

COUNTY OF BRANT COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chambers, Paris
Tuesday, November 4, 2008
7:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Haggart

Staff: Fiebig, Glassford, Compeau, Johnston, Underwood, Bell, Lasko, Atkinson, Wamstecker and Carman.

Mayor Eddy in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the Brant County Council agenda and addendum for the November 4, 2008 meeting be approved as distributed.

. Carried

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS**Final Draft Transportation Master Plan**

Don Drackley, IBI Group, provided an overview of the Final Draft Transportation Master Plan, noting that it is a comprehensive strategic plan that will provide a direction for municipal transportation priorities for the next 20 – 25 years. This multi-modal plan covers roads, trucks, transit, cycling and walking, and satisfies Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class EA process. Mr. Drackley noted that this plan is dynamic and flexible in order to meet the needs of the County of Brant. He outlined the definition and purpose of the Transportation Master Plan, noting that the contents of the Plan are based on the trip-making relationship from homes to work and school, shopping and other purposes. Mr. Drackley reviewed current commuter travel patterns, commercial goods movement, public transit, walking trails, rail and air transportation, and growth area trips forecasts for the next 25 years. He explained the key issues identified by the public as a result of the various public consultation venues, and provided information on the truck route study undertaken in 2004.

Mr. Drackley advised that three strategic transportation alternatives were identified during this study:

- Status Quo – no transportation network changes, which would lead to traffic congestion and delays on key corridors, and reduced transportation levels of service – this alternative is not recommended
- Enhanced Basic Mobility – roadway capacity enhancements are implemented as required, which support increased auto use – however, this alternative does not improve the transportation choices – this alternative is recommended as a basic requirement
- Towards Sustainability – involves more active transportation, selected transit service and travel demand management programs which will result in reduced air emissions, road congestion and fuel consumption – this alternative requires major behavioural changes and

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helps promote non-auto oriented lifestyles – although there will be additional costs for transit services, active transportation facilities and demand management programs, this is recommended as the preferred strategy

Mr. Drackley reviewed the recommendations of the Master Transportation Plan to be implemented over three phases, at a total cost of \$34 million over the next twenty-five years, as follows:

2008-2011

- review the Paris Area truck route study to reroute trucks around downtown Paris
- King Edward Street/Rest Acres Road intersection improvements and widening and Corridor Protection Class EA
- Class EA for Bishopsgate Road/Puttoun Road realignment
- review private operator provision of public transit service, including marketing to encourage use
- complete the master plan for the TH&B trail

2011-2021

- implement truck route by-law
- widen Rest Acres Road between Highway 2 and Highway 403
- construct one lane per direction of the Bishopsgate/Puttoun Road realignment
- monitor transit ridership
- staged construction of the TH&B trail
- monitor traffic growth in the SW Brantford area and the impacts on County roads
- monitor traffic growth on Powerline Road

2021-2031

- construct new Bishopsgate Road/Highway 403 interchange
- widen Highway 24 from Highway 403 to Bethel Road to accommodate employment growth
- widen Bishopsgate Road to four lanes from Highway 2 to Highway 403

In addition, Mr. Drackley reviewed various Transportation planning recommendations and guidelines, including a change to the road classification system, establishment of a Trucking Advisory Committee, and use of a private operator transit service with support from the County and City for advertising and marketing.

Ella Haley distributed a copy of a report entitled “The Big Move”, regarding the master transportation plan for the GTA, as well as a copy of the City of Hamilton’s cycling transportation map. Ms. Haley noted that a petition had been signed by a number of residents in the Brant East area requesting another public meeting to provide input on the Master Transportation Plan. She noted her concerns on how this Plan relates to the County’s Official Plan, Highway 424, expansion of the greenbelt and the First Urban proposals for development in Brant East. She wants more emphasis on public transit and suggested that there should be a GO bus to serve the students at Mohawk College and Laurier University, as well as public transit between Cambridge and Brantford. Ms. Haley noted that the local cycling committee is interested in providing input into the County’s Master Transportation Plan, as they want all road reconstruction to include a wider shoulder to provide bike lanes for cyclists.

Archie McLarty of Jerseyville Road advised that the County’s Master Transportation Plan report was thorough and understandable. However, he noted that the report was lacking on the various types of transportation possibilities and that there was very little in the report related to

the Cainsville area, considering the rumours about residential and industrial development and the proposed Highway 424 in this area. These issues need further discussion, but the Plan is a good first step.

