various public meetings, there were two comments received that were directly linked to the Official Plan Amendment application and are now addressed by today's public meeting.

Since November, County Public Works staff have provided confirmation that the properties identified as 65 and 66 Young Street and 99, 100 and 103 George Street are to be connected to municipal wastewater services and therefore they should be incorporated within the proposed village boundary.

A request has been received from Bill Van Haeren requesting that the Township consider recommending the inclusion of a number of parcels, located between the existing easterly village

boundary and the Thames River, into the village boundary. If this request is accommodated, it would allow these lands to be used for recreational and public infrastructure purposes directly associated with Innerkip.

Finally, an email has been received from Rolf Maurer requesting Public Works and Planning review the proposed 'Serviced Village' boundary to ensure that two properties at 65 and 66 Young Street are, in fact, connected eventually to the municipal wastewater services.

Previous Planning reports submitted to the Township Council and the County Council indicated that this application was in keeping with the relevant policies of the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) and the County Official Plan and therefore could be supported. The reports at that time also indicated that minor revisions to the proposed 'Serviced Village' boundary could be considered to allow for the inclusion of the additional properties identified through the above noted consultation process.

With respect to the first request above, Planning staff are of the opinion that adjustments to the village boundary could be considered for these five properties in order to allow them to be serviced by municipal water and wastewater services. The Planning office is recommending that the proposed village boundary be extended to incorporate only the area containing the existing dwellings and buildings on Lots 99 and 100 along George Street.

In the case of the Bill Van Haeren lands, the inclusion of the properties would provide for future potential for a more efficient servicing solution for the village. For this reason, M. Misek-Evans indicates that Planning staff are recommending that the lands be included.

In summary, the Planning office is recommending that the properties that are the subject of the three requests arising from the public consultations be included within the proposed new village boundary since none of the changes will present any constraints to agricultural uses.

M. Misek-Evans also refers to the fact that the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock Council, at their meeting on April 2, 2008, did recommend that County Council support this Official Plan Amendment application. That support is concurred with by the Planning office.

The Chair asks if any members of Council have questions for M. Misek-Evans. No questions are forthcoming.

The Chair asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak in support of the application. Rolf Maurer is in attendance and advises Council that he supports the positions taken by the Planning office on this application.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13:

Moved by: Kenn. R. Howling  
Seconded by: Patrick Sobeski

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

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (10:05 a.m.)

C-2 2008-100  
Re: Supplementary Comments - Application for Official Plan Amendment  
OP 11-145 - County of Oxford (Village of Innerkip Servicing)

RESOLUTION NO. 14:

Moved by: Michael Harding  
Seconded by: James Hayes

That the recommendations contained in Report No. C-2 2008-100, titled "Supplementary Comments - Application for Official Plan Amendment - OP 11-145 - County of Oxford (Village of Innerkip Servicing)", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendations Contained in Report No. C-2 2008-100:

That Oxford County Council hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to consider an application for Official Plan Amendment for Application No. OP 11-145.

That County Council approve an application by the County of Oxford to amend the County of Oxford Official Plan for subject lands from 'Agricultural Reserve', 'Open Space' and 'Environmental Protection' to 'Settlement' and from 'Village' to 'Serviced Village' with special development policies and to add a new Village Land Use Schedule 'E-3', to reflect the County's plans to service the Village of Innerkip with municipal water and wastewater and that Council approve the attached Amendment No. 131 to the County of Oxford Official Plan and that the County raise the necessary implementing by-law.

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Ray Sambrooks  
Re: Road Safety Concerns on new Durham Road at Muir Line  
and between Muir Line and Slant Road

Ray Sambrooks comes forward to address Council. His comments follow the general outline of the five-page submission that was part of the County Council agenda package.

R. Sambrooks starts by stating that he is here today to speak on the part of those people with concerns for road users on New Durham Road and Muir Line in the Township of Norwich. He notes the involvement of Mayor Doan and Councillor Russell Jull from the Township of Norwich at the time of a recent hydro pole collision and it was based on this meeting that the suggestion was made to R. Sambrooks that recommendations should be brought forward to improve road safety on these two roads.

