

COUNTY OF BRANT COUNCIL MINUTES**SPECIAL MEETING RE: CAINSVILLE/BRANT EAST RESOLUTION**

Council Chambers, Paris
September 15, 2009
6:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Haggart

Staff: Glassford, Johnston, Compeau, Bell and Carman

Mayor Eddy in the Chair.

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the following resolution deferred from the August 11 meeting of Brant County Council be placed before this meeting for consideration:

“That County staff and their consultants be hereby directed to:

- Bring forward to this Council a County of Brant growth plan that also includes Cainsville and Brant East
- Allocate the needed population to Cainsville and Brant East that will allow the growth to begin and that will give this area a balance of employment, commercial and residential land uses
- Change/prepare all their reports and documentation so they support this County Growth plan that includes Cainsville and Brant East”.

. Carried

Members of Council discussed the following matters in regard to the proposed resolution:

- Councillor Coleman clarified that the area referred to in the resolution was the urban settlement area designated in the County’s current Official Plan – he noted that this resolution is in response to concerns from the existing business community in the Cainsville area, who are not requesting an expansion of the urban settlement area
- in response to questions, the Director of Development Services advised that there has been a request for an area study for the lands in Cainsville that are currently designated as urban settlement area; however, he cannot confirm if a study is underway at this time.
- the specific allocation of growth to Cainsville/Brant East is not necessary, as population growth can be allocated anywhere in the municipality, provided that the County stays within the Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe Schedule 3 projections provided by the Province – staff noted that according to the new draft Official Plan, 80% of development must be on full services, which will limit where development can take place
- staff advised that the County has had less population growth than projected in the Places to Grow Schedule 3 for the first segment which goes until 2011 – a total population growth of 12,000 is projected for the period to 2031, it being noted that the Province is reviewing these estimates to make them more accurate based on the most recent census material

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- there has been an assumption that the Cainsville area has been excluded from growth opportunities because no population or capital projects under the Development Charges Study have specifically been allocated to this area – there are other areas of the County that feel the same way
- it was noted that although there are no projects for the Cainsville area included in the County-wide development charges by-law, it is possible to have a separate Development Charges Study and by-law specifically for the Cainsville urban settlement area
- concern was expressed that development cannot occur because of the need for water and wastewater servicing for the area
- Cainsville/Brant East is an unique and special area that is important to the viability of the County – it is situated on a major interchange and transportation corridor, on the border of the City of Brantford, with industrial, commercial, agricultural and residential components
- if Council is looking to balance growth throughout the municipality in order to sustain the communities in the County, it is important that the Official Plan be structured to balance growth and development, thereby demonstrating that one area of the County is not growing at the expense of other areas
- the future development of the Cainsville/Brant East area should be driven by the residents/business owners of that community and not by developers and land speculators

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the proposed resolution regarding Cainsville and Brant East be amended to replace the words “Cainsville and Brant East” with the words “all areas of the County of Brant”;

And that the final bullet point be amended by the removal of the words “all their” to “County of Brant”.

. Carried

Mayor Eddy then called for a vote on the original motion, as amended to read as follows:

“That County staff and their consultants be hereby directed to:

- Bring forward to this Council a County of Brant growth plan that includes all areas of the County of Brant
- Allocate the needed population to all areas of the County of Brant that will allow the growth to begin and that will give these areas a balance of employment, commercial and residential land uses
- Change/prepare County of Brant reports and documentation so they support this County Growth plan that includes all areas of the County of Brant.”

. Carried

Councillor Chambers provided Notice of a Motion he will be presenting at the October 6 meeting of Council, as follows:

“Whereas the Cainsville/Brant East area is strategically located and vital for the continued viability and sustainability of Brant County;

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Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the County of Brant direct staff to develop a 'Community Growth Plan' for the consideration of Council in consultation with the Six Nations, Grand River Conservation Authority, business community, residents, agricultural community and the Cities of Brantford and Hamilton that recognizes and capitalizes on the strategic economic potential of the Cainsville/Brant East area. "

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor

Date Minutes Approved

Clerk