

COUNTY OF BRANT COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chambers, Paris
 Tuesday, March 3, 2009
 6:35 p.m.

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

Staff: Urbanski, Glassford, Compeau, Johnston, Underwood, Bell, Ballantyne and Carman.

Mayor Eddy in the Chair.

FERGUS/PARIS FIRST IMPRESSIONS PROGRAM

Shawna Stonehouse of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food briefly outlined the main purpose of the First Impressions Program between like communities to provide objective suggestions for improvements based on experiences and best practices.

Julia Tyndale-Biscoe, Executive Director and Mike Cavanaugh, Member, of the Fergus BIA, made a Power Point presentation indicating the remarkable characteristics of Paris, including the vibrant downtown with a variety of businesses, historical buildings, good parking areas, parks, etc. Their suggestions for improvement in the downtown area include the use of perpendicular signage, trees and more access to the river. Better gateway and directional signage to the downtown area would also be beneficial. It was noted that the Paris Committee will be making a presentation to the Fergus BIA on their "first impressions" of Fergus within the next week.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
 Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the Brant County Council agenda and addendum for the March 3, 2009 meeting be approved as distributed, with the following additions:

- Notice of motion on Earth Hour
- Deferral of Recommendation 14 of the Committee of the Whole – 2009 Budget report until after the consideration of Items 9(a), 13(a) and other financial matters
- Information on Walk-On Brant meeting

. Carried

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS**Challenge from Norfolk County**

Brian Geffros explained his involvement with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization, noting that the Haldimand-Norfolk organization has expanded to include Brantford/Brant County. Carrie Stratford, Resources Co-ordinator for Haldimand-Norfolk-Brant Big Brothers and Big Sisters, outlined the services offered by this organization and the benefits to the children and adults involved in the programs. She presented a challenge issued to Brant County from Norfolk County Mayor Dennis Travale to participate in Bowl for Kids Sake fundraising campaign to take place in Brantford on March 21 and 22. Mayor Eddy accepted this challenge on behalf of Brant County Council.

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2009/10 School Year

Howard Snodgrass advised that the Ministry of Education has proposed that the 2009/10 school year start on September 1, three days prior to the Labour Day weekend. He noted the impact this will have on family vacation schedules, businesses utilizing summer students, and in particular the Paris Fall Fair and CNE. He has presented a request to the Grand Erie District School Board that the 194 instructional days required by the Ministry of Education either be reduced to 192 days for this school year or other adjustments be made to school holidays and/or professional development days so that school may begin following the Labour Day weekend. He requested that Council approve a resolution supporting his request to the Minister of Education in this regard.

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the proposed resolution to the Minister of Education regarding the start of the 2009/10 school year be considered later in the meeting.

. Carried

TH & B Trail

Joe Cohoon, J. H. Cohoon Engineering, provided information on his inspection of the four trestles on the proposed TH&B trail from Shellard Lane to Ellis Avenue. He noted that the trestles are in relatively good condition and with minimal repairs and deck replacement, will support the proposed trail usage and the construction vehicles involved in building the trail. The repairs to the trestles and the construction of the trail will not require any alterations to the existing drainage.

Patrick Connor, Executive Director of the Ontario Trails Council, made a Power Point presentation on the membership and services provided by the Ontario Trails Council. He explained the importance of Regional Trails Committees and the importance of Trails Master Plans in the development of trails to meet the needs of the public.

Chris Firth-Eagland, Hamilton Region Conservation Authority, advised that he was in attendance at this meeting to represent the Brant County Equestrian Association who is in full support of the Brant Waterways Foundation application for federal infrastructure funding for the development of the TH&B Trail. He noted the importance of receiving input from the community and the various user groups when determining the uses of a proposed trail, highlighting the importance of a Trails Master Plan for the municipality. Mr. Firth-Eagland provided information on asphalt and screenings trails, noting that the surface of the trail can best be determined through development of a Trails Master Plan, taking into consideration topography, drainage, grading and proposed uses. He outlined the good relationship the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority has with the Dundas Valley Equestrian Association, and requested that the Brant County Equestrian Association, through citizen representative Margaret Gurney, be allowed to have input during the planning process for the TH&B Trail and the Trails Master Plan.