Murray MacDonald of Blossom Avenue noted his concern that the Master Transportation Plan does not include more recommendations for active transportation regarding cycling and walking. He suggested that the report should include a means for cyclists to use the roadways safely to travel to work and commerce, be it through bikeways or bike lanes. Rail trails can be used for recreation, but in most cases they do not lead to work destinations. Promoting walking and cycling reduces traffic, is good for the environment and improves health. Mr. MacDonald questioned the impact the proposed land transfer to the City and the potential development in Brant East have on this Plan.

Revised Program and Cost Estimate for the Twin Pad Arena

Andrew Frontini, Shore Tilbe Irwin & Partners, presented the latest schematic design for the Twin Pad Arena project that was developed as a result of recommendations from the public input and review of the Cost C estimate. He reviewed the site plan for the twin pad arena, noting that 215 parking spaces have been provided. He also reviewed the floor plans for the players' lower level and the upper spectators' level, noting the inclusion of a 2,745 sq.ft. community room as requested by the public. The two multi-purpose rooms have also been increased to 754 sq.ft. each to be more serviceable as community meeting rooms. Mr. Frontini outlined revisions to the Class C costing dated October 30, 2008, which includes the community room and results in total estimated hard construction costs of \$19,925,000.

Phil McColeman, M.P. for Brant Riding

Mayor Eddy introduced Phil McColeman, the newly elected M.P. for Brant Riding. Mr. McColeman noted that he is a strong supporter of the County having an updated arena facility.

The Council recessed at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

Revised Program and Cost Estimate for the Twin Pad Arena

Michael Hogan expressed his concern with Council proceeding with working drawings for the twin pad arena because of the downturn in the economy and the tough times ahead. He questioned the increase in costs since the public meeting in September, the cost for preparing the working drawings, and the cost and R-value of the glass curtain wall compared to a cheaper insulated masonry wall.

In response, Andrew Frontini advised that there would be a savings of approximately \$200,000 if all the glass were replaced with masonry. The costs for the lower R-value of the glass are offset by lower lighting costs. The glass helps to create an attractive facility with lots of natural light.

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MINUTES

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the minutes of the October 15, 21 and 23, 2008 meetings of Brant County Council be adopted, copies having been forwarded to the members prior to the meeting.

.Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Information from Jim Steele regarding physicians who have left Brant County/Brantford over the past five years

CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the following Consent Information Report items be received:

1. Decisions from the October 23, 2008 Committee of Adjustment meeting.
2. Lake Erie Source Protection Update for 2008.

And that the following Consent Communications items be received:

1. AMO Member Communications:
 - a. Province Delivers Fall Economic Statement
 - b. Building Canada Fund – Communities Component Deadline
 - c. Ontario proposes ban on cell phones while driving
 - d. Notice of launch of new website on October 27, 2008
 - e. Minister Launches Review of Blue Box Program and Waste Diversion Act
 - f. LAS Municipal Energy Management Benchmarking Project
 - g. LAS Elected Officials Group Benefits Plan
2. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – notice that Official Plan Amendment No. 14 for 72 Capron Street, Paris has been approved.
3. Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration – Information on Volunteer Recognition programs for 2009.
4. Ministry of the Environment – Notice that clarifications to the Noise Guidelines for Wind Farms have been posted on the Environmental Registry on October 17 for a 30-day comment period
5. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – October 2008 “Update” newsletter.
6. HealthForceOntario – notice that Jill Cappa has been appointed as the Partnership Coordinator to work with the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN to assist with physician recruitment and retention.
7. Union Gas – notice of application filing with the Ontario Energy Board for an increase in their delivery rates.
8. Notice of Call for applications for First Wave of Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics (none in the Niagara Hamilton Haldimand Brant LHIN).
9. Notice of Public Information Centres for Phase 3 and 4 – Municipal Class EA for the new East-West Corridor and Waterdown Road Corridor.
10. Ontario Power Generation – 2008 Semi-Annual Performance Report.

