

MINUTES
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE
COUNTY OF OXFORD

County Council Chamber
Woodstock
June 24, 2009

MEETING #19

Oxford County Council meets in regular session this twenty-fourth day of June 2009, in the Council Chamber, County Administration Building, Woodstock.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

7:04 p.m., with Warden Holbrough in the chair.

All members of Council present except Councillors Hayes and Lupton.

Councillor Lupton arrives at 8:13 p.m.

Staff Present: M. R. Bragg, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Assam, Construction Manager
P. D. Beaton, Manager of Social Services and Housing
L. S. Buchner, Director of Corporate Services
J. Kubiak, Corporate Manager of Human Resources
M. Metcalfe, Acting Director of Public Health and Emergency Services
M. Misek-Evans, Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning
J. Pember, Manager of Emergency Services
B. J. Tabor, Clerk

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 1:

Moved by: Michael Harding
Seconded by: Sandra Talbot

That the Agenda be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

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

Deputy Warden McKay, being the parent of an employee of Sierra Construction (Woodstock) Limited, discloses a pecuniary interest and does not take part in the discussion or voting on:

Report No. D-2 2009-50
Report No. D-3 2009-51

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Council Minutes of June 10, 2009

RESOLUTION NO. 2:

Moved by: Michael Harding
Seconded by: Sandra Talbot

That the Council Minutes of June 10, 2009 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Further to the passing of the Minutes of the June 10th meeting, the Warden provides an update on the status of the Tavistock Library and Child Care Facility project in response to a question put forward at the meeting by Deputy Warden McKay as to why the project had been stopped since there was no direction of Council to do so. Warden Holbrough and M. Bragg, C.A.O. respond to further questions and comments from the Deputy Warden as to why staff have not come back to Council, in the course of last three meetings, asking for a change in direction. The C.A.O. commits to a report being presented to Council at the July 8th meeting.

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

NIL

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation – Oxford Stewardship Award

The presentation is postponed to the July 8th meeting.

2. Presentation – Road Safety Achievement Award to the Oxford County Injury Prevention Team – presented by John Varkentin, Road Safety Marketing Office, Ontario Ministry of Transportation to Lorna Boratto, Public Health Nurse, Public Health and Emergency Services

John Varkentin, with the Road Safety Marketing Office of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, comes forward to present the Ministry of Transportation's 2008 Road Safety Achievement Award for Best Initiative of the Year to the Oxford County Injury Prevention Team. He explains the background of the Road Safety Achievement Awards and the categories included. J. Varkentin outlines the "Be Safe Be Seen" initiative put forward by the Oxford County Injury Prevention Team and recognizes the members, asking each one present to come forward. He presents the award to Lorna Boratto, Chair of the Oxford County Injury Prevention Team. The Warden congratulates the team on their achievement. L. Boratto thanks Council for the opportunity of having the award presented here tonight and also thanks the Ministry of Transportation and the team members.

3. John Rood
Zolarayz

Re: Solar Water Heating

John Rood, with Zolarayz, a local solar company, comes forward and makes a presentation on the benefits of solar water heating. He proceeds through a PowerPoint presentation that was provided as an attachment to Council's electronic Agenda.

J. Rood responds to questions from Councillor Harding regarding his presentation.

7. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 3:

Moved by: Michael Harding
Seconded by: Sandra Talbot

That the information contained in the delegation from John Rood, Zolarayz, regarding solar water heating, be received.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Rob Simpson, Chairman
Wallaceburg Disaster Relief Committee
June 19, 2009
Re: Response to Request for Information – Disaster Fund

RESOLUTION NO. 4:

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

That the correspondence from Rob Simpson, Chairman, Wallaceburg Disaster Relief Committee, dated June 19, 2009, in response to a request for information regarding the disaster fund, be received.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

9. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

A CORPORATE SERVICES

- A-1 2009-29
Re: Municipal Infrastructure Lending Program - CMHC

RESOLUTION NO. 5:

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

That the recommendation contained in Report No. A-1 2009-29, titled "Municipal Infrastructure Lending Program – CMHC", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. A-1 2009-29:

That the Council of the County of Oxford hereby approves the list of projects appended to Report No. A-1 2009-29 as Appendix "A", titled "Municipal Infrastructure Lending Program – CMHC" for application for financing under the Municipal Infrastructure Lending Program;

And that the project design for each of the projects listed (prepared by a project engineer/architect/planner) have been approved by the appropriate authorities having jurisdiction.

B SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

- B-1 2009-09
Re: Review of Energy Saving Programs for Oxford County Housing Facilities

RESOLUTION NO. 6:

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

That the recommendation contained in Report No. B-1 2009-09, titled "Review of Energy Saving Programs for Oxford County Housing Facilities", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. B-1 2009-09:

That County Council accept report # B-1 2009-09 as information.

B-2 2009-10

Re: Oxford County Accessibility Plan – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005

RESOLUTION NO. 7:

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

That the recommendation contained in Report No. B-2 2009-10, titled "Oxford County Accessibility Plan – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005", be deferred until further consultation takes place with the Area Municipalities that have Accessibility Advisory Committees.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. B-2 2009-10:

That Oxford County Council adopt the attached Accessibility Plan developed in accordance with the Accessibility For Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 for the period January 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009.

B-3 2009-11

Re: Accessibility Standards – Social Housing Developments

RESOLUTION NO. 8:

Moved by: Michael Harding
Seconded by: Sandra Talbot

That the recommendation contained in Report No. B-3 2009-11, titled "Accessibility Standards – Social Housing Developments", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. B-3 2009-11:

That County Council receive Report No. B-3 2009-11 as information.

B-4 2009-12

Re: Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program – Funding Approval

RESOLUTION NO. 9:

Moved by: Michael Harding
Seconded by: Sandra Talbot

That the recommendations contained in Report No. B-4 2009-12, titled "Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program – Funding Approval", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: See Action of Council
following Resolution No. 11

Recommendations Contained in Report No. B-4 2009-12:

That staff be authorized to distribute Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program dollars to eligible not for profit housing providers throughout Oxford County in the amount of \$1,362,866.00 for 2009 – 2010 and \$1,678,871 for 2010 – 2011.

And that the distribution be calculated on a per unit basis inclusive of housing stock owned and operated by the County of Oxford.

RESOLUTION NO. 10:

Moved by: Michael Harding
Seconded by: Don McKay

That the recommendations contained in Report No. B-4 2009-12, titled "Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program – Funding Approval", be tabled.

DISPOSITION: Motion Withdrawn

RESOLUTION NO. 11:

Moved by: Michael Harding
Seconded by: Sandra Talbot

That the recommendations contained in Report No. B-4 2009-12, titled "Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program – Funding Approval", be deferred until such time as the Building Condition Audit could be analyzed such that priorities could be established and brought back to Council.

DISPOSITION: Motion Not Carried

DISPOSITION
RESOLUTION NO. 9: Motion Carried

C COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

C-1 2009-153
Re: Oxford Children's Water Festival 2009

RESOLUTION NO. 12:

Moved by: Michael Harding
Seconded by: Sandra Talbot

That the recommendation contained in Report No. C-1 2009-153, titled "Oxford Children's Water Festival 2009", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. C-1 2009-153:

That County Council receive Report No. 2009-153 as information and authorize staff to report to the MOE regarding Water Festival Funding from the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program.

At 8:24 p.m., Council recesses for a break.

At 8:32 p.m., Council resumes with Warden Holbrough in the chair.

All members of Council present except Councillor Hayes.

D PUBLIC WORKS

D-1 2009-49

Re: Boundary Road Maintenance Agreement
Regional Municipality of Waterloo

RESOLUTION NO. 13:

Moved by: Don McKay
Seconded by: Donald Doan

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-1 2009-49, titled "Boundary Road Maintenance Agreement Regional Municipality of Waterloo", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-1 2009-49:

That a by-law be raised to authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign an agreement with the Regional Municipality of Waterloo for the maintenance of Oxford Road 36, Trussler Road, (Waterloo Regional Road 70).

D-2 2009-50

Re: Tender Report – Innerkip Servicing Project, Phase 1 –
Sanitary Sewers, Storm Sewers and Roadwork

RESOLUTION NO. 14:

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

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-2 2009-50, titled "Tender Report – Innerkip Servicing Project, Phase 1 – Sanitary Sewers, Storm Sewers and Roadwork", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Deputy Warden McKay abstains from voting
due to pecuniary interest previously declared.

Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-2 2009-50:

That County Council receive Public Works Report D-2 2009-50, regarding the status of the Innerkip Wastewater Servicing Phase 1 construction contract, as information.

D-3 2009-51

Re: Tender Award – Oxford Road 5 Improvements
(from Oxford Road 8 to Oxford Road 24)

RESOLUTION NO. 15:

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

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-3 2009-51, titled "Tender Award – Oxford Road 5 Improvements (from Oxford Road 8 to Oxford Road 24)", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Deputy Warden McKay abstains from voting
due to pecuniary interest previously declared.

Recommendation Contained in Report No. D-3 2009-51:

That County Council award a contract to Steve Smith Construction Corporation, Stratford, the low bidder in the amount of \$1,868,878.00 plus GST, for improvements on Oxford Road 5, from Oxford Road 8 to Oxford Road 24.

E HUMAN RESOURCES

NIL

F C.A.O./CLERK

F-1 2009-11
Re: Franchise Agreement with Union Gas

RESOLUTION NO. 16:

Moved by: Stephen Molnar
Seconded by: Patrick Sobeski

That the recommendation contained in Report No. F-1 2009-11, titled "Franchise Agreement with Union Gas", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. F-1 2009-11:

That Council adopt the following Resolution and the Warden and the C.A.O. be authorized to sign the attached 2000 Model Franchise Agreement:

"Resolved That:

1. This Council approves the form of Draft By-law and Franchise Agreement attached hereto and authorizes the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Municipal Franchises Act.
2. This Council requests that the Ontario Energy Board make an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the attached Draft By-law and Franchise Agreement pertaining to the County of Oxford is not necessary pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act."

G PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

G-1 2009-12

Re: Oxford County Recreational Trails Report for 2008
RESOLUTION NO. 17:

Moved by: Stephen Molnar
Seconded by: Patrick Sobeski

That the recommendation contained in Report No. G-1 2009-12, titled "Oxford County Recreational Trails Report for 2008", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. G-1 2009-12:

That County Council receives Report No. G - 1 2009-12 outlining the public's knowledge and usage of the Oxford County Trails for 2008.

G-2 2009-13
Re: Cross Border Billing Resolution –
County of Brant for the period 2001-2007

RESOLUTION NO. 18:

Moved by: Patrick Sobeski
Seconded by: Stephen Molnar

That the recommendation contained in Report No. G-2 2009-13, titled "Cross Border Billing Resolution – County of Brant for the period 2001-2007", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Recommendation Contained in Report No. G-2 2009-13:

That County Council authorize the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement with the County of Brant relative to the resolution of EMS cross border billing for the period of January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2007.

H WARDEN

NIL

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 19:

Moved by: Michael Harding
Seconded by: Stephen Molnar

That County Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into further negotiations with the County of Elgin relative to the resolution of EMS cross border billing and a subsequent report be prepared.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS:

NIL

12. NEW BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES/COMMENTS:

Councillor Harding comments on the need to keep a score card on the funding that is available these days and points to recent correspondence received regarding a Healthy Communities Fund and wonders if staff are aware of these applications that are to be submitted by July 24th. He will leave the information with the C.A.O. for him to pursue.

Councillor Harding further comments regarding the Personal Pledge component of the Community Challenge for energy reduction to be held on August 14th. The web site for sign up is www.countmeinontario.ca.

M. Misk-Evans, Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning, mentions the recent stakeholder consultations regarding the Commercial Policy Review. She mentions that the Planning Office is planning a Councillors information night likely to be the evening of July 8th or July 15th. The invitation will be extended to all Area Municipal Councils as well as County Councillors with the option of bringing senior staff.

Councillor Molnar, subsequent to his comments at the last meeting, reminds Council regarding the five County regional meeting to introduce the draft of the strategic position of the South Central Ontario Region (SCOR) initiative. The meeting will be held on June 30th with invitations being circulated through the C.A.O.s.

The Warden highlights the County's success in obtaining funding for rural broadband to provide improved internet service especially, but not limited, to remote areas. The success of the application was made possible through collaboration with the Area Municipalities.

