

COUNTY OF BRANT COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chambers, Paris
February 19, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Wheat, Schmitt, Haggart, Simons, Atfield, Powell, Chambers, Coleman and Gatward.

Regrets: Councillor Hodge.

Staff: Fiebig, Glassford, Johnston, Underwood, Bell, Pomponi, A. Davidson and Carman.

Mayor Eddy in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the Brant County Council agenda and addendum for the February 19, 2008 meeting be approved as distributed, with the following additions:

- congratulatory resolution
- report from the Agricultural Advisory Committee
- question from SAM minutes
- report on Heritage Day held in Ohsweken

. Carried

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS**Presentation – Zeta Phillip**

Mayor Eddy and Larry Stewart, Chair of the Library Board, presented Zeta Phillip with a certificate in recognition of her receiving the Ontario Children's Librarian of the Year Award from the Ontario Public Library Association.

Presentation – Heritage Designation – 380 Branchton Road

Pat Hassler-Watts, a member of the Brant Heritage Committee, presented information on the former Cope house which was built in 1867 at 380 Branchton Road. Mayor Eddy presented the current owners of this home, Rian Yates and Lyne Aubry, with a heritage plaque to commemorate the designation of their home under The Ontario Heritage Act.

Presentation – Bridge Poster

Ruth Lefler, a member of the Brant Heritage Committee, advised that the Bridge Poster was a joint project of the County and City Heritage Committees to highlight bridges in Brantford and Brant County. Cindy MacDonald and Jim Tudhope, members of the Brantford Heritage Committee, presented a framed copy of the bridge poster to Mayor Eddy in recognition of Heritage Week, noting that the City and County Heritage Committees look forward to working on other joint projects.

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Request for Funding – Brantford Municipal Airport

Lee Deimling, Chair of the Brantford Airport Board, City of Brantford, introduced the members of the Airport Board in attendance at the meeting.

Councillor Greg Martin, City of Brantford Councillor and a member of the Brantford Airport Board, presented an overview of the services provided by the Brantford Airport and the benefits of a municipal airport to the area. He requested that the County of Brant provide financial support of \$600,000, spread over 2008 and 2009, for capital improvements at the Airport, including runway repairs and the construction of a T-hangar. Councillor Martin noted that this request was based on a 75/25% cost-sharing between the City and County. Airport revenues cover the operating costs, but due to a reduction in funding from other levels of government over the past number of years, funding from the City of Brantford and the use of Airport Reserve Funds has been required. In response to a question, Councillor Martin indicated that \$300,000 of the County funds would be used in 2008 to build another T-hangar. He distributed letters from the Municipality of Central Elgin and the City of St. Thomas indicating that both municipalities fund the municipal airport, in recognition of the importance of the airport to economic development in the area.

Moved by – Councillor Haggart

Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the request for capital funding of \$600,000 from the Brantford Airport Board be referred to the Corporate Development Committee for consideration.

. Carried

Request relative to Ministry of Transportation Highway 24 Corridor Study

Ron Thomson, First Urban, advised that his company would be meeting with Ministry of Transportation officials to discuss various planning issues on land First Urban owns both east and north of the City of Brantford, particularly as it relates to the various options being studied for the current Highway 24 Corridor Study. He requested that Council direct County staff to work with First Urban and attend meetings with the Ministry of Transportation officials to ensure that the County's long-term interests are taken into account in these discussions. In response to a question, Mr. Thomson advised that First Urban has not contacted the City of Brantford in regard to their participation in the discussions with the Ministry of Transportation.

Ella Haley expressed her concern with approving the recommendation proposed by First Urban for participation by County staff in meetings with the Ministry of Transportation on the Highway 24 Corridor Study. She feels that this recommendation is premature, due to the fact that public consultation is required on the Official Plan Review and the Master Transportation Plan before options are considered for the proposed Highway 424. She noted that there is a large group of people who are opposed to the Highway 424 proposal because it goes through prime farmland and wetlands. She suggested that options to increase public transit need to be addressed, rather than building more highways.

