

COUNTY OF BRANT COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chambers, Paris
 Tuesday, December 2, 2008
 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Compeau, Johnston, Underwood, Bell, Hayman, Forbes and Carman.

Mayor Eddy in the Chair.

PRESENTATION OF FIREFIGHTER LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Mayor Eddy and Deputy Fire Chief Geoff Hayman presented the following County of Brant volunteer firefighters with awards and certificates in recognition of them receiving Exemplary Service Medals and Provincial Long Service Medals and Service Bars (firefighters marked with an * were unable to attend the meeting):

20 Year Exemplary Medal

Michael Beven (also received 30 year exemplary service bar)
 Dean Featherston *
 Michael MacCormack
 Keith Matheson *
 Keith Merritt * (also to receive 30 year exemplary service bar and 30 year Provincial long service bar)
 Laurence Stratford
 Michael Symons *

30 Year Exemplary Service Bar

Murray Corke * (also to receive 30 year Provincial long service bar)
 John Couperus * (also to receive 30 year Provincial long service bar)
 Richard Harrington * (also to receive 30 year Provincial long service bar)
 Ross Ilett
 Gord Parkinson (also received 30 year Provincial long service bar)
 James Rosebrugh
 Rick Shannon (also received 30 year Provincial long service bar)
 Michael Smith * (also to receive 30 year Provincial long service bar)
 Robert Valade (also received 30 year Provincial long service bar)

40 Year Exemplary Bar

Dennis Green (also received 40 year Provincial long service bar)
 William Green * (also to receive 40 year Provincial long service bar)

25 Year Provincial Long Service Medal

Abe Delange *
 Larry Marr
 Tim Nesbitt
 Brian Loveless
 James Huggins, Jr.

30 Year Provincial Long Service Bar

Dennis Callan *

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35 Year Provincial Long Service Bar

Paul Partridge
John Ilett
John Wheat
Darrell Rutherford
Paul McConkey
Robert Hunter
William Smith

Mayor Eddy thanked the volunteer firefighters for their service to the community and noted the important role they play. Councillor Hodge recognized the dedication and commitment of volunteer firefighters to make our community a safer place to live. Councillor Wheat pointed out the involvement of firefighters in activities within their communities.

The meeting recessed at 6:30 p.m. for a reception and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Eddy welcomed members of Council to the first meeting of the third year of this Council's term, noting several major projects that Council has been involved in during the past two years. He pointed out that Council has many projects to complete in the final two years of its term, including the Twin Pad Community Complex, a new Police Services Building, completion of the Official Plan Update, and determining options for replacement of the Paris Pool and future uses for the Syl Apps Community Centre. Mayor Eddy noted that the public has an opportunity to provide input on the County's various endeavours, and stressed the importance of Council working together as a team to represent the residents of the municipality.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the Brant County Council agenda and addendum for the December 2, 2008 meeting be approved as distributed, with an addition under "Other Business" regarding Santa Claus parades.

. Carried

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS

Paris Lawn Bowling Club

Mary Parkhill, on behalf of the Paris Lawn Bowling Club, pointed out that the Lawn Bowling Club has been serving Paris and the surrounding area for 125 years. In addition, the facility is utilized by seniors for euchre and bridge on Friday evenings. The Club hosted five tournaments in 2008, and with all activities included, over 2,100 people have used the facility over the past year. Miss Parkhill questioned some of the costs noted in the Property Management Strategy for the Paris Lawn Bowling Club as it relates to property taxes, ground maintenance and parking lot repairs. She outlined various ways the members of the Paris Lawn Bowling Club have helped to maintain the indoor and outdoor premises over the years and made suggestions on how the members can assist with some of the proposed upgrades. The Club had proposed improvements to the kitchen area as a 2009 project, but this project has

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been put on hold until the Property Management Strategy recommendations have been addressed. Miss Parkhill advised that the Paris Lawn Bowling Club was willing to cooperate with the County to help maintain the property in a cost effective manner, but the Club cannot take over the complete ownership of the facility. She pointed out that there are a few trees on the property that require attention due to their condition.

