

**COUNTY OF BRANT COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council Chambers, Paris  
November 3, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

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

**Regrets:** Councillor Haggart.

**Staff:** Glassford, Johnston, Compeau, Bell, Boissonneault, Rowen, Atkinson, Ellins and Carman.

Mayor Eddy in the Chair.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

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

- Paris BIA event scheduled for November 20 in Paris

. Carried

**DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS****Presentation – Everett Smith**

Mayor Eddy presented a certificate to Everett Smith in recognition of his outstanding performances in the “So You Think You Can Dance Canada” competition. Everett thanked the community for their support and invited them to attend a performance of the dance finalists when the Tour begins.

**Grand Erie District School Board Policy on Voluntary Self-Identification for First Nation, Métis and Inuit students**

Claudine VanEvery-Albert, on behalf of the Grand Erie District School Board, provided background information on aboriginal education in Ontario, noting that a First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework was established in 2007 to assist these students achieve success in the regular school system. Ms. VanEvery-Albert advised that the Grand Erie District School Board approved the Policy on Voluntary Self-Identification at their November 2 meeting, which includes a number of initiatives such as the development of courses that highlight the First Nations culture, collection and review of data to support aboriginal student achievement, etc.

**Invitation to Paris Youth Drop-in Centre/Food Bank**

Will Ratelband, Family Services Co-ordinator for the Salvation Army, advised that the Salvation Office has moved to a new location on Broadway Street West and has been involved in the establishment of a Youth Centre at the former Knuckleheads location on William Street in an effort to address some of the needs of youth in the community. He noted that a Food Bank is also being located at the Youth Centre to meet the increasing community needs.

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Ray Van Engen explained that the Youth Centre has been established, with financial support from various organizations and assistance from Why Not Missions, to provide a positive influence and activities for youth in the community. The Youth Centre is scheduled to be open on Friday evenings. He invited members of Council to attend the Grand Opening of the Youth Centre on Saturday, November 21 from 2 – 4 p.m.

**PlayWorks Partnership “Youth Friendly Community Builder Bronze Recognition Level” Award**

Councillor Chambers advised that the County had been presented with the PlayWorks Partnership “Youth Friendly Community Builder Bronze Recognition Level” at a ceremony at Queen’s Park on October 27. He presented the award to staff members Lesley Atkinson and Stacey Ellins, Marg Farrace of the Lansdowne Centre and volunteer Stephanie Delaronde in recognition of their work on this project.

Lesley Atkinson provided information on the PlayWorks program that emphasizes the power of play for children and youth. She noted that the County of Brant met eleven of the fifteen criteria for this award, and thanked the other participants for their efforts in achieving this award.

**Invitation to Provincial Announcement**

Fire Chief Paul Boissonneault invited members of Council to an announcement to be made by Minister of Labour Fonseca on Thursday, November 5 at the Paris Fire Hall regarding presumptive legislation for volunteer fire services to ensure that volunteer firefighters are treated the same as full-time firefighters.

**MINUTES**

Moved by – Councillor Gatward  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the minutes of the October 20, 2009 meeting of Brant County Council be adopted, copies having been forwarded to the members prior to the meeting.

.Carried

Moved by – Councillor Powell  
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

That the In Camera minutes of the October 28, 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 Schmitt  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

- That the following Consent Information reports be received:
1. Staff Appointments – June to September 2009 – report from Cindy Stevenson, Human Resources Advisor.

2. Decisions from the October 22, 2009 Committee of Adjustment meeting.
3. County of Brant Police Services Board minutes – October 21, 2009 meeting.
4. Social Services Committee minutes – October 7, 2009.