Councillor Coleman advised that the Master Transportation Plan will be completed once the County's growth numbers have been confirmed by the Province. The Director of Development Services noted that the Province is currently reviewing the growth projections, taking into account a number of factors, including the census results.

Presentation – Don Glassford

Mayor Eddy presented a certificate to Don Glassford, Director of Corporate Services, in recognition of forty years of municipal service.

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Moved by – Councillor Simons
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the minutes of the February 5, 2008 meeting of Brant County Council be adopted, copies having been forwarded to the members prior to the meeting.

.Carried

CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the following Consent Information Report items be received:

1. Police Services Board - minutes of February 1, 2008 meeting.
2. Applications to be heard at the February 28 Committee of Adjustment meeting.
3. Information on County of Brant WinterActive Weekend Activities planned for February 23 and 24, 2008.

And that the following Consent Communications items be received:

1. AMO Member Communications:
 - Canada and Ontario announce call for proposals on local Immigration partnerships
 - Report from January 2008 Board meeting
2. News release from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Public consultation on fire sprinklers. **It was noted that staff will be preparing a report on the implications to the County of this proposed change, as well as the proposed changes to on-site septic systems and the regulations for mandatory septic re-inspection programs.**
3. Ontario Municipal Board – Decision re: Appeal of By-law Number 16-07 – Morton rezoning, 452 West River Road.
4. February *Update* newsletter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
5. Public Works Committee Report PW-08-06 – Agreement with Brant County Power Services Inc. for Water and Wastewater Invoicing and Collections.
6. Information from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration on the “Newcomer Champion Awards”.
7. Information on “Operation Clean Sweep” program for a community clean-up and beautification campaign.
8. *GRCA Minutes* newsletter for February, 2008.
9. Minutes of Meetings:
 - Brant County Power Services Inc. – January 17, 2008
 - Committee of Adjustment – January 24, 2008
 - County of Brant Public Library Board – December 11, 2007
 - Paris BIA – November 13, 2007
 - Long Point Region Conservation Authority – December 5, 2007

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PUBLIC WORKS

Councillor Coleman presented the following report from the February 12, 2008 meeting of the Public Works Committee, it being agreed that Recommendations 2, 5, 6 and 8 would be dealt with separately

1. That Brant County Council approve an exemption to the County of Brant Purchasing Policy By-law Number 271-04, to permit Bre-Haul Trucking Ltd. to bid on quotations RDQ 12-08 (Construction Truck Rental Rates) and RDQ 13-08 (Construction Equipment Rental Rates).

2. Whereas the Class Environmental Assessment for the Willow Street Realignment, Urbanization of Curtis Avenue has been finalized;

And whereas the Class Environmental Assessment recommends the installation of sidewalks on Willow Street from Dundas Street East to connect to the existing sidewalk on Willow Street;

And whereas there are sufficient funds in the Capital budget;

Be it hereby resolved that sidewalks be installed on Willow Street from Dundas Street East to connect to the existing sidewalk on Willow Street.

3. Whereas the Class Environmental Assessment for the Willow Street Realignment, Urbanization of Curtis Avenue has been finalized;

And whereas the Class Environmental Assessment recommends the installation of a stormwater management facility, including an infiltration gallery on Curtis Avenue North;

And whereas there are sufficient funds available in the Capital budget;

Be it hereby resolved that Totten Sims Hubicki Associates be authorized to proceed to the detailed design and tender preparation for the stormwater management facility, including an infiltration gallery on Curtis Avenue North in accordance with the previously Council approved RFP 7-06.

4. Whereas both Brant County and Brant County Power Services Inc. are desirous of updating the September 2002 agreement for the provision of services for reading water meters, water and wastewater billing and collections;

And whereas to maintain a high level of customer service, the billing and collection practices for water, wastewater and hydro should be similar;

Be it hereby resolved that the September 2002 agreement be updated and replaced with the revised agreement as contained in PW-08-06;

That Section 10 of County of Brant By-law 116-06 be amended to read as follows:

“10.1 Deposit as Security for Payment

When deemed necessary, new consumers shall make a deposit to be held as security for water billing. The requirement for a deposit and administration of same shall be governed by policies as amended from time to time”;

And that the administration of security deposits for water and wastewater shall follow Brant County Power Services Inc. Conditions of Service Section 2.4.3 'Security Deposits'.