Brant Community Foundation – Update

Dr. Robert Farley, Chair, advised that after ten years of operation, the Brant Community Foundation has assets of approximately \$6 million, with over \$1 million being given to charitable organizations throughout the community. The Brant Community Foundation is one of 170 Community Foundations across Canada.

Joanne Lewis, Executive Director, explained that donations to the Brant Community Foundation are invested and the investment income is used to make grants to various organizations in the City and County for a variety of uses to help make the community a better place to live. She outlined this history of the Blacker Benevolent Fund and how this endowment has benefited the community over the years.

Sign on Bank of Grand River

The Clerk advised that Marilyn McCulloch would be making a presentation to the December Corporate Development Committee meeting regarding the Brant Cultural Centre sign located on the east bank of the Grand River in downtown Paris.

MINUTES

Moved by – Councillor Simmons
Seconded by – Councillor Haggart

That the minutes of the November 18, 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 Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Chambers

Whereas the Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC) members' regular term on the Committee is two (2) years;

And whereas the County's Health and Safety Policies and Procedures state Council will appoint the management members, and that the management Co-Chair will be appointed by Council;

Be it hereby resolved that Wayne Carmichael, Lesley Atkinson and Kris McAllister be appointed as management members of the Joint Health and Safety Committee, and that Lesley Atkinson be appointed as the Management Co-Chair.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the following Information Reports be received:

1. Staff Appointments – September to November 2008 – report from Cindy Edwards, Human Resources Advisor
2. Social Services Committee minutes – October 22, 2008
3. Brant County Power Inc.:
 - a. Important information about electricity costs
 - b. Media release re: seasonal LED light exchange
4. County of Brant Police Services Board – minutes of November 19 meeting;

And that the following Consent Communications items be received:

1. AMO Member Communications:
 - a. Municipal Support of Climate Station Data needed
 - b. Municipal collection of Federal payments in lieu of taxes – FCM update
 - c. Issuing of 2009 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocation Notices
 - d. Government Releases Draft Information and Communications Standard for the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.
 - e. AMO requests extension on the Public Review period for the Information and Communications Standard
 - f. AMO-Ontario First Joint Annual MOU Statement
2. Ministers of Finance and Municipal Affairs and Housing – information on impact of recommendations on the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).
3. Hon. Jim Bradley, Minister of Transportation, re: extension of analysis area for the Brantford to Cambridge Transportation Corridor Study to include the Trussler Road corridor between Highways 403 and 401.
4. Copy of letter to M.P.P. Dave Levac from Nancy Mudrinic, Director of Infrastructure Policy and Planning Division re: funding for renewal of Highway 54. **In response to a question, the Director of Public Works advised that the County has received funding of \$3.48 million for Highway 54, \$2.95 million that has been allocated for additional road and bridge work in 2008, and an additional \$1.1 million for infrastructure that has yet to be allocated.**
5. Craig Ashbaugh, Chair, Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee – Position on Compensation. **Councillor Haggart reported that the Source Protection Committee has not taken a position on compensation, as it is premature until the risks and threats in vulnerable source protection areas are identified and the policies have been developed.**
6. Debbie Zimmerman, Chair, MPAC – Update on MPAC activities.
7. FCM – Auto Sector Solution could benefit local economies.
8. County of Oxford – Notice of public meeting on OP Amendments to comply with Provincial Policy Statement.
9. Ministry of Tourism – Tourism Investment brochure.
10. John and Margo Pacsuta – copy of letter to 403/401 Transportation Corridor Team regarding the proposed route that is near Harrisburg.
11. Stewardship Ontario – cheque for \$11,203.88, representing County's share of money available to support the transition of LCBO beverage containers from the Blue Box to the Ontario Government's deposit return program.
12. Media Release from Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre (Brantford) on receipt of Cockshutt Collection.
13. LAS Natural Gas Program – County's share of the reserve fund surplus (\$8,823.19).

