

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

RESOLUTION NO. 6:

Moved by: Trevor Birtch  
Seconded by: Larry Martin

That Council rise and go into a public meeting to consider the Woodlands Conservation By-law update.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried (7:12 p.m.)

1. Woodlands Conservation By-law

The Chair asks G. Hough, Director of Community Planning, to come forward to present an update on the Woodlands Conservation By-law. G. Hough, by use of a PowerPoint presentation, comments on the review process and updates Council regarding revisions to the by-law as are contained in Report No. CP 2018-125.

The Chair opens the meeting to questions from members of Council.

Councillor Wearn asks regarding By-law enforcement with regard to potential trespass on neighbouring property. G. Hough responds confirming Councillor Wearn's thought that the By-law Officer should be contacted.

Councillor Molnar asks whether there are any items in the written submissions before Council that G. Hough would see as amendments being brought forward at the first meeting in June. G. Hough responds that, yes, any suggested amendments would be brought forward to Council in a Report at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting particularly related to the Winkler and City of Woodstock correspondence.

The Chair asks if there are any members of the public wishing to speak regarding the Woodlands Conservation By-law update.

Paul Butler and Bruce Kropf come forward.

P. Butler asks for clarification whether the exemption committee would be dissolved with this new by-law and these matters be handled at the staff level. G. Hough responds that simple exemption requests would be handled at the staff level but that there still would be a committee and the option and right to go before the committee.

B. Kropf comments that he agrees with most of what Jack Winkler says in his written submission. He states that the average overall basal area should be an average overall basal area rather than just a specific spot. He believes the dot size should not be stipulated at four inches, but simply stated as clearly marked or two inches. B. Kropf expresses his concern that there has always been talk about a good forestry practice by-law and he does not feel that this by-law has attained that. He speaks regarding the Notice of Intent and the limited amount of information that is required to be provided compared to the Good Forestry Practice By-law Notice of Intent which he feels is preferable.

The Chair mentions written submissions received from The Oxford Coalition for Social Justice, Lori LeBlanc, the City of Woodstock, and Jack Winkler for Council's consideration when deliberating on Report No. CP 2018-125.

In response to the comments made by the members of the public, G. Hough indicates that the points will be addressed in the Report that will come forward on June 13<sup>th</sup>, but Travis Lockhart, Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer, will comment tonight.

T. Lockhart agrees regarding the dot size that four inches is pretty extreme and two inches would be fine. He speaks regarding the difference between the Notice of Intent for a circumference harvest versus a good forestry one. T. Lockhart agrees with B. Kropf's comments regarding total basal area and states that it will be addressed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7:**

Moved by: Sandra Talbot  
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 (7:43 p.m.)

RESOLUTION NO. 8:

Moved by: Sandra Talbot  
Seconded by: Margaret Lupton

That the correspondence from The Oxford Coalition for Social Justice, dated May 15, 2018, regarding the Woodlands Conservation By-law, be received and referred for consideration during Report No. CP 2018-125.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 9:

Moved by: Sandra Talbot  
Seconded by: Margaret Lupton

That the correspondence from Lori LeBlanc, regarding concern for wetlands and woodlands, be received and referred for consideration during Report No. CP 2018-125.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 10:

Moved by: Stephen Molnar  
Seconded by: Marion Wearn

That the correspondence from the City of Woodstock, dated May 18, 2018, regarding the Woodlands Conservation By-law, be received and referred for consideration during Report No. CP 2018-125.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 11:

Moved by: Stephen Molnar  
Seconded by: Marion Wearn

That the correspondence from Jack Winkler, dated May 21, 2018, regarding the Woodlands Conservation By-law, be received and referred for consideration during Report No. CP 2018-125.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

CP 2018-125  
Re: Woodlands Conservation By-law Update

**RESOLUTION NO. 12:**

Moved by: Stephen Molnar  
Seconded by: Marion Wearn

That the recommendations contained in Report No. CP 2018-125, titled "Woodlands Conservation By-law Update", be adopted.

**DISPOSITION:** Motion Carried

**Recommendations Contained in Report No. CP 2018-125:**

1. That County Council receive Report No. CP 2018-125 regarding the Woodlands Conservation By-law Update;
2. And further, that Council refer the draft Woodlands Conservation By-law to Council's regular meeting of June 13, 2018 for final consideration and approval.