5. **(Deferred to March 4 Council Meeting for consideration)** ~~Whereas many citizens of Brant County are dependent upon groundwater for the supply of potable water;~~

~~And whereas restricting outdoor municipal water use is an effective means of promoting water conservation to protect the environment, defer capital expenses and extend the apparent capacity of the existing water system to support growth and development;~~

~~Be it hereby resolved that upon review of the draft by-law by the Coordinator of Legal and Enforcement Services, By-law 116-06, Section 12 – Use of Municipal Water Externally, be repealed in its entirety and be replaced with the amended by-law as contained in PW-08-07.~~

6. Whereas a number of concerns were raised with respect to motorists parking on the shoulder of Powerline Road in front of the Northridge Public Golf Course, west of King George Road (Highway 24) in order to participate in winter activities;

Be it hereby resolved that Parking By-law Number 164-01 (Schedule 2 – Stopping Prohibited Anytime) be amended in order to install "No Stopping" signs on Powerline Road from King George Road (Highway 24) to Balmoral Drive on both the north and south sides in order to facilitate the safety of the public utilizing Powerline Road (estimated cost \$750.00);

And that the City of Brantford be requested to consider allowing motorists to park within the Northridge Public Golf Course parking lot during the winter season by erecting additional signage and providing regular snow plowing services to the parking lot.

7. That the asphalt removal and replacement works for the Brant Bowstring Bridge, as outlined in correspondence from Concrete USL dated February 4, 2008 be approved at an estimated cost of \$28,400.00;

And that staff be directed to recover the costs for these works from GD Jewell and Concrete USL, proportionate to the determined level of responsibility of each party.

8. That the proponents of a temporary road closure of a portion of Mechanic Street for Springtime in Paris activities on Saturday, June 7, 2008 and Sunday, June 8, 2008 be advised that the County does not object to the request, subject to the following:
- Temporary road closure on Mechanic Street to be from west of the Canadian Tire and Brant County O.P.P. Station driveways, to Lions Park; and
 - Closure subject to criteria outlined in Report PW-07-40 – Request for Road Closure for Springtime in Paris Activities.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Recommendations 1, 3, 4 and 7 of the Public Works Committee report from its February 12, 2008 meeting be adopted.

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Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Recommendation 2 of the Public Works Committee from its February 12, 2008 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

It was agreed that the staff report and the Class EA report on the Willow Street Realignment would be referred to the March 4 Council meeting for consideration of the recommendation to install traffic lights at the intersection of Willow Street and Dundas Street East.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

That Recommendation 5 of the Public Works Committee from its February 12, 2008 meeting be deferred until the March 4 meeting of Council to allow for public input on the proposed changes to By-law Number 116-06 related to the use of municipal water externally.

. Carried

It was agreed that the staff responses to questions raised on this matter by Councillor Haggart would be circulated to all members of Council for their information.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Recommendation 6 of the Public Works Committee from its February 12 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Recommendation 8 of the Public Works Committee from its February 12 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

Staff was requested to review the process for dealing with motions that have been defeated at the Committee level and do not proceed to Council for consideration.

CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Haggart presented the following report from the February 11, 2008 meeting of the Corporate Development Committee, it being agreed that Recommendation 4 would be dealt with separately:

1. That County staff advise the Committee considering the signage for the Veteran's Memorial Highway that Brant County Council requests that the stylized feather image be removed from the proposed signs.