Confirmation has been received that Hydro One will move the hydro pole during their fiscal year, 2008. The Township of Norwich has arranged to improve signage on Slant Road and Brant County has already installed new signage on southbound Muir Line approaching New Durham Road.

R. Sambrooks emphasizes that his home is the only one near to the intersection of New Durham Road and Muir Line and therefore he sees firsthand the traffic pattern throughout the day. Despite the dangerous intersection at New Durham Road and Muir Line, there are vehicles travelling well in excess of the 80 kph speed limit on New Durham Road meeting stopped school buses and farm vehicles and gravel trucks travelling at less than 40 kph.

In the estimation of R. Sambrooks, there is a disaster waiting to happen in this area. He attaches to his report a number of statistics prepared by the O.P.P. which indicate that speeding is a primary cause of accidents on roads in the western region of the Province.

R. Sambrooks refers to radar surveys that have been done in other small communities and he believes that the findings from these surveys which show that 75 – 80% of drivers are going over the speed limit would also pertain to traffic along New Durham Road at Base Line. He makes mention of the fact that 150 meters east of Muir Line on New Durham Road (Harley Road) the speed limit drops to 60 kph on the approach to New Durham village. It is logical therefore to extend this maximum 60 kph into Oxford County to encompass these three intersections and reduce the approach speed on Base Line and

Slant Line for continuity. He stresses the importance of Oxford County being proactive. In his estimation, if he can't change the attitude of speeding drivers, it becomes necessary to reduce the posted speed and try and change their behaviour.

R. Sambrooks concludes his presentation with four key recommendations as follows:

1. Reduce the speed limit to 60 kph on New Durham Road from the Oxford / Brant County boundary and beyond Slant Road by 500 meters.
2. Reduce the speed limit on both Base Line Road and Slant Road to 60 kph, 500 meters from their respective intersections with New Durham Road.
3. Install chevron alignment signs on the New Durham Road curve between Second Road and Base Line Road.
4. Install slow moving warning signs on New Durham Road eastbound approaching both Slant/Second Roads and Base Line Road.

At the close of R. Sambrooks' presentation, Deputy Warden McKay asks R. Walton, Director of Public Works, to respond and speak to Report No. D-4 2008-32 which is on today's agenda.

R. Walton, explains that a committee was established last year between Public Works and the O.P.P. and the O.C.P.S. regarding speeding on County roads in general. The intention is to meet with these policing authorities and to bring forward recommendations when appropriate to Council for changes in speed limits. R. Walton emphasizes that just reducing the speed limit does not always solve the problem. R. Walton commits to R. Sambrooks that any future report brought forward to Council by Public Works regarding the speed limits in this specific vicinity would be brought to the attention of R. Sambrooks so that he can attend and speak to the report.

In further comments, R. Sambrooks notes that he has lived in his residence for five years in the present location. He also goes on to mention the fact that three gravel trucks per hour travel along the road in front of his property all week long generated by Stubbe Enterprises which is a concrete batching firm.

During a question and answer session, Councillor Doan comments that it is good to see everyone working together to find a solution. He specifically mentions the lack of policing is part of the problem with respect to R. Sambrooks' concerns. He suggests that a signing board in this location showing the speed of traffic would be an appropriate temporary solution to the issue.

Councillor Hayes asks R. Sambrooks again as to how long he has resided at this location and the response is five years. Councillor Hayes goes on to comment that the angles of the road in this location are certainly part of the overall issue and thanks R. Sambrooks for his submission.

Councillor Molnar asks for clarification regarding the southbound traffic on Muir Road just before the existing hill and whether or not there was a problem with tree branches. R. Sambrooks indicates that this matter had been dealt with. Councillor Molnar goes on to suggest that the utilization of technology such as a signing board could be helpful in this instance since it would provide more information on the variations of speed in the area.

Councillor Howling comments that there are simply too many roads in this location and he goes on to suggest changes in the road layout involving the introduction of t-intersections in order to reduce the number of roads that intersect.

7. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

D-4 2008-32

Re: Road Safety Concerns at New Durham Road and Muir Line and  
New Durham Road at Baseline Road and at Slant Road

RESOLUTION NO. 15:

Moved by: Michael Harding  
Seconded by: James Hayes

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-4 2008-32, titled "Road Safety Concerns at New Durham Road and Muir Line and New Durham Road at Baseline Road and at Slant Road", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-4 2008-32:

That County Council receive Public Works Report D-4 2008-32, regarding road safety concerns on New Durham Road at Muir Line and between Muir Line and Slant Road, as information.

8. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Art Caravan, President  
Oxford County Naval Veterans Association  
March 24, 2008  
Re: Tax Relief for Oxford County Naval Veterans Association

RESOLUTION NO. 16:

Moved by: Michael Harding  
Seconded by: James Hayes

That the correspondence from the Oxford County Naval Veterans Association, requesting a grant for property tax relief, be referred to the Director of Corporate Services for the preparation of a reply.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

2. City of Ottawa  
Re: MPAC Costs Related to Education Property Taxes

RESOLUTION NO. 17:

Moved by: Michael Harding  
Seconded by: James Hayes

That the resolution from the City of Ottawa, requesting that the Province of Ontario pay a proportional share of the Municipal Property Association Corporation (MPAC) costs related to education property taxes, be supported.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

At 10:26 a.m. Council recesses for a break.

At 10:34 a.m. Council resumes with Deputy Warden McKay in the Chair.

All members of Council present except Warden Holbrough and Councillor Talbot.

Councillor Molnar leaves the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

9. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

**A CORPORATE SERVICES**

- A-1 2008-19  
Re: 2008 Tax Policy By-laws

RESOLUTION NO. 18:

Moved by: Margaret Lupton  
Seconded by: Donald Doan

That the recommendation contained in Report No. A-1 2008-19, titled "2008 Tax Policy By-laws", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

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

THAT the following 2008 tax policy by-laws be presented to Council for enactment:

- By-law No. 4934-2008, being a By-law to Set Tax Ratios;
- By-law No. 4935-2008, being a By-law to Set Tax Rate Reductions for Prescribed Property Subclasses;
- By-law No. 4936-2008, being a By-law to Establish and Levy Tax Rates for Upper Tier Purposes;
- By-law No. 4937-2008, being a By-law to Establish Capping Calculation Options; and
- By-law No. 4938-2008, being a By-law to Set a Lower Limit for Applying Tax to New Construction Properties.

A-2 2008-20

Re: Stratford General Hospital Capital Funding Grant Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 19:

Moved by: Margaret Lupton  
Seconded by: Donald Doan

That the recommendation contained in Report No. A-2 2008-20, titled "Stratford General Hospital Capital Funding Grant Agreement", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. A-2 2008-20:

That By-law No. 4939-2008, being a By-law to authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign a long-term grant agreement with the Stratford General Hospital, be presented to Council for enactment.

**B SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING**

NIL

**C COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING**

C-1 2008-97

Re: Application for Official Plan Amendment  
OP 11-157 - Elfi Nielsen - Solar Energy Generating System

Report dealt with under Public Meetings.

C-2 2008-100  
Re: Supplementary Comments - Application for Official Plan Amendment  
OP 11-145 - County of Oxford (Village of Innerkip Servicing)

Report dealt with under Public Meetings.

C-3 2008-101  
Re: Application for Official Plan Amendment  
OP 11-159 - 2141076 Ontario Inc.

Report dealt with under Public Meetings.

C-4 2008-102  
Re: Application for Official Plan Amendment  
OP 11-160 - Ingerwood Construction Inc.

Report dealt with under Public Meetings.

## **D PUBLIC WORKS**

D-1 2008-29  
Re: AMO/LAS Audit++ Program Application

### RESOLUTION NO. 20:

Moved by: Margaret Lupton  
Seconded by: Donald Doan

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-1 2008-29, titled "AMO/LAS Audit++ Program Application", be adopted with the insertion of the name Councillor James Hayes as the County of Oxford appointee to the ad-hoc Energy Management Committee.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

### Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-1 2008-29:

That County Council direct Public Works to participate in the AMO/Local Authority Services Audit++ Program, and that County Council appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to sit on the ad-hoc Energy Management Committee required for participation.