Drew Semple, MCIP, RPP, Senior Planner, Niagara Region, provided an overview of the role of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee that is responsible for the development of trail systems in Niagara. He provided information on the Greater Niagara Circle Route Trail, the Niagara Parks Commission Trail, as well as other trails in the Niagara Region, noting the different uses and trail surfaces. Mr. Semple provided a comparison of the relative benefits and

costs of paved and soft surface trails, noting that choosing the most appropriate surface is dependent on public input, proposed uses, volume of use and trail base. In response to questions, Mr. Semple advised that the Niagara experience indicates that equestrian use is not compatible in areas where there is a large number of trail users, but has not created a problem in more rural areas.

Mary Welsh, on behalf of the Brant Waterways Foundation, clarified the Foundation's offer to fund the construction of a multi-use trail on the County's section of the former TH&B rail right-of-way. She advised that Brant Waterways will not submit a funding request to develop this trail through the County unless it is hard surfaced, and presented various reasons why a hard surface is required. She requested that Council make a definitive decision at this meeting to hard surface the TH&B Trail, so that the Brant Waterways Foundation will have all the information and costs ready to make an application for federal infrastructure funding. It was agreed that this request would be referred for consideration later in the meeting.

Welton and Innes Planning Applications

Anne-Marie Baillie, 367 Lynden Road, advised that she and several neighbours had not been notified of public meeting held by First Urban regarding their plans for the Innes-Welton and Hopewell lands. From her review of the plans, the applications should be rejected as they are not compliant with Provincial policies, Places to Grow legislation or the County's Official Plan. Most people she has spoken to are not in favour of the proposal proceeding as they want agricultural land preserved. Other reasons to reject the applications include the suggestion that the Greenbelt may be expanded to Brant County to prevent development from leapfrogging to areas outside of the Greenbelt, as well as this area may be one of the options for the Brantford to Cambridge transportation corridor. Ms. Baillie referred to several sections of the current Official Plan that support the preservation of agricultural land. She suggested that development should occur within the current urban settlement boundaries, and that Council should adhere to established planning policies.

Ella Haley referred to maps provided by First Urban that indicate that their lands located within the Johnson Tract have rich archaeological sites, noting that this land is within the disputed Haldimand Tract. Ms. Haley noted that there are two visions for this property – one being First Urban who wishes to proceed with industrial development on the Hopewell lands and residential development on the Innes-Welton lands. Some of the local residents have a vision that sees the Greenbelt being expanded to include Brant County and protect farmland and the farming economy. Because many residents of the area were not invited to the First Urban information meeting, she suggested that they should be allowed input on the Innes-Welton proposal before it is voted on. Ms. Haley also suggested that the decision should be delayed until a response is received from Six Nations. She also requested that Council consider having a meeting about expanding the Greenbelt to Brant County.

Ron Thomson, First Urban, presented information on the proposed Brant East Residential Community proposal. They have been working for three years on this strategic vision plan for the eastern side of the County, including the Hopewell and Innes-Welton lands. This plan is in accordance with Provincial Policies for development along Provincial Highways and is complimentary to what already exists in the City of Brantford by adding residential and industrial components. This proposal is built on the 3-to-1 residential/employment ratio set out in Provincial Policy in order to provide a complete and balanced community with mixed land uses. The Innes-Welton lands are not prime agricultural land; the agricultural uses have been

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restricted by the residential uses adjacent to the property. Mr. Thomson suggested that this proposal provides a variety of housing close to employment opportunities and transportation. He provided examples of cost acknowledgement agreements that make it cost neutral for the municipality in the event of OMB appeals by applicants as a result of Council decisions. Mr. Thomson pointed out that this development provides critical long-term assessment and significant development charges for the County. First Urban has agreed to front-end the cost of all servicing to the developments. He stressed that the Hopewell and Innes-Welton proposals complement each other and must proceed together.

Council recessed at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

MINUTES

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the minutes of the February 17, 2009 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 Coleman

That the following Information Reports be received:

1. Social Services Committee minutes – February 4, 2009.
2. Public Sector Salary Disclosure for County of Brant employees for 2008.