2. That County staff be requested to prepare a resolution, similar to the City of Waterloo, expressing the County's concerns about the infrastructure deficit and requesting long-term infrastructure funding programs from the Provincial and Federal Government.
3. That the Brant Cultural Centre be advised that no additional monies other than the agreement to pay for two environmental reports was approved by Council for payment in 2007, and that no monies have been budgeted for any additional studies or support for 2008. As such the two invoices previously forwarded to the County are being returned to the Brant Cultural Centre for payment;

That while Council wishes to be supportive of the Brant Cultural Centre, given the existing financial commitments that the County of Brant has, Council is unwilling to enter into any operational agreement that will require Council to absorb an annual operating deficit for the Centre or absorb any of the ongoing operational costs;

That Council confirm that the only County commitment that has been made is to fund two environmental studies as previously approved and to provide a site for the facility should fundraising from private and senior government sources be successful;

And that the Brant Cultural Centre Committee be advised that Council will consider their capital budget request for financial assistance as part of the 2009 budget process, along with the other capital priorities of the County.

4. **(Amended)** Whereas the owner of 8 Catherine Street has requested an exemption from Council Policy PWE-2005-02 (Paris Interim Water Servicing Policy) for the severance of a parcel of land from the existing property;

And whereas the water allocation for the residence at 22 Railway Lane is no longer being utilized because this building has been removed;

Be it therefore resolved that an exemption from Council Policy PWE-2005-02 (Paris Interim Water Servicing Policy) for 8 Catherine Street, Paris, be approved, ~~without qualification~~ **based on transferring the water allocation from the residence at 22 Railway Lane.**

5. That official "No Parking" signs be posted to adequately identify the canoe drop off/pick up area located on the municipal property identified on the assessment roll as Roll #018-005-13300-0000, to enable enforcement of Section 25 of the County of Brant Parking By-law 164-01, which prohibits parking on municipal property without the consent of the County;

And that parking be permitted in the existing 21 space parking area.

6. That staff order County flags with the County crest as outlined in County Policy DVS-2001-03, County of Brant Logo and Usage.
7. That each member of Council, by virtue of their office, be given a County of Brant flag during their term on Council.
8. That the County of Brant declare Part Block J, Plan 83, (PIN #0116) former Township of South Dumfries, Roll No. 016-020-29600, surplus to the needs of the County of Brant;

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That the road allowance lying between PIN #0116 and PIN #0120 be closed and declared surplus to the needs of the County of Brant;

That staff be authorized to negotiate the direct sale by the County to the adjoining property owner and consolidation of these parcels with the adjoining property on the following conditions:

- a. That the purchaser appoint a solicitor to represent his interests as the purchaser;
- b. That direct costs for preparation of the reference plan and the Opinion of Value be at the purchaser's expense; and
- c. That the purchaser provide the County with a deposit cheque in the amount of \$500.00 to cover the cost of an Opinion of Value. Any amount over and above the actual cost of the Opinion of Value will be deducted from the purchase price at the time of closing, or in the event the purchaser declines to purchase the property, will be refunded.

That the selling price be based on an Opinion of Value obtained from a Real Estate Agent;

That the requirement under the Sale of Municipal Land By-law with respect to the giving of public notice of the proposed sale will be met upon announcement (resolution passed at open Council meeting) that this parcel and the road allowance have been declared surplus;

That following negotiations, an Agreement of Purchase and Sale be presented to Committee for consideration;

And that the section of road allowance extending between the properties owned by the Grand River Conservation Authority (PIN#s 0146 and 0147) be offered to the Authority at a nominal fee of \$2.00, with direct costs relating to legal fees and registration to be paid by the GRCA.