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14. Wilfrid Laurier University – Thank you for support in 2007 and copy of Laurier Campus Summer 2008 magazine and Fall Update newsletter.
15. MPAC News for Fall 2008
16. *GRCA Minutes* – November newsletter.
17. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – November Update newsletter.
18. Minutes of Meetings:
 - a. Brant County Board of Health – October 16, 2008.
 - b. Committee of Adjustment – October 23, 2008.
 - c. Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee – October 16, 2008.

. Carried

Municipal Cultural Planning Partnership

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the information on the Municipal Cultural Planning Partnership be referred to the Brant Cultural Centre for their information.

. Carried

2010 Olympic Torch Relay

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the information on the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay be referred to Parks and Recreation staff for consideration.

. Carried

Kathryn Underwood, Director of Community Services, advised that Parks and Recreation staff have been liaising with City of Brantford staff on this Relay. Although the relay passes through the City and the County, the County has not been selected as a celebration site. Further information on the Relay will be provided to the Parks and Recreation Committee once it becomes available.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councillor Schmitt presented the following report from the November 25, 2008 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee:

1. That no access be permitted from the St. George Cemetery to private property.

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the report of the Parks and Recreation Committee from its November 25, 2008 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councillor Schmitt presented the following report from the November 25, 2008 meeting of the Emergency Services Committee:

1. That the tender for construction of the Tranquility Ambulance Station be awarded to Abcott Construction, being the lowest qualified bidder, at a price of \$742,547, excluding GST, with the County share being \$132,916.
2. That the draft Ambulance Services Operating and Capital Budgets, as may be amended, be received and forwarded to Committee of the Whole.

3. Whereas the retirement of the Captain of Station No. 1 – Paris has created a vacancy;

Be it hereby resolved that Michael MacCormack be appointed as a Captain at Station No. 1 – Paris, for a one year probationary period.

4. Whereas the Emergency Services Committee requested staff to develop a policy to govern future appointments of Volunteer Fire Department District Chiefs;

Be it hereby resolved the following policy be adopted as follows;

“The recruitment and selection team for the position of volunteer District Chief shall include the Fire Chief, a volunteer District Chief from an alternate Fire Hall, the Director of Community Services, and the Human Resources Advisor. The recruitment and selection process shall follow the County of Brant volunteer recruitment practices, appropriate for the position of volunteer District Chief, to ensure the recommended person for appointment to the position meets the qualifications as outlined in the volunteer Job Description”.

5. That the draft Community Services Operating and Capital Budgets, as may be amended, be received and forwarded to Committee of the Whole.

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the report of the Emergency Services Committee from its November 25, 2008 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

It was noted that the City/County cost sharing percentages should be corrected in the November 25 minutes to read “72.1% City and 27.9% County”. In response to a question, Councillor Wheat advised that the agreement with the City of Brantford for the provision of fire services for a portion of the Tranquility Fire Station service area is being finalized by City of Brantford Legal staff.

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TWIN PAD COMPLEX

Councillor Coleman presented the following report from the November 21, 2008 meeting of the Twin Pad Building Committee, it being agreed that Recommendation 1 would be dealt with separately:

1. That in an effort to provide an interim name for the proposed twin pad facility and until such time as the facility is formally named, the term "County of Brant Twin Pad Complex" shall be utilized in all official project correspondence, fundraising initiatives, literature, etc.
2. That the County of Brant Twin Pad Complex Gift Acceptance Policy be adopted.
3. That the 2009 Fundraising Operating Budget for the County of Brant Twin Pad Complex, as prepared by Ketchum Canada Inc., be approved.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That Recommendations 2 and 3 of the Twin Pad Building Committee report from its November 21, 2008 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That Recommendation 1 of the Twin Pad Building Committee report from its November 21, 2008 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