And that the following Consent Communications items be received:

1. AMO Member Communications:
 - a. Government releases Draft Employment Standard under AODA for public review
 - b. Communities Component Funding announcement for \$1 Billion in Municipal infrastructure projects
 - c. Minister Smitherman update on infrastructure and Green Energy Act.
 - d. AMO/OMSSA release Joint Paper on Poverty Reduction
2. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Government Expenditure Restraints.
3. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – position on implementation of per capita funding - 2009 Federal Budget.
4. New ROMA Chair and Executive. **Mayor Eddy was congratulated on being named as a member of the Rural Caucus of AMO.**
5. 2009-2010 OGRA Board of Directors.
6. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – February Update newsletter.
7. Notice and invitation from the Brant Historical Society to the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Brant Museum and Archives, 57 Charlotte Street, Brantford.
8. Stantec Consulting advising of the initiation of two concurrent Master Servicing Studies for Jarvis and Cayuga.
9. Comments on Twin Pad Arena Complex project from Michael Hogan, Concerned Friends of Brant County.

10. Minutes of Meetings:

- a. Brant County Power Inc. – January 15, 2009
- b. Paris BIA – February 10, 2009
- c. Committee of Adjustment – January 22, 2009
- d. Brant County Board of Health – December 11, 2008

. Carried

In response to questions regarding County projects for upcoming infrastructure funding programs, it was noted that staff has prepared a preliminary list which has been discussed with M.P. Phil McColeman. This list is in the process of being revamped and will be discussed by Senior Staff at their meeting this week to determine priorities for submission of applications once the funding criteria has been released. C.A.O. Urbanski advised that this project list will be available for consideration by the Corporate Development Committee on March 9. It was also noted that County representatives met with Health Promotion staff at the recent ROMA/OGRA Conference regarding funding for replacement of the Paris Pool.

Moved by – Councillor Powell
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That correspondence regarding infrastructure funding programs be referred to the C.A.O. to take the necessary action to prepare for the submission of applications when the funding criteria becomes available.

. Carried

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Committee minutes of February 17, 2009 were received as information, it being noted that the recommendation to support the Brant Waterways application for Federal/Provincial funding for the development of the TH&B rail line as a multi-purpose recreational trail was approved at the February 17, 2009 meeting of Brant County Council.

PLANNING ADVISORY

Councillor Schmitt presented the following report from the February 18, 2009 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee, it being agreed that Recommendations 4 and 5 would be dealt with separately:

1. That Zoning By-law Amendment File No. ZBA3/09, from Brian Groh, applicant / owner of Part Lot 31, Concession 5, in the County of Brant, geographic Township of South Dumfries, being located at 825 West Dumfries Road, wherein the applicant proposes to rezone a portion of the subject property temporarily in order to allow a garden suite on these lands up to a period not exceeding ten (10) years, be approved.
2. That the consideration of the Application for Official Plan Amendment File No. OPA-B08, received from Armstrong Hunter & Associates, agent for Empire Communities, applicant of Part Lots 8 & 9, Concession 3, in the geographic Township of South Dumfries, in the County of Brant, located at 205, 209 and 239 County Highway 5, wherein the applicant proposes to change the Official Plan land use designation on these properties in order to introduce a range of commercial uses and medium density residential uses in addition to the low density residential uses already permitted, be tabled, in order for the St. George Area Study to be completed;

And that the consideration of the Application for Zoning By-law Amendment File No. ZBA-10/08 received from Armstrong Hunter & Associates, agent for Empire Communities, applicant of Part Lots 8 & 9, Concession 3, in the geographic Township of South Dumfries, in the County of Brant, located at 205, 209 and 239 County Highway 5, wherein the applicant proposes to change the zoning by-law regulations in order to permit the establishment of a range of commercial uses, medium density residential uses and low density residential uses instead of the agriculturally restricted presently permitted, be tabled, in order for the St. George Area Study to be completed;

And that the consideration of the Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision File No. PS-2/08 received from Armstrong Hunter & Associates, agent for Empire Communities, applicant of Part Lots 8 & 9, Concession 3, in the geographic Township of South Dumfries, in the County of Brant, located at 205, 209 and 239 County Highway 5, wherein the applicant proposes to redevelop these properties for a range of commercial and residential uses by way of plan of subdivision on the subject lands, be tabled, in order for the St. George Area Study to be completed.