11. Request from the Ontario Federation of Labour to declare November 6 as "Community Social Service Workers Appreciation Day".
12. Grand River Community Health Centre – Update 3 for October 2008.
13. Thank you from Terry Stortz, Zoning Administrator, for fruit basket while in hospital.
14. Minutes of Meetings:
 - a. County of Brant Public Library Board – September 9, 2008.
 - b. Committee of Adjustment – September 25, 2008.
 - c. City of Brantford Environmental Policy Advisory Committee - October 16.
 - d. Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee – September 4, 2008.
 - e. Brant County Power Services Inc. – August 18 and September 24, 2008.
15. Notice of public review period for the Transportation Environmental Study Report and Preliminary Design Report for the Highway 24 Rehabilitation and Whitemans Creek Bridge Replacement.
16. Hon. Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Release of the Provincial Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review and various Fact Sheets.

. Carried

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councillor Wheat presented the following report from the October 28, 2008 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee, it being agreed that Recommendations 5 and 6 would be dealt with separately:

1. That the minutes of and the recommendations brought forward by the Syl Apps Community Centre Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee be submitted directly to County of Brant Council;

And that the Terms of Reference for the Syl Apps Community Centre Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee be amended to reflect the change in reporting protocol.

2. That subject to the required funds being raised by the Brant West Parks and Recreation Committee, to entirely finance the construction of an outdoor ice rink, via donations received from individuals, service clubs, church groups, etc., that approval, in principle, be granted by County of Brant Council to commence the construction of an outdoor ice skating rink at the Burford Community Centre.
3. That County legal staff be directed to review the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and provide an interpretation with respect to the formation of a video surveillance program policy in the County of Brant;

And that the results of said review, interpretation and formation of policy be applied to the implementation of a video surveillance program in the County of Brant.

4. That the issues identified with respect to the operation of drop in fitness programs, as outlined in Staff Report PR-08-53, be referred to 2009 Budget discussions.
5. Whereas the Leash Free Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee has met all the mandates of the committee;

And whereas the most suitable location for the Dog Park in Paris is at Green Lane Park;

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And whereas the Paris Association of Dog Owners have addressed the maintenance and operation of the facility;

Be it hereby resolved that a Leash-free Dog Park be constructed at Green Lane Park;

And that the County of Brant enter into a partnership agreement with the Paris Association of Dog-owners (PAD) to construct and maintain the Leash-free Dog Park;

And that a one-time amount of \$10,200 be included in the 2009 budget to provide seed money for the project.

And that the Ad Hoc Committee be disbanded as the identified mandate has been completed.

6. Whereas the Paris Community Pool has reached its projected lifecycle of fifty years;

And whereas during the 2008 Operating Season, the Paris Community Pool experienced operating and mechanical problems;

And whereas Public Health has advised the County of Brant that given the current operating and mechanical issues identified at the Paris Community Pool, the facility is unable to meet the requirements of the Ontario Public Pool Regulations;

And whereas the estimated cost to complete the remediation works identified in Staff Report PR-08-54 is \$650,000;

And whereas the estimated cost of \$650,000 does not include the necessary mechanical upgrades and works required to ensure compliance with the Ontario Building Code and / or the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act*;

And whereas there is no guarantee that the remediation works identified in Staff Report PR-08-54 will provide a long-term solution to the issues identified at the Paris Community Pool, nor will those works guarantee compliance with the Ontario Building Code and / or the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act*;

Be it hereby resolved that the operation of the Paris Community Pool cease, effective immediately.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat

Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That Recommendations 1 – 4 of the Parks and Recreation Committee report from its October 28, 2008 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Wheat

Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That Recommendation 5 of the Parks and Recreation Committee report from its October 28, 2008 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

Members of Council questioned if the Twin Pad Arena project should be opened up to include a pool. However, it was noted that this is only one option for the replacement of the pool. In response to a question, Andrew Frontini noted that the estimated cost of including a pool in the Twin Pad Arena project would be \$6 – 8 million.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That Recommendation 6 of the Parks and Recreation Committee report from its October 28, 2008 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That County of Brant staff be directed to explore various options for replacement of the Paris Community Pool.

. Carried

Councillor Wheat then presented the following report of the Parks and Recreation Committee from its special meeting held on November 3, 2008:

1. Whereas Parks and Recreation staff has conducted a thorough Service Review;

And whereas Parks and Recreation staff wants to ensure that the existing staff complement is being used most effectively and efficiently;

And whereas the Service Review, as presented, provides for an opportunity to build upon the department strengths and is an opportunity to review to ensure that operational demands are supported by the appropriate resources;

And whereas the Manager of Parks and Recreation has given notice of an upcoming retirement;

Be it hereby resolved that as a result of the impending vacancy, that staff proceed following the Human Resources Policy to recruit for the position of Parks and Facilities Manager.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the report of the Parks and Recreation Committee from its November 3, 2008 special meeting be adopted.