The Warden wishes everyone a happy Canada Day and advises that he will attend as many events around the County as possible.

Deputy Warden McKay advises that Innerkip Lions Days is this weekend with ball in the park on Friday night, a parade on Saturday at 10:00 a.m., and the Firemen's Breakfast on Sunday morning. The following weekend Tavistock will host the Western Region Fiddle and Step on Friday and Saturday evenings.

13. CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION NO. 20:

Moved by: Patrick Sobeski
Seconded by: Stephen Molnar

That Council rise and go into a Closed session for the purpose of Reports No. D-1 (CS) 2009-52, No. F-1 (CS) 2009-12 and No. F-2 (CS) 2009-13 regarding matters that have not been made public concerning litigation, security of property matters and a proposed acquisition of land.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (8:55 p.m.)

Oxford County Council meets in Closed session, as part of a regular meeting, this twenty-fourth day of June 2009, in the Council Chamber, County Administration Building, Woodstock.

A. CLOSED SESSION COMMENCEMENT TIME:

8:55 p.m., with Warden Holbrough in the chair.

All members of Council present except Councillor Hayes.

Staff Present: M. R. Bragg, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Assam, Construction Manager
P. D. Beaton, Manager of Social Services and Housing
L. S. Buchner, Director of Corporate Services
J. Kubiak, Corporate Manager of Human Resources
M. Metcalfe, Acting Director of Public Health and Emergency Services
M. Misek-Evans, Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning
J. Pember, Manager of Emergency Services
B. J. Tabor, Clerk

The Warden advises that there will be a change in order with regard to consideration of the Reports as they are listed on the Agenda. The order will be reversed with discussion taking place on F-2 (CS) 2009-13 first, then F-1 (CS) 2009-12 and D-1 (CS) 2009-52.

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

NIL

C COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

NIL

D PUBLIC WORKS

D-1 (CS) 2009-52

E HUMAN RESOURCES

NIL

F C.A.O./CLERK

F-1 (CS) 2009-12

F-2 (CS) 2009-13

The author of the letter, attached to Report No. F-2 (CS) 2009-13, is in attendance and presents the details of the request made in his letter. He responds to questions from Council members and then leaves the meeting.

G PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

NIL

H WARDEN

NIL

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NIL

G. NEW BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES/COMMENTS:

NIL

H. TIME OF COMPLETION OF CLOSED SESSION:

9:25 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 21:

Moved by: Sandra Talbot
Seconded by: Michael Harding

That Council rise and reconvene in Open session.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (9:25 p.m.)

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CLOSED SESSION:

A CORPORATE SERVICES

NIL

B SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

NIL

C COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

NIL

D PUBLIC WORKS

D-1 (CS) 2009-52

RESOLUTION NO. 22:

Moved by: Sandra Talbot
Seconded by: Michael Harding

That the recommendation contained in Report No. D-1 (CS) 2009-52 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

E HUMAN RESOURCES

NIL

F C.A.O./CLERK

F-1 (CS) 2009-12

RESOLUTION NO. 23:

Moved by: Donald Doan

Seconded by: Don McKay

That the recommendation contained in Report No. F-1 (CS) 2009-12 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

F-2 (CS) 2009-13

RESOLUTION NO. 24:

Moved by: Donald Doan

Seconded by: Don McKay

That the recommendation contained in Report No. F-2 (CS) 2009-13 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

G PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

NIL

H WARDEN

NIL

15. BY-LAWS:

BY-LAW NO. 5073-2009

Being a By-law to authorize a Franchise Agreement between the County of Oxford and Union Gas Limited.

RESOLUTION NO. 25:

Moved by: Donald Doan

Seconded by: Don McKay

That the following By-law be now read a first and second time: No. 5073-2009.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

The Warden reminds Councillors of the Special Meeting of Council to be held on Thursday, June 25, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. regarding 2009 and 2010 Water and Wastewater Rates.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Council adjourns its proceedings until the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

9:30 p.m.

Minutes adopted on July 8, 2009 by Resolution No. 2

Paul J. Holbrough

WARDEN

Brenda J. Tabor

CLERK