3. That the consideration of the Application for Zoning By-law Amendment File No. ZBA-2/09 received from GSP Group, agent for Activa Group, applicant of Part Lots 7 and 8, Concession 2, in the County of Brant, geographic Township of South Dumfries, being located at 195 German School Road, to rezone the subject lands from its existing Agricultural Restrictive (AR) Zone to Residential Second Density (R2) Zone in order to allow the redevelopment of these lands for residential land uses, be tabled, in order for the St. George Area Study to be completed;

And that the consideration of the Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision File No. PS-1/09 received from GSP Group, agent for Activa Group, applicant of Part Lots 7 and 8, Concession 2, in the County of Brant, geographic Township of South Dumfries, being located on the west side of St. George Road and the north side of German School Road, to redevelop these lands as a residential plan of subdivision for 212 single detached dwelling units via municipal services, be tabled, in order for the St. George Area Study to be completed.

4. **(Received as information only)** That the consideration of the Application for Zoning By-law Amendment File No. ZBA29/08 received from J.H. Cohoon Engineering Ltd., agent for Starlite Homes, applicant of Part Lot 6, Concession 3, in the geographic Township of South Dumfries, in the County of Brant, located on Main Street North, wherein the applicant proposes to change the zoning by-law regulations for these lands in order to allow the redevelopment for residential and parkland uses by way of plan of subdivision, be tabled, for a two-month cycle;

And that consideration of the Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision File No. PS-4/09 received from J.H. Cohoon Engineering Ltd., agent for Starlite Homes Ltd., applicant of Part Lot 6, Concession 3, in the geographic Township of South Dumfries, in the County of Brant, located on Main Street North, wherein the applicant proposes to redevelop these lands for residential and parkland uses by way of plan of subdivision, be tabled, for a two-month cycle.

5. ~~(Defeated) That the consideration of the Application for Official Plan Amendment File No. OPA C07 received from First Urban – Ren Thomson, agent for Welton & Innes C.P. Inc., owner of Part Lots 42 and 43, Concession 2, Part 1 of RP 2R 6745 and Part 1 of RP 2R 6728, in the geographic Township of Brantford, in the County of Brant, being located at 200 and 253 Lynden Road, wherein it is proposed to 1) change the Official Plan land use designation on these properties from Agricultural to Neighbourhood Commercial, Low and Medium Density Residential, and Natural Environment (Flood Prone Area and Steep Slope), and 2) introduce a Special Policy in Section 3.7.4.1 of the Official Plan wherein townhouses will be permissible in the Low Density Residential designation on the subject lands, be approved;~~

~~And that the consideration of the Application for Zoning By-law Amendment File No. ZBA37/07 received from First Urban – Ren Thomson, agent for Welton & Innes C.P. Inc., owner of Part Lots 42 and 43, Concession 2, Part 1 of RP 2R 6745 and Part 1 of RP 2R 6728, in the geographic Township of Brantford, in the County of Brant, being located at 200 and 253 Lynden Road, wherein it is proposed to change the zoning by-law regulations in order to permit a range of neighbourhood commercial as well as low and medium density residential uses on the subject lands be approved, subject to a holding provision;~~

~~And that the consideration of the Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision File No. PS4/07 received from First Urban – Ren Thomson, agent for Welton & Innes C.P. Inc., owner of Part Lots 42 and 43, Concession 2, Part 1 of RP 2R 6745 and Part 1 of RP 2R 6728, in the geographic Township of Brantford, in the County of Brant, being located at 200 and 253 Lynden Road, wherein it is proposed to redevelop these properties for a range of neighbourhood commercial as well as low and medium density residential uses by way of plan of subdivision on the subject lands be approved, subject to satisfactory conditions of draft plan approval being drafted by Planning staff and submitted directly to and approved by County Council.~~

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 of the Planning Advisory Committee report from its February 18, 2009 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

It was agreed that Recommendation 4 of the Planning Advisory Committee report from its February 18, 2009 meeting would be received as information only since this is a tabling motion.

Members of Council discussed the First Urban planning applications for the Welton and Innes lands, noting reasons for supporting or not supporting the proposal.

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Recommendation 5 of the Planning Advisory Committee report from its February 19, 2009 meeting be adopted.