. Carried

In response to a question from Councillor Atfield, it was noted that training opportunities are available to staff who wish to advance to other positions within the County.

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TWIN PAD BUILDING COMMITTEE

Councillor Coleman presented the following report from the October 23, 2008 meeting of the Twin Pad Committee:

1. Whereas considerable interest has been expressed by members of the community with respect to the inclusion of a community room at the Twin Pad Arena;

And whereas the Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion, has advised that the inclusion of a community room in the design plan for the Twin Pad Arena would bode favourably with respect to the County's application under the Building Canada Fund;

Be it hereby resolved that a community room, measuring approximately 3,000 ft², be included in the Functional Program for the Twin Pad Arena project;

And that Shore Tilbe Irwin & Partners be directed to present costing and design information, with respect to the inclusion of a community room at the Twin Pad Arena, to County of Brant Council at the Council meeting scheduled for November 4, 2008.

2. Whereas there are feasible parking alternatives available for the Twin Pad Arena;

And whereas an estimated cost savings of \$560,000 could be realized;

That in an effort to facilitate cost savings, the third tier of parking for the Twin Pad Arena, as currently included in the draft design, be removed from the draft design.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman

Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the report of the Twin Pad Committee from its October 23, 2008 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Committee minutes of October 21, 2008 were received as information.

PLANNING ADVISORY

The Planning Advisory Committee minutes of October 21, 2008 were received as information.

CITY/COUNTY BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS

The City/County Boundary Negotiations Committee minutes of October 21, 2008 were received as information. Mayor Eddy and other members of Council noted their disappointment that the Expositor article on this meeting was not accurate.

STAFF REPORTS

Twin Pad Arena – Construction Cost Estimate Class ‘C’

In response to questions, Andrew Frontini of Shore Tilbe Irwin and Partners advised that there are economies of scale that can be achieved if the pool is built at the same time as the arena or immediately following the completion of the arena. However, it is important to review all options for replacement of the pool which may take some time. He suggested that it would be preferable to separate the two projects and to proceed with the twin pad arena only at this time.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

Whereas the Council of the County of Brant approved in principal the Twin Pad Arena Schematic Design on July 22, 2008, subject to the Public Consultation phase;

And whereas a Public Meeting was held on September 4, 2008 and all the comments from that meeting and written submissions were reviewed by the Twin Pad Building Committee on October 23, 2008;

Be it hereby resolved that the revised Schematic Design presented to Council on November 4, 2008 by Shore Tilbe Irwin & Partners be approved to proceed to working drawings and tender specifications for the Twin Pad Arena, including a community room, at an estimated construction cost of \$22,515,433.

. Carried

2009 Committee Appointments

Members of Council discussed changes required to the Committee appointment by-law for 2009. It was also agreed that there was no need at this time to create a separate Ambulance Committee to discuss ambulance matters, and that the current structure that includes Ambulance matters in the Emergency Services Committee would remain in place.

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the following amendments be made to By-law Number 233-07 to appoint members of Council to Committees and Boards:

Section 2

1. That the John Noble Home be deleted.
2. That the appointments to the City Social Services Committee be amended to remove Councillor Powell and to add Councillors Chambers, Wheat and Coleman.
2. That the City/County Liaison Committee be added, with the County appointees to be Mayor Eddy, Councillors Haggart and Gatward.

Section 3

1. That the Brant Community Social Planning Council be deleted.
2. That Councillor Chambers be removed as an appointee to the County of Brant Public Library Board, and that Councillor Powell be added as an appointee in his place.
3. That Councillor Powell be removed as the appointee to the Paris Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and that Councillor Simons be added in his place.