9. Whereas Council, at their September 20, 2005 meeting, approved a resolution declaring the property located at 1249 Colborne Street West, described as Part of the Douglas Tract and Part of Lots 3 and 4, Concession 4, geographic Township of Brantford, as surplus to the needs of the County of Brant and authorized the offering of the property for sale;

And whereas Council, during the In Camera portion of their February 20, 2007 meeting, directed staff to proceed with the process to list the Mount Vernon Administration Building for sale;

And whereas Corporate Development Committee approved Report CD-07-55, on April 16, 2007, advising of staff's intent to issue an RFP for the sale of the Mount Vernon Administration Building;

And whereas by the awarding of the Request for Proposals to CB Richard Ellis Limited, the County entered into a contractual relationship with CB Richard Ellis Limited for the provision of real estate services with respect to the former Mount Vernon Administration building located at 1249 Colborne Street West, being a portion of the property described as Part of the Douglas Tract and Part of Lots 3 and 4, Concession 4, geographic Township of Brantford, in the County of Brant;

Now be it therefore resolved that the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign the attached Listing Agreement, and any subsequent renewals of the listing agreement, with CB Richard Ellis Limited, at the list price of \$699,000; for the term April 20, 2008 to October 20, 2008;

That the requirement under the Sale of Municipal Land By-law with respect to the giving of public notice of the proposed sale of municipal land, be met by the listing of the property with CB Richard Ellis Limited and by the posting of a "For Sale" sign on the property;

And that any Agreement of Purchase and Sale received be presented to Council for consideration.

10. That the President of the Paris Seniors' Club be advised that the County does not approve their request to view the County-owned property at 32 Mechanic Street for use as a seniors' drop-in centre.
11. That no further action be taken in response to the letter from Steve Talos of Brookhead Farms respecting his request for compensation due to the slope failure on Newport and River Roads.
12. That County staff be directed to make an offer to the Claimant in Claim #17-07 for 50% of the damage amount claimed, less a 30% depreciation factor, being a contribution of \$3,331.20, in exchange for a full and final release;

And further that a payment be made to Co-operators in reimbursement of 50% of the emergency clean-up costs, being \$1,135.52, in exchange for a full and final release.

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That Recommendations 1 - 3 and 5 – 12 of the Corporate Development Committee report from its February 11, 2008 meeting be adopted.

.Carried

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That Recommendation 4 of the Corporate Development Committee report from its February 11, 2008 meeting be adopted.

. No Vote – Amendment Follows

Moved by – Councillor Atfield
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Recommendation 4 of the Corporate Development Committee report be amended as follows:

1. That a new second clause be added as follows:
"And whereas the water allocation for the residence at 22 Railway Lane is no longer being utilized because this building has been removed;"

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2. That the second clause, which becomes the third clause, be amended to remove the words "without qualification" and add the following "based on transferring the water allocation from the residence at 22 Railway Lane."

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That Recommendation 4 of the Corporate Development Committee report, as amended, be approved.

. Carried

It was agreed that the following two recommendations that were defeated at the February 11 Corporate Development Committee meeting would be considered during the "Resolutions" portion of the meeting:

1. Extra remuneration for Brant County Power Inc. Steering Committee members.
2. Request from First Urban for staff participation in discussions with the Ministry of Transportation.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT – JOHN NOBLE HOME

Councillor Wheat presented the following report from the February 6, 2008 meeting of the Committee of Management – John Noble Home, it being agreed that Recommendation 1 would be dealt with separately:

1. Whereas the John Noble Home is in the process of undertaking the redevelopment of some of the current 156 long-term care beds, to be broken down into two phases as follows:
 - Phase 1 – renovations on Mohawk Terrace, Davis Court, the Day and Stay area, and additional upgrades to Grand Terrace (some upgrades completed in 2006), at a total estimated cost of \$5.6 million
 - Phase 2 – Renovations on Wilson Court and Costain Court at a total estimated cost of \$2 million;

And whereas in order to meet the needs of residents with severe behaviours associated with dementia, it is proposed the redevelopment plans be changed to allow for two specialized eleven-bed units to be built on Davis Court to better care for these residents, at an estimated additional cost of \$1.6 million;

And whereas it is preferable to move ahead with the specialized units on Davis Court as soon as possible to improve the physical environment in order to address increasing incidences of aggressive behaviour displayed by residents with cognitive behaviours associated with dementia;

And whereas Brantford City Council and Brant County Council have approved the capital funding required for Phases 1 and 2 of the long-term care bed redevelopment;