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	<u>Recorded Vote</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Wheat	1	
Councillor Schmitt		1
Councillor Simons		1
Councillor Haggart		1
Councillor Powell		1
Councillor Atfield		1
Councillor Chambers	1	
Councillor Hodge	1	
Councillor Coleman	1	
Councillor Gatward		1
Mayor Eddy	1	
. Defeated	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the consideration of the Application for Official Plan Amendment File No. OPA-C07 received from First Urban – Ron Thomson, agent for Welton & Innes G.P. Inc., owner of Part Lots 42 and 43, Concession 2, Part 1 of RP 2R-6745 and Part 1 of RP 2R-6728, in the geographic Township of Brantford, in the County of Brant, being located at 299 and 253 Lynden Road, wherein it is proposed to 1) change the Official Plan land use designation on these properties from Agricultural to Neighbourhood Commercial, Low and Medium Density Residential, and Natural Environment (Flood Prone Area and Steep Slope), and 2) introduce a Special Policy in Section 3.7.4.1 of the Official Plan wherein townhouses will be permissible in the Low Density Residential designation on the subject lands, be refused;

And that the consideration of the Application for Zoning By-law Amendment File No. ZBA37/07 received from First Urban – Ron Thomson, agent for Welton & Innes G.P. Inc., owner of Part Lots 42 and 43, Concession 2, Part 1 of RP 2R-6745 and Part 1 of RP 2R-6728, in the geographic Township of Brantford, in the County of Brant, being located at 299 and 253 Lynden Road, wherein it is proposed to change the zoning by-law regulations in order to permit a range of neighbourhood commercial as well as low and medium density residential uses on the subject lands be refused;

And that the consideration of the Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision File No. PS4/07 received from First Urban – Ron Thomson, agent for Welton & Innes G.P. Inc., owner of Part Lots 42 and 43, Concession 2, Part 1 of RP 2R-6745 and Part 1 of RP 2R-6728, in the geographic Township of Brantford, in the County of Brant, being located at 299 and 253 Lynden Road, wherein it is proposed to redevelop these properties for a range of neighbourhood commercial as well as low and medium density residential uses by way of plan of subdivision on the subject lands be refused.

. Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – 2009 BUDGET

Councillor Chambers presented the following report from the January 22 and February 12, 2009 meetings of the Committee of the Whole – 2009 Budget, it being agreed that Recommendation 5 would be dealt with separately and Recommendation 14 would be tabled for consideration later in the meeting:

1. That the funding request for \$5,000 from SCOR be included in the 2009 budget.

2. That the current County of Brant job positions be frozen for 2009, but that staff explore opportunities to hire additional staff as may be required that will not impact the 2009 budget.
3. That a grant of \$500.00 for the Bite of Brant program be included in the 2009 budget.
4. That a donation in kind that will not impact the 2009 budget, to a maximum amount of \$25,000, be made towards the Burford Lions Way walkway along Maple Avenue to Burford Lions Park.
5. That the following reductions in the Corporate Financing budget be approved:
 - freeze capital transfer at 2008 level at \$5,606,385 – savings of \$1,005,647
 - reallocate the funding for the Newport Road property purchase from 2007 surplus to the Property Reserve – savings of \$225,000
6. That the Onondaga Customer Service Office remain open two days per week in 2009, resulting in an increase in costs to the 2009 budget of \$29,300.00.
7. That the across-the-board economic adjustment of 3% for non-union employees be implemented on April 1, 2009 rather than January 1, 2009 at a cost savings of \$62,500.
8. That the 2009 grants of \$2,500.00 each be reinstated for the Burford Agricultural Society and the Paris Agricultural Society.
9. That a reduction in the Community Services 2009 operating budget to change the operation of the Paris Splashpad to be the same as the Burford Splashpad be approved at a cost savings of \$12,770.
10. That the following reduction in the Corporate Services 2009 operating budget be approved:
 - Legal – increase late dog license fee from \$10 to \$20 - \$5,000 revenue
11. That the following reduction in the Corporate Services 2009 operating budget be approved:
 - Legal – reduce crossing guard costs to reflect 2008 actual costs - \$15,000 savings
12. That the following reduction in the Mayor and Council 2009 operating budget be approved:
 - Delete employee food vouchers at Christmas - \$9,500 savings
13. That the \$62,500 contribution to the Brant Community Healthcare System for the MRI Fund be approved, it being understood that an updated financial statement indicating the need for funds be required prior to the 2010 and 2011 instalments being made.
14. **(Amended)** That the 2009 Operating and Capital Budgets be approved, requiring a general levy of \$33,498,146.