In response to a question from Councillor Haggart regarding the design/build process for the Twin Pad Complex proposed by Giffels, Councillor Coleman advised that the Twin Pad Building Committee had met prior to the Council meeting, and staff have been directed to prepare a report on the various options for proceeding with the construction of the complex.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT – JOHN NOBLE HOME

Councillor Wheat presented the following report from the November 27, 2008 meeting of the Committee of Management, John Noble Home:

1. That the tender of Zet Master to replace flooring in the Wilson and Costain Units of the John Noble Home in the total amount of \$229,500.00, plus GST, be approved;

And that the City of Brantford and County of Brant be authorized to execute the Standard Stipulated Price Contract for this tender, as per the bidding requirements.

2. That the contract negotiated between the International Union of Operating Engineers (I.U.O.E.) and the John Noble Home to be effective January 1, 2009 for a three-year term be approved.

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Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the report of the Committee of Management – John Noble Home from its November 27, 2008 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

In response to a question, Councillor Wheat updated Council on a meeting held with Dan Tempriale and Eleanor Maslin to resolve the outstanding issues on the new governance structure for the John Noble Home Committee of Management, noting that this new structure is to be reviewed after one year of operation.

STAFF REPORTS

2009 Proposed Council/Committee Meeting Schedule

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the proposed schedule of Council and Committee meetings for 2009 be approved.

. Carried

Appointment By-law – John Noble Home Committee of Management and Brant and Brantford Housing Corporation

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That By-law Number 204-08 be amended to include the Committee of Management, John Noble Home and the Brant and Brantford Municipal Housing Corporation as separate Committees;

And that the County representatives to these two Committees be the County representatives on the Social Services Committee; namely Councillors Wheat, Chambers, Coleman and Gatward.

. Carried

In response to a question, the Clerk advised that it was her understanding that a report would be presented at the January Committee of Management meeting to delegate additional responsibilities/signing authority to the Home Administrator.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Edward Williams, Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 605 – request that the County not make any decision on the St. George Memorial Hall until the Legion has had an opportunity to provide input – **Received as information**

A suggestion was made that the Veteran's plaques displayed at the St. George Memorial Hall should be moved to another public location within St. George (e.g. library, Legion Branch, etc.)

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2. Gerry and Nel Hart, 78 Pauline Johnson Road – request for repairs and paving of Pauline Johnson Road

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the letter from Gerry and Nel Hart, 78 Pauline Johnson Road, requesting repairs and paving of Pauline Johnson Road be referred to the Public Works Committee for consideration.

. Carried

3. Lance Calbeck, President, Brant Waterways Foundation – request for decision on development of TH&B trail from the City of Brantford boundary to the boundary with Norfolk County

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the letter from the Brant Waterways Foundation dated November 14, 2008 regarding the development of the TH&B rail line be referred to Community Services staff to arrange a meeting with Waterways representatives to obtain further information and discuss the details of this project and the contributions required of the County.

. Carried

It was noted that concerns have been raised about the condition of the trestles and drainage, as well as the costs for future maintenance of this trail.

4. Ken Burns, Giffels, re: Design-Build concept for the Twin Pad Arena

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the letter from Ken Burns, Giffels, regarding a design/build concept for the Twin Pad Arena, be received as information, it being noted that the Twin Pad Building Committee will be reviewing various options for the construction of the building.

. Carried

5. Chief William Montour, Six Nations Council re: request for consultation on County Official Plan

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the County of Brant forward a letter to Six Nations Elected Chief William Montour, in response to his letter dated November 7, 2008, under the Mayor's signature, advising that the County of Brant recognizes their issues with the Official Plan review consultation process;

And further that Chief Montour be advised that the County of Brant will keep the Six Nations Elected Council informed as the Official Plan Review process continues, in accordance with the consultation requirements of the Ontario Planning Act.