And whereas the John Noble Home will be eligible to apply for funding for the redevelopment of beds on Wilson Court and Costain Court under the recently announced Ministry of Health and Long-term Care capital funding program to upgrade all B and C beds, which will compensate for the funds proposed to be transferred to Phase 1 for the specialized units on Davis Court;

Be it hereby resolved that Brantford City Council and Brant County Council be requested to approve the re-allocation of \$1.6 million of funding from Phase 2 of the redevelopment project to Phase 1 to allow for the construction of two specialized eleven-bed units on Davis Court during Phase 1 to provide better care to residents with severe behaviours associated with dementia;

And that the balance of the Phase 2 funding of \$400,000 be retained to cover cosmetic improvements to Wilson Court and Costain Court that may be required if the Home is not successful in the first wave of Ministry of Health and Long-term Care program for funding the redevelopment of B and C beds.

2. That the staff report on Accountability and Transparency Measures dated January 30, 2008 be received as information;

That staff be directed to implement the measures outlined in that report, including public notice of John Noble Home Committee of Management meeting agendas and minutes;

And that for procedural meeting matters of the Committee of Management, the County of Brant procedural by-law be utilized.

3. That the Chair and the Administrator be authorized to sign the renewal of the MultiGen contract for dental services for residents of the Home.
4. That the Chair and the Administrator be authorized to sign the renewal of the Jenuine Care contract for foot care services for residents of the Home.
5. Whereas Community Care Access Centres are now placing developmentally delayed individuals in long-term care facilities, due to the closure of other Provincial facilities that were better suited to house and care for these individuals;

And whereas long-term care facilities are not equipped and staff are not trained to deal with the behaviours associated with developmentally delayed individuals;

And whereas the placement of developmentally delayed individuals in long-term care facilities causes disruptions and the potential for injuries to residents and staff due to the behaviours involved;

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the City of Brantford and the Council of the County of Brant request the Minister of Health and Long-term Care to take action to address the inappropriate placement of developmentally delayed individuals in long-term care facilities.

6. That the Memorandum of Settlement with the Ontario Nurses' Association for a two-year contract (January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008) for six full-time and eleven part-time nurses be approved on the following basis:
 - 3% wage increase effective April 1, 2007 and April 1, 2008
 - Shift premium increase of \$.20 per hour effective January 1, 2008
 - Responsibility pay increase of \$.15 per hour effective January 1, 2008
 - Weekend premium increase of \$.30 per hour effective January 1, 2008
 - Addition of Family Day as a statutory holiday
 - Vacation entitlement of seven weeks at 28 years of service

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7. That the request from the John Noble Home to tender for the provision of laundry services by an outside provider be approved in principle, subject to Home staff providing a detailed financial analysis outlining the proposed cost savings;

And that Home staff be given the authority to give appropriate notice to the SIEU union in this regard.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat

Seconded by – Councillor

That Recommendations 2 – 7 of the Committee of Management – John Noble Home from its February 6, 2008 meeting be adopted.

.Carried

In response to a question, it was noted that the County had included funds for Phases 1 and 2 of the long-term care bed redevelopment in the Capital Budget prior to 2008.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat

Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That Recommendation 1 of the Committee of Management – John Noble Home from its February 6, 2008 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

CODE OF CONDUCT

The minutes of the February 4, 2008 Code of Conduct Sub-Committee meeting were received as information.

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved by – Councillor Coleman

Seconded by – Councillor Chambers

That the following people be appointed as members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee:

- Shawn VanSickle
- Steve Sickle
- Wilson Pate
- Owen McIntyre
- Ken Guest
- Gary Cain
- Keith Stewart

That thank you letters be sent to all applicants and that the appointees be advised of their appointment;

That staff prepare a briefing package for the appointed members and organize their first meeting where the Agricultural Advisory Committee will select a Chair and Vice-Chair;

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And that staff provide technical support to the Committee and that minutes and recommendations of the Committee be reported to the Planning Advisory Committee.