That the following Consent Communications be received:

1. AMO Member Communications:
  - a. AMO applauds Government for moving forward on the implementation of Early Learning and Child Care in Ontario
  - b. Report on September Board Meeting
  - c. Minister of Finance - Fall Economic Statement
  - d. Bill 168, Violence & Harassment in the Workplace
  - e. Waste Diversion Act Review (2)
  - f. Good Government Bill proposes municipal election changes
  - g. LAS new group home and auto insurance partner
  - h. AMO 2008 Annual Expenditure Report
2. Message from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Bill 212 and proposed changes to the Municipal Elections Act, the Municipal Act and the City of Toronto Act.
3. Hon. Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Municipal Internship Program. **In response to a question, the Director of Corporate Services advised that there is a limited number of intern positions available. The County will not be applying for an intern due to the County's share of the costs for this program in a tight budget year.**
4. Fareed Amin, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Local Government Week.
5. City of Hamilton – Notice of Public Information Centre for the Truck Route Master Plan.
6. Sandra Leeuwestein, Innerkip – Letter of commendation for Canada flags along King Street, Burford
7. Clinical Services Plan Update to the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN
8. Minutes of Meetings:
  - a. Brant County Power Inc. – September 10, 2009.
  - b. Brant County Board of Health – June 24, 2009.
9. M.P.P. Dave Levac, Brant Riding – copy of letter sent to Hon. George Smitherman, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure re: meeting on Six Nations/Brant County Green Energy Economic Accord.

. Carried

## PLANNING ADVISORY

Councillor Schmitt presented the following report from the October 21, 2009 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee, it being agreed that Recommendations 4 and 5 would be dealt with separately:

1. That application ZBA 31/09/MD from Snodgrass Consulting Inc., agent for Veronika Romvari-Pop, applicant and owner of Part Lot 7, Concession 2, EFC, County of Brant, in the geographic Township of Onondaga, located at 241 Langford Church Road to rezone the lands from Agricultural (A) to Estate Residential Type 2 (ER2) be approved.
2. That County of Brant Official Plan Five-Year Review submissions H-39, H-43, H-44, H-45, H-46 and H-47 from First Urban be denied.
3. That areas having long-term potential for development for employment land purposes be identified as such in the County of Brant Official Plan.

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4. ~~(Defeated) That County of Brant Official Plan Five Year Review Submission H 29(b) from First Urban be denied in the absence of an area study.~~
5. ~~(Defeated) That County of Brant Official Plan Five Year Review Submission H 29(a) from First Urban be denied in the absence of an area study.~~
6. That the County of Brant Official Plan Five-Year review request dated October, 2009 from First Urban with respect to the southern portion of the Hopewell lands at the Garden Avenue / Highway 403 interchange be subject to a separate Official Plan Amendment application process.
7. That staff report PA-09-64 "County Growth Policy Resolution" dated October 14, 2009 be considered as information and dealt with as background in the consideration of the update to the County of Brant Official Plan.

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That Recommendations 1 – 3 and 6 and 7 of the Planning Advisory Committee report from its October 21, 2009 meeting be adopted.

.Carried

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That Recommendation 4 of the Planning Advisory Committee report from its October 21, 2009 meeting be adopted.

	<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		absent
Councillor Powell	1	
Councillor Atfield	1	
Councillor Chambers	1	
Councillor Hodge		1
<b>. Defeated – Tie Vote</b>	<u><b>5</b></u>	<u><b>5</b></u>

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That Recommendation 4 of the Planning Advisory Committee report from its October 21, 2009 meeting be adopted.

	<u>Recorded Vote</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Coleman		1
Councillor Gatward	1	

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mayor Eddy		1
Councillor Wheat		1
Councillor Schmitt		1
Councillor Simons	1	
Councillor Haggart		absent
Councillor Powell	1	
Councillor Atfield	1	
Councillor Chambers	1	
Councillor Hodge		<u>1</u>
<b>. Defeated – Tie Vote</b>	<u><b>5</b></u>	<u><b>5</b></u>

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Councillor Wheat presented the following report from the October 27, 2009 meeting of the Emergency Services Committee:

1. Whereas the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care typically provides for an inflationary increase to their grant towards Ambulance Services of approximately 2%;

And whereas it is anticipated that the 2010 budget for County of Brant Ambulance Services will result in an inflationary increase greater than 2% for both the municipal and the provincial portions of this budget;

Be it hereby resolved that correspondence be forwarded to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care advising of the anticipated increase in the County of Brant Ambulance Services budget for 2010 of approximately 6 to 7% and requesting that this be reflected in the Province of Ontario Budget.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
 Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the report of the Emergency Services Committee from its October 27, 2009 meeting be adopted.