. Carried

6. **Paris Lions Club re: closure of Paris Pool – Referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee for consideration, and representatives of the Paris Lions Club are to be requested to appear as a delegation on this matter.**
7. **Michael Hogan re: Twin Pad Arena – It was noted that Mr. Hogan will be making a presentation on this matter at the January 20 meeting of Council.**

QUESTIONS

1. In response to a question, it was noted that the request from the Paris Block Parents for signs is being reviewed by County staff.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Information on OGRA/ROMA 2009 Conference
2. Report of the OGRA Nominating Committee.
3. Dates for Official Plan Submission Review Meetings:

Monday, December 15	Urban Settlement Boundaries
Wednesday, January 7	Site Specific
Monday, January 19	Estate Residential
Monday, January 26	Estate Residential
Wednesday, February 4	Miscellaneous and late submissions
4. It was noted that Santa Claus parades will take place in the following communities:
 - Paris – December 6
 - St. George – December 13 at 6 p.m.
 - Burford – December 13 at 5 p.m.
5. Property Management Strategy

Mayor Eddy proposed that a Sub-committee be formed to review the recommendations made in the Property Management Strategy, to be comprised of one member of Council from each area. It was noted that the Property Management Strategy had originally been considered by the Corporate Development Committee, with the recommendations to be considered as part of the 2009 budget deliberations by the appropriate Standing Committee. The County has been receiving input from some of the groups involved with the buildings identified in the Property Management Strategy report. However, there appears to be misunderstandings in the community about the process for consideration of the report and the timing for closure of buildings. It was agreed that staff would prepare a report for the consideration of the Corporate Development Committee clarifying the process for consideration of the recommendations contained in the Property Management Strategy.

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In Camera at 8:55 p.m. to discuss property negotiations, on motion of Councillors Gatward and Coleman.

This portion of the meeting is recorded in the In Camera – Confidential Brant County Council minutes dated December 2, 2008.

Open Session at 8:58 p.m., on motion of Councillors Coleman and Gatward.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION - NEWPORT/RIVER ROAD PROPERTIES

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the acquisition of the properties at 82 Newport Road and 82 River Road be approved, according to the terms as outlined in the Grant Agreement between the County of Brant and the Province of Ontario and the Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the County of Brant and the property owners;

And further that the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the properties at 82 Newport Road and 82 River Road, in the County of Brant, and any other documents required in the opinion of the County Solicitor to complete the transaction.

. Carried

BY-LAWS

Moved by – Councillor Powell
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

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

- By-law Number 207-08 to amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 to implement a Community Safety Zone on Broadway Street East and Broadway Street West.
- By-law Number 208-08 to authorize execution of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for properties located at 82 Newport Road and 82 River Road, geographic Township of Brantford.
- By-law Number 209-08 to authorize a lease agreement with Meredith L. Ireland for the Ambulance Station located at 38 Charing Cross Street, Brantford.
- By-law Number 210-08 to amend By-law Number 204-08 to appoint Members of Council to Committees and Boards.
- By-law Number 211-08 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Powell
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

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

- By-law Number 207-08 to amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 to implement a Community Safety Zone on Broadway Street East and Broadway Street West.

- By-law Number 208-08 to authorize execution of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for properties located at 82 Newport Road and 82 River Road, geographic Township of Brantford.
- By-law Number 209-08 to authorize a lease agreement with Meredith L. Ireland for the Ambulance Station located at 38 Charing Cross Street, Brantford.
- By-law Number 210-08 to amend By-law Number 204-08 to appoint Members of Council to Committees and Boards.
- By-law Number 211-08 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Powell
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

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

- By-law Number 207-08 to amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 to implement a Community Safety Zone on Broadway Street East and Broadway Street West.
- By-law Number 208-08 to authorize execution of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for properties located at 82 Newport Road and 82 River Road, geographic Township of Brantford.
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- By-law Number 210-08 to amend By-law Number 204-08 to appoint Members of Council to Committees and Boards.
- By-law Number 211-08 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to meet again on **Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers.

Mayor

Date Minutes Approved

Clerk