. Carried

It was agreed that the Agriculture Ad Hoc Committee would meet to develop the mandate of the Agricultural Advisory Committee prior to the first meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Financial System Acquisition

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the acquisition of an Integrated Financial System from Diamond Municipal Solutions and the acquisition of a Budget System from RAC Software Inc. be approved, subject to successful negotiations being concluded with the total cost to not exceed \$405,000, being the approved capital budget for this project.

. Carried

INFORMATION REPORTS

Best of Brant Outdoors – Promotion – report from Eric Rowen, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism.

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the staff report on “Best of Brant Outdoors – Promotion” be received as information.

. Carried

Proposed Tranquility Ambulance Station – update from Dan Temprile, General Manager of Public Health, Safety and Social Services, City of Brantford.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the update report from Dan Temprile on the proposed Tranquility Ambulance Station be received as information.

. Carried

Heritage Day Workshop - Councillor Powell provided a brief overview of the Heritage Day Workshop held in Ohsweken on February 18.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Request for support from the Elgin County Rural Initiatives Committee for the Brief to the Ministers of Energy and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs on the “IGPC Ethanol Plant in the Town of Aylmer and the County of Elgin”.

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Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the Council of the County of Brant support the request from the Elgin County Rural Initiatives Committee for the Brief to the Ministers of Energy and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs on the “IGPC Ethanol Plant in the Town of Aylmer and the County of Elgin.”

2. Brant Cultural Centre Submission in response to the staff report on the Brant Cultural Centre Update.

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the submission from the Brant Cultural Centre in response to the February 4 staff report be received.

. No Vote – Amendment Follows

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the resolution on the Brant Cultural Centre be amended by adding the requirement that a meeting be arranged with staff to clarify issues identified in their submission.

. Carried

Mayor Eddy then called for a vote on the resolution as amended to read as follows:

“That the submission from the Brant Cultural Centre in response to the February 4 staff report be received;

And that a meeting be arranged with County staff and representatives of the Brant Cultural Centre to clarify issues identified in the Brant Cultural Centre submission.”

. Carried

QUESTIONS

1. In response to a question regarding a matter discussed at the January 9 SAM meeting, the C.A.O. advised that staff was discussing the need for the separation of the roles of staff and elected officials, in that members of Council should not be involved in the day-to-day operations of the municipality. He pointed out that Committee Chairs have a special role to play, and that there is a need for good communication so that all members of Council operate as a team. It was noted that the matter of clarifying the roles of Council, Committee Chairs and staff will be addressed in the Code of Conduct review.
2. In response to a question, Mayor Eddy advised that the Family Health Team will be making a report to Council at an upcoming meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS – DR. HANK HEDGES

It was agreed that Dr. Hank Hedges would be invited to attend an upcoming meeting of Brant County Council to receive a certificate in recognition of the presentation of an Ontario Senior Achievement Award recently.

REQUEST FROM FIRST URBAN RE: HIGHWAY 24 CORRIDOR STUDY

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That staff be authorized to participate with the proponent (First Urban), Ministry of Transportation and City of Brantford officials to examine the possible routing options at the Garden Avenue/Highway 403 intersection and through the proponent's property, it being acknowledged that such consideration does not constitute an approval in principle but is intended only to consider one technical aspect of the possible development of the land.

. Carried

In response to a question, Mayor Eddy advised that at a recent meeting, the Minister of Transportation advised that further public meetings on the Highway 24 Corridor Study will be held in the Spring of 2008.

REQUEST FROM BRANT COUNTY POWER RE: STEERING COMMITTEE REMUNERATION

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the request from Brant County Power Inc. for additional compensation of \$625 per month for each member of the Steering Committee for the duration of the merger and acquisition discussions be approved.

. No Vote – Motion to Table Follows

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the request from Brant County Power Inc. be tabled until such time as a response is received from Brant County Power Inc. as to alternative options if this request is not approved.

Tie Vote – Defeated

The mover and seconder of the resolution agreed to withdraw the motion at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Information on Brantford Home Builders' Association "Build Brantford 2008" Luncheon to be held Friday, March 28 at the Best Western Brant Park Inn.