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Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That Recommendations 1 – 4 and 6 – 13 of the Committee of the Whole – 2009 Budget report from its January 22 and February 12, 2009 meetings be adopted.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That Recommendation 5 of the Committee of the Whole – 2009 Budget report be adopted.

. Carried

STAFF REPORTS

Request for Tax Exemption – 13 Burwell Street, Paris – report from Fran Bell, Associate Director of Corporate Services

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That staff be directed to draft an agreement based on the conditions outlined in the report dated February 26, 2009 and any other conditions required in the opinion of the County Solicitor, in order to provide a rebate of the municipal portion of the taxes at 13 Burwell Street, Paris;

And further that the County Solicitor review such agreement prior to presentation to Council.

. Carried

EXTENSION OF CURFEW

Moved by - Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the curfew for this meeting be extended beyond 11:00 p.m.

. Carried

RESOLUTIONS

Brantford Municipal Airport

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That any municipal taxes generated by new buildings constructed on the Brantford Airport property be rebated as a grant from the County of Brant to the Brantford Airport Commission to be utilized for capital projects at the Airport.

. Defeated

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – 2009 BUDGET

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That Recommendation 14 of the Committee of the Whole – 2009 Budget be adopted as amended by the addition of the estimated \$7,578 cost for the rebate of the municipal portion of the property taxes for the Paris Old Town Hall, resulting in a general levy requirement of \$33,498,146.

. Carried

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councillor Wheat presented the following report from the February 25, 2009 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee, it being agreed that Recommendation 4 would be amended by the addition of the following clause “And that the 2009 approved Parks and Recreation Budget be provided to the Paris Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and all other Recreation Advisory Committees as required”:

1. Whereas the County of Brant recognizes the volunteers that dedicate their time to Parks and Recreation community programs and services;

And whereas the County of Brant continues to host an annual Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony;

Be it hereby resolved that the County of Brant host the 2009 Parks and Recreation Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony on the following date and time:

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2009
Time: 6:15 p.m. (prior to scheduled County Council meeting)
Location: Council Chambers

And that the County of Brant continue to support volunteer opportunities within Parks and Recreation.

2. Whereas the County of Brant recognizes that providing opportunities for youth through recreational and cultural activities encourages them to be more involved in their community;

And whereas the County of Brant continues to encourage youth throughout the County of Brant to participate and be involved in recreational and volunteer activities in accordance with the goals of International Youth Week;

Be it hereby resolved that the County of Brant proclaim the week of May 4-10, 2009 as International Youth Week;

And that the County of Brant continue to support youth programs and services.

3. That the waterfront park area developed by the Glen Morris Communities in Bloom Committee and the Glen Morris Horticultural Society be named “Wray and Marilyn Cline Park”.

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4. **(Amended)** That the Paris Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receive a copy of the 2008 year end statement of operations;

And that the Paris Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receive quarterly statements of operations;

And that the 2009 approved Parks and Recreation Budget be provided to the Paris Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and all other Recreation Advisory Committees as required.

5. Whereas four proposals were received with respect to the contract for the completion of a Trails Master Plan for the County of Brant, with one proposal disqualified for being late;

And whereas following the County's proposal evaluation criteria, the two highest scoring firms were EDA Collaborative Inc. with 89 points and Kenneth Hoyle Strategic Planning and Management with 78.7 points;

Be it hereby resolved that the firm of EDA Collaborative Inc., be awarded the contract for the completion of a Trails Master Plan for the County of Brant at a cost of \$32,855.00 plus GST.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat

Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That Recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 5 the Parks and Recreation Committee report from its February 25, 2009 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Wheat

Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That Recommendation 4 of the Parks and Recreation Committee report from its February 25, 2009 meeting be adopted as amended.