D-2 2008-30  
Re: Canadian National Railway Pipe Crossing Agreement - County Road 4  
Underpass Bridge

### RESOLUTION NO. 21:

Moved by: Margaret Lupton  
Seconded by: Donald Doan

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-2 2008-30, titled "Canadian National Railway Pipe Crossing Agreement - County Road 4 Underpass Bridge", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

### Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-2 2008-30:

That County Council authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign a Standard Pipe Crossing Agreement with the Canadian National Railway Company (CN Rail) for the installation of utilities within the CN Rail right-of-way on County Road 4.

D-3 2008-31  
Re: Lake Erie Source Protection Committee Update

RESOLUTION NO. 22:

Moved by: Patrick Sobeski  
Seconded by: Kenn. R. Howling

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-3 2008-31, titled "Lake Erie Source Protection Committee Update", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-3 2008-31:

That County Council receive the attached update from Mr. Howard Cornwell, the Oxford/Perth Municipal Representative on the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee, as information;

And that County Council direct staff to forward the update to all the Oxford/Perth municipalities within the Lake Erie Region.

D-4 2008-32  
Re: Road Safety Concerns at New Durham Road and Muir Line  
and New Durham Road at Baseline Road and at Slant Road

Report dealt with under Consideration of Delegations and Presentations.

**E HUMAN RESOURCES**

NIL

**F C.A.O./CLERK**

F-1 2008-6  
Re: Membership - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

RESOLUTION NO. 23:

Moved by: Patrick Sobeski  
Seconded by: Kenn. R. Howling

That the recommendation contained in Report No. F-1 2008-6, titled "Membership - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) ", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. F-1 2008-6:

That Report No. F-1 2008-6 pertaining to the County's membership in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) be received as information.

**G PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

NIL

**H WARDEN**

NIL

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councillor Harding refers Council to a letter that has been received by the Warden, signed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing indicating that the County is going to be the recipient of a \$587,000 grant to be put towards improvements and upgrades in our social housing stock. Councillor Harding goes on to extend thanks to Paul Beaton, Manager of Social Services and Housing, for all of his efforts in garnering the spate of funding commitments in recent months for housing in the County. Councillor Harding suggests that members of Council read the letter which is on the e-BIC.

P. Beaton is asked to respond and indicates that the shortage of capital funds for social housing continues even with the receipt of these new monies. Councillor Harding comments on the programs of the Social Housing Services Corporation which he is a member of and the fact that they will be introducing programs for energy conservation for social housing units. He also notes that the SHSC investment portfolio is outperforming similar consolidated municipal funds and should be examined by the County. He again emphasizes the great need in the social housing field.

Councillor Doan enquires of the C.A.O./Clerk as to whether or not the move-in date for the new County Administration building is solid. The C.A.O./Clerk responds indicating that April 18<sup>th</sup> is still the move date.

Councillor Doan also enquires as to whether there will be an open house event for the new building. The C.A.O./Clerk responds noting that staff are looking at a date for an open house in mid June and that there would be a report coming forth to Council at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS:

NIL

12. NEW BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES/COMMENTS:

The Deputy Warden reminds Councillors of the farm tour that is being organized by the Oxford County Federation of Agriculture. The tour is occurring on Friday, April 11. The tour will be starting at 8:45 a.m. at the Quality Hotel in Woodstock. He encourages all members of Council to consider attending this event.

13. CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION NO. 24:

Moved by: Patrick Sobeski  
Seconded by: Kenn. R. Howling

That Council rise and go into a Closed session for the purpose of considering Reports No. B-1 (CS) 2008-18 and No. C-1 (CS) 2008-103 regarding matters that have not been made public concerning property matters.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (11:04 a.m.)

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

A. CLOSED SESSION COMMENCEMENT TIME:

11:04 a.m., with Deputy Warden McKay in the chair.

All members of Council present except Warden Holbrough and Councillors Molnar and Talbot.