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2. Invitation to enter team in Charity Bonspiel to support the "Dream Tree Campaign" on Thursday, April 10 at the Brantford Golf and Country Club. It was suggested that staff should be given an opportunity to enter a team in this bonspiel.
3. Invitation to attend meeting on Friday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. at the Delhi Hungarian Hall, 71 King Street, Delhi to receive a proposal that Brant, Norfolk, Oxford, Elgin and Middlesex officials have developed to seek assistance from the Province to address the decline in the agricultural sector.
3. Councillors Wheat and Chambers noted that over 14,000 children took part in programs at County libraries last year, which is more than the number of children involved in all sports programs combined. This participation is due in part to the additional funding provided by Council over the past number of years to support library resources and programs.

In Camera at 10:05 p.m. to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, on motion of Councillors Powell and Wheat.

This portion of the minutes is recorded in the In Camera – Confidential Brant County Council minutes dated February 19, 2008.

Open Session at 10:35 p.m., on motion of Councillors Coleman and Wheat.

BRANT COUNTY POWER INC. – AUDIT SERVICES

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That Brant County Power Inc. and Brant County Power Services Inc. be granted permission to obtain multi-year proposals for auditor's services effective for the 2008 financial year;

That the Boards of Directors of Brant County Power Inc. and Brant County Power Services Inc. approve the evaluation criteria and process to be used in the Request for Proposal prior to the issuance of the Request and these criteria be disclosed in the proposal call documents;

And that a report on the results of this proposal call be presented to Brant County Council, in order that Council, as the Shareholder, can appoint auditors for Brant County Power Inc. and Brant County Power Services Inc. in accordance with Section 7.3.4 of the Shareholder Declarations.

	<u>Recorded Vote</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Gatward	1	
Mayor Eddy	1	
Councillor Wheat	1	
Councillor Schmitt	1	
Councillor Simons	1	
Councillor Haggart		1
Councillor Powell	1	

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Atfield		1
Councillor Chambers	1	
Councillor Hodge		Absent
Councillor Coleman	<u>1</u>	
. Carried	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>

BY-LAWS

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
 Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the following by-laws be now read a first time:

- By-law Number 28-08 to authorize execution of an Addendum to the Funding Agreement under Round 1 of the Ontario Small Town and Rural (OSTAR) Development Infrastructure Initiative.
- By-law Number 29-08 to repeal By-law Number 16-07 amending By-law 110-01 for property located in Part of Lots 2 and 3, geographic Township of South Dumfries (Morton, 452 West River Road).
- By-law Number 30-08 to authorize the execution of an agreement with Brant County Power Services Inc. for the provision of meter reading, billing and collection services for water and sewer utility charges.
- By-law Number 31-08 to authorize the sale of residential property being Part of Lot 13, Plan 445, designated as Part 1, 2R-6949 known as 545 Burtch Road, County of Brant to George Walter Schmidt, or as he may direct.
- By-law Number 32-08 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
 Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the following by-laws be now read a second time and all clauses and preamble be adopted:

- By-law Number 28-08 to authorize execution of an Addendum to the Funding Agreement under Round 1 of the Ontario Small Town and Rural (OSTAR) Development Infrastructure Initiative.
- By-law Number 29-08 to repeal By-law Number 16-07 amending By-law 110-01 for property located in Part of Lots 2 and 3, geographic Township of South Dumfries (Morton, 452 West River Road).
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. Carried

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Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the following by-laws be now read a third time, passed, signed and sealed:

- By-law Number 28-08 to authorize execution of an Addendum to the Funding Agreement under Round 1 of the Ontario Small Town and Rural (OSTAR) Development Infrastructure Initiative.
- By-law Number 29-08 to repeal By-law Number 16-07 amending By-law 110-01 for property located in Part of Lots 2 and 3, geographic Township of South Dumfries (Morton, 452 West River Road).
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. Carried

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m. to meet again on **Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, Paris.

Mayor

Date Minutes Approved

Clerk