. Carried

TWIN PAD

Councillor Coleman presented the following report from the February 26, 2009 meeting of the Twin Pad Building Committee:

1. Whereas on May 1, 2007 the Council of the County of Brant approved the delivery method of developing the Twin Pad Arena project by an Architectural and Engineering Design team;

And whereas on December 18, 2007 the Council of the County of Brant approved the awarding of the contract to Shore Tilbe Irwin & Partners (STIP) to provide the Design, Contract Administration and Construction of the Twin Pad Arena;

And whereas on Nov. 4, 2008 the Council of the County of Brant approved the Schematic Design and Construction Cost Estimate at \$22,515,433 for the Twin Pad Arena and approved STIP to proceed to working drawings and tender specifications;

Be it hereby resolved that the current delivery method to develop the Twin Pad Complex continue with the contractual agreement with STIP to provide the Design, Contract Documents and Contract Administration during the construction of the Twin Pad Complex through to the completion of the project.

2. That the "Name Recognition Opportunities Chart", as prepared by Ketchum Canada Inc. and outlining the various naming opportunities and gift levels associated with those opportunities, be approved.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the report of the Twin Pad Building Committee from its February 26, 2009 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Councillor Powell presented the following report from the February 18, 2009 meeting of the Police Services Board:

1. That the County of Brant receive the staff report regarding the Health and Safety Report and Brant County Detachment Audit as information;

And further that County of Brant Staff and County of Brant O.P.P. continue to work together to address the ongoing building issues at the detachment.

2. That the County of Brant Treasury Department deal with the issue of a noise complaint versus an "at fault" false alarm and respond to Larry Jones, owner of the Runner's Den regarding this issue.

3. That the letter from John Sullivan regarding an OPP response and towing charge be received by the County of Brant Police Services Board as information;

And that the County of Brant Police Services Board forward a letter to Mr. Sullivan regarding his towing issue concerns.

4. That the unclaimed cash of \$117.25 be utilized for supplies for Police Service Board meetings.

Moved by – Councillor Powell
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

That the report of the Police Services Board from its February 18, 2009 meetings be adopted.

. Carried

Councillor Chambers left the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

In response to a question, it was noted that the health and safety issues at the Police Station will be addressed during 2009, subject to funding in the 2009 budget.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the following correspondence be received as information:

1. Paul DeMelo, Kagan Shastri re: Stony Ridge Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision.
2. Paul DeMelo, Kagan Shastri re: Welton and Innes G.P. Inc Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision.
3. Murray MacDonald re: Welton-Innes planning applications.
4. Lance Calbeck, President, Brant Waterways Foundation re: TH & B Trail.
5. Louise Sharland, Executive Officer, Brantford Regional Real Estate Association advising of appointment of Directors Jim Nagle and Kathy Smith as Liaison Officers for the County of Brant.
6. L. Brian Moore, President, Brant Historical Society supporting County initiatives to ensure the preservation of the Old Paris Town Hall.
7. Roslyn Houser, Goodmans, on behalf of King & Benton Development Corp., questioning the recommendation on the Welton & Innes planning applications.
8. Roslyn Houser, Goodmans, on behalf of King & Benton Development Corp., questioning the Council decision on the Hopewell Development planning applications.
9. Sandy Barber, 375 Lynden Road, objecting to approval of the Innes & Welton planning applications.
10. M.P.P. Dave Levac, Brant Riding re: Provincial reaction to Council making decisions on applications.
11. Paula Dill, Provincial Development Facilitator – copy of letter to Mayor Hancock and offer of assistance for involvement.

. Carried

SUPPORT FOR RUIJS DEVELOPMENT INC.

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the County of Brant write a letter to Brant Riding M.P.P. Dave Levac, Haldimand-Norfolk M.P.P. Toby Barrett, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Brad Duguid, and Opposition Critic for Aboriginal Affairs Gilles Bisson encouraging them to meet with Suzanne Ruijs regarding her letter dated February 19, 2009.