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4. That the following appointments be added to reflect appointments that have been made during 2008:
- Brant Waterways – Mayor Eddy
 - Brant West Recreation Advisory – Councillor Hodge
 - Code of Conduct – Councillors Atfield, Chambers and Coleman (Councillor Gatward as alternate)
 - Physician Recruitment – Councillor Powell
 - Sanderson Centre – Councillor Powell
 - SCOR – Mayor Eddy
 - Lake Erie Source Water Protection – Councillor Haggart
 - South Dumfries Community Centre Building – Mayor Eddy, Councillors Wheat, Chambers and Atfield
 - Syl Apps Community Centre Repositioning – Mayor Eddy, Councillors Haggart, Simons, Atfield and Powell
 - Twin Pad Building – Mayor Eddy, Councillors Coleman, Schmitt and Powell
 - Twin Pad Fundraising – Mayor Eddy, Councillors Coleman, Schmitt and Powell

That Councillor Simons be appointed as the County of Brant representative to the City of Brantford Multi-Use Trail and Bikeway Advisory Committee for the term ending November 30, 2010;

And that Brock Murray be appointed to the Paris Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

. Carried

It was agreed that the Paris Councillors would discuss a change in appointment to the Paris Chamber of Commerce, as Councillor Haggart is unable to attend their noon meetings. The request from the City of Brantford for an appointment to the Bell Homestead Committee to replace Joy Rayner who is moving out of the area will be considered at the November 18 Council meeting.

INFORMATION REPORTS

1. AMO Alert – Report of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Notice that the CRTC has launched a consultation process on a request from TELUS Communications Company for relief from the requirements of the regulatory framework related to the expansion of local calling areas. **It was agreed that this matter would be tabled to the next meeting of Council to allow for input by Bruce Noble.**

QUESTIONS

1. In response to a question from Councillor Simons, the Director of Development Services advised that a report on the riverbank sign matter and the draft operational agreement with the Brant Cultural Centre would be presented at the November 10 Corporate Development Committee meeting.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC MEETING – MASTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

Whereas the County of Brant has received a petition signed by fifty-nine people requesting another public meeting on the County of Brant Final Draft Master Transportation Plan;

And whereas one public meeting was held on June 25, 2008 and there has been ample opportunity for the public to ask questions and submit comments on the Plan;

Be it hereby resolved that the request for another public meeting on the County of Brant Final Draft Master Transportation Plan be denied.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Chambers

That the Final Draft Transportation Master Plan for the County of Brant be received;

And that all comments and public input received be referred to Public Works staff for consideration and preparation of a by-law to approve the Final County of Brant Transportation Master Plan.

. Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Eddy announced appointment of Mark Urbanski as C.A.O. of the County of Brant effective December 8, 2008. He also noted that this would be the last Council meeting that C.A.O. Rick Fiebig would be attending, as his last day of work is November 6. Mayor Eddy and other members of Council thanked Mr. Fiebig for his service to the municipality over the past eight years. Mr. Fiebig remarked on his municipal career that has spanned thirty-three years, and noted the hard work of County of Brant elected officials and staff for the betterment of our community.
2. In response to a question, Mr. Fiebig noted that there was no further information at this time from the County Solicitor on the Mohawk Nation of the Ouse/Grand River claim.
3. Councillor Wheat gave notice that he wished to discuss a property acquisition matter during the In Camera session of the November 18 Council meeting.

BY-LAWS

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

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

- By-law Number 198-08 to approve an agreement with Ketchum Canada (2002) Inc. to manage the fundraising campaign for the Twin Pad Facility.

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- By-law Number 199-08 to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and repeal By-law Numbers 175-07 and 104-07.
- By-law Number 200-08 to amend By-law Number 239-07 to govern the proceedings of Council and Committees for the County of Brant.
- By-law Number 201-08 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

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

- By-law Number 198-08 to approve an agreement with Ketchum Canada (2002) Inc. to manage the fundraising campaign for the Twin Pad Facility.
- By-law Number 199-08 to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and repeal By-law Numbers 175-07 and 104-07.
- By-law Number 200-08 to amend By-law Number 239-07 to govern the proceedings of Council and Committees for the County of Brant.
- By-law Number 201-08 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

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

- By-law Number 198-08 to approve an agreement with Ketchum Canada (2002) Inc. to manage the fundraising campaign for the Twin Pad Facility.
- By-law Number 199-08 to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and repeal By-law Numbers 175-07 and 104-07.
- By-law Number 200-08 to amend By-law Number 239-07 to govern the proceedings of Council and Committees for the County of Brant.
- By-law Number 201-08 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. to meet again on **Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers.

Mayor

Date Minutes Approved

Clerk