Staff Present: K. J. Whiteford, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk  
P. D. Beaton, Manager of Social Services and Housing  
L. S. Buchner, Director of Corporate Services  
M. Metcalfe, Manager of Health Protection  
M. Misk-Evans, Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning  
R. G. Walton, Director of Public Works

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

NIL

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) 2008-18

**C COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING**

C-1 (CS) 2008-103

**D PUBLIC WORKS**

NIL

**E HUMAN RESOURCES**

NIL

**F C.A.O./CLERK**

NIL

**G PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

NIL

**H WARDEN**

NIL

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NIL

G. NEW BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES/COMMENTS:

K. Whiteford, C.A.O./Clerk, updates Council on the status of ongoing labour negotiations with the Ontario Nurses Association and the bargaining unit (C.A.W.) at Woodingford Lodge. In the case of the Lodge, a conciliation hearing has been ongoing at the Quality Hotel in Woodstock since the morning of April 7 and is not expected to conclude until late today.

H. TIME OF COMPLETION OF CLOSED SESSION:

11:20 a.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 25:

Moved by: Patrick Sobeski  
Seconded by: Kenn. R. Howling

That Council rise and reconvene in Open session.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (11:20 a.m.)

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CLOSED SESSION:

**A CORPORATE SERVICES**

NIL

**B SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING**

B-1 (CS) 2008-18

RESOLUTION NO. 26:

Moved by: Patrick Sobeski  
Seconded by: Donald Doan

That the recommendation contained in Report No. B-1 (CS) 2008-18 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

**C COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING**

C-1 (CS) 2008-103

RESOLUTION NO. 27:

Moved by: Patrick Sobeski  
Seconded by: Donald Doan

That the recommendation contained in Report No. C-1 (CS) 2008-103 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

**D PUBLIC WORKS**

NIL

**E HUMAN RESOURCES**

NIL

**F C.A.O./CLERK**

NIL

**G PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

NIL

**H WARDEN**

NIL

15. BY-LAWS:

BY-LAW NO. 4934-2008

Being a By-law to set tax ratios for Prescribed Property Classes for the year 2008.

BY-LAW NO. 4935-2008

Being a By-law to Set Tax Rate Reductions for Prescribed Property Subclasses.

BY-LAW NO. 4936-2008

Being a By-law to Establish and Levy Tax Rates for Upper Tier Purposes for the Year 2008.

BY-LAW NO. 4937-2008

Being a By-law to Adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes.

BY-LAW NO. 4938-2008

Being a By-law to Adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for Eligible Properties within the meaning of Section 331 (New Construction) for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes.

BY-LAW 4939-2008

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the County of Oxford and Stratford General Hospital for a long-term grant in accordance with Oxford County Finance Policy No. 6.9.

BY-LAW NO. 4940-2008

Being a By-law to adopt Amendment Number 129 to the County of Oxford Official Plan.

BY-LAW NO. 4941-2008

Being a By-law to adopt Amendment Number 130 to the County of Oxford Official Plan.

BY-LAW NO. 4942-2008

Being a By-law to adopt Amendment Number 131 to the County of Oxford Official Plan.

BY-LAW NO. 4943-2008

Being a By-law to authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign an Agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CPR) for the occupation of railway lands to allow for the installation and maintenance of portions of the Whiting Creek sanitary sewer on a CPR right-of-way in Ingersoll.

BY-LAW NO. 4944-2008

Being a By-law to authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign a Multi-Agency Emergency Response Agreement (Tiered Response Agreement) with the City of Woodstock Fire Department and the Township of Blandford-Blenheim Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 28:

Moved by: Patrick Sobeski  
Seconded by: Donald Doan

That the following By-laws be now read a first and second time: No. 4934-2008, No. 4935-2008, No. 4936-2008, No. 4937-2008, No. 4938-2008, No. 4939-2008, No. 4940-2008, No. 4941-2008, No. 4942-2008, No. 4943-2008 and No. 4944-2008.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 29:

Moved by: Patrick Sobeski  
Seconded by: Donald Doan

That the following By-laws be now given third and final reading: No. 4934-2008, No. 4935-2008, No. 4936-2008, No. 4937-2008, No. 4938-2008, No. 4939-2008, No. 4940-2008, No. 4941-2008, No. 4942-2008, No. 4943-2008 and No. 4944-2008.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Council adjourns its proceedings until the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

11:22 a.m.

Minutes adopted on April 23, 2008 by Resolution No. 2

"Paul J. Holbrough"

WARDEN

"Kenneth J. Whiteford"

CLERK