. Carried

CHANGE IN START OF SCHOOL YEAR

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

Whereas the Ministry of Education is proposing to start the 2009/10 School Year in the week before Labour Day Weekend;

And whereas an early start of the School Year will disrupt the summer vacation plans of many families and will also interfere with many late summer events, such as the United Way Air Show in Brant County, the Paris Fair which is held on Labour Day Weekend (and several days during the week prior to the weekend), the CNE and also numerous local families in Brantford and Brant County who work on farms during their summer vacation period;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the County of Brant respectfully requests the Minister of Education to shorten the upcoming school year to 192 instructional days thereby permitting the 2009/10 School Year to commence on the Tuesday after Labour Day, or as an alternative, that the Minister provide relief to the School Boards in Ontario to vary their internal make-up of the School Year, such that other alternate solutions such as the shortening of mid-year breaks (e.g. Christmas holidays) can be used to make up the difference;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to AMO and its members, as well as Boards of Education in the Province of Ontario for their review and support thereof.

. Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Councillor Simons provided notice that she would be presenting a motion at the March 17 Council meeting requesting support for Earth Hour on March 28 at 8:30 p.m.
2. Councillor Atfield encouraged members of Council to attend the “Walk-On Brant” meeting being held at 1:30 p.m. in the Upstairs meeting room at the Paris Office on March 4.

HARD SURFACING OF TH&B TRAIL

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
 Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the County of Brant support the proposal of the Brant Waterways Foundation to authorize the hard surfacing of the twelve kilometre TH&B trail from the City of Brantford limits to the boundary with Norfolk County, and that the Brant Waterways Foundation work in consultation with the Trails Master Plan consultant on the development of this trail.

	<u>Recorded Vote</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Coleman		1
Councillor Gatward	1	
Mayor Eddy	1	
Councillor Wheat		1
Councillor Schmitt		1
Councillor Simons	1	
Councillor Haggart		1
Councillor Powell	1	
Councillor Atfield		1
Councillor Chambers		absent
Councillor Hodge		<u>1</u>
. Defeated	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

In Camera at 11:40 p.m. to discuss legal matters and matters related to the security of the municipality, with Bruce Noble, C.E.O. of Brant County Power, in attendance during discussions regarding Brant County Power, on motion of Councillors Schmitt and Hodge.

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Open Session at 11:55 p.m., on motion of Councillors Hodge and Coleman.

BY-LAWS

Moved by – Councillor Hodge

Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

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

- By-law Number 19-09 to establish fees and charges to be collected by the County of Brant.
- By-law Number 20-09 to approve a listing agreement with CB Richard Ellis Ltd. for the sale of Lot 83, Plan 727, geographic Township of Burford, municipally known as 120 King Street.
- By-law Number 21-09 to amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 to prohibit left turns from Dundas Street East to Willow Street, and require traffic on Broadway Street West to yield to traffic on Broadway Street East.
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- By-law Number 23-09 to authorize the execution of a Garden Suite Development Agreement with Brian and Karen Groh for property located in Part of Lot 31, Concession 5, geographic Township of South Dumfries (825 West Dumfries Road).
- By-law Number 24-09 to approve capital expenditures for the development of a new water supply for Southwest Paris in the vicinity of Bethel Road at a total estimated cost of \$8,050,000 and for the borrowing of money therefore.
- By-law Number 25-09 to approve capital expenditures for the reconstruction of Mile Hill at a total estimated cost of \$2,150,000 and for the borrowing of money therefore.
- By-law Number 26-09 to approve capital expenditures for the completion of the widening of King Edward Street and the repair of the sanitary sewer and manhole replacement between Church Street and Rest Acres Road at a total estimated cost of \$350,000 and for the borrowing of money therefore.
- By-law Number 27-09 to approve capital expenditures for the design and construction of the SCADA system for Airport, Cainsville, St. George and Mt. Pleasant at a total estimated cost of \$1,725,261.75 and for the borrowing of money therefore.
- By-law Number 28-09 to renew a lease with Norma Isotamm for land located at 557 Paris Road.
- By-law Number 29-09 to establish remuneration and expenses for elected and appointed officials of the County of Brant.
- By-law Number 30-09 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

In response to questions posed by Councillor Powell regarding By-law Number 21-09 regarding the yield sign for Broadway Street West, it was agreed that this By-law would be referred to the March 17 Council meeting for consideration to allow for clarification from staff.

Moved by – Councillor Hodge

Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

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

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. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

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

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. Carried

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m. to meet again on **Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers.

Mayor

Date Minutes Approved

Clerk