.Carried

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Councillor Wheat presented the following report from the October 27, 2009 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee, it being agreed that Recommendations 1 and 4 would be dealt with separately:

1. **(Amended)** That Parks and Recreation staff be instructed to contact two professional industrial pool installation companies to provide cost estimates for repairs to the existing outdoor pool at Lions Park and for the replacement of the existing outdoor pool at Lions Park in the same location and with the same basic amenities **as an option for consideration**;

That any improvements required to meet accessibility requirements or address health and safety issues be included in these cost estimates;

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And that staff be authorized to spend up to a maximum of \$10,000 for any costs incurred to acquire these estimates.

2. That report PR-09-51 "Burford Soccer Field Expansion" be circulated to the Burford Soccer Club and Burford Youth Soccer Club;

And that a meeting be facilitated to discuss all options for accommodating the expanding soccer needs in the community.

3. That staff members involved in the Youth Friendly Community Recognition Program be recognized at a Brant County Council meeting for their involvement in being recognized as a "Youth Friendly Community Builder Bronze Recognition Level".
4. That the sections of wrought iron fence at the Paris Cemetery being removed be disposed of as scrap metal.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That Recommendations 2 and 3 of the Parks and Recreation Committee report from its October 27, 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 October 27, 2009 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That Recommendation 1 of the Parks and Recreation Committee report from its October 27, 2009 meeting be adopted.

. No Vote – Amendment Follows

In response to discussion by members of Council on the need for an analysis of all options, including an indoor pool, C.A.O. Don Glassford explained that the cost of an indoor pool is estimated at \$10-12 million. Because the County cannot afford a project of this magnitude, staff had proposed that they be allowed to obtain more information on this project, including funding from the Provincial and Federal Governments. This information could then be reviewed by Council before a final decision is made to proceed with an outdoor or indoor pool, it being noted that the cost to replace the outdoor pool is estimated to be \$3.5 million.

Moved by – Councillor Chambers  
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the wording in the first paragraph of Recommendation 1 be amended to include "as an option for consideration" at the end of the paragraph.

. Carried

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

“That Parks and Recreation staff be instructed to contact two professional industrial pool installation companies to provide cost estimates for repairs to the existing outdoor pool at Lions Park and for the replacement of the existing outdoor pool at Lions Park in the same location and with the same basic amenities as an option for consideration;

That any improvements required to meet accessibility requirements or address health and safety issues be included in these cost estimates;

And that staff be authorized to spend up to a maximum of \$10,000 for any costs incurred to acquire these estimates.”

. Carried

Councillor Chambers referred to the Cemetery work plan and expressed his concern that fence repairs requested at the Burford and Scotland Cemeteries two years ago have not been done as yet, and are noted in the 2010 work plan pending budget approval. He noted that the work plan was incomplete, since only contracted services were included and suggested that a service delivery review should be undertaken of the County’s cemeteries.

### **PLANNING ADVISORY**

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by – Councilor Wheat

That Council reconsider Recommendation 6 of the Planning Advisory Committee report from its October 21, 2009 meeting.

. Defeated – Tie Vote (Two-Thirds Majority required)

### **TWIN PAD BUILDING**

Councillor Coleman presented the following report from the October 27, 2009 meeting of the Twin Pad Building Committee, it being agreed that Recommendation 1 would be dealt with separately:

1. That the Twin Pad Building facility be named the “Brant Complex”.
2. Whereas the need for two separate committees to discuss issues pertaining to the Twin Pad Building no longer exists;

Be it hereby resolved that the Twin Pad Building Committee and the Twin Pad Steering Committee be combined into one committee, named the “Twin Pad Building Committee”.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That Recommendation 2 of the Twin Pad Building Committee report from its October 27, 2009 meeting be adopted.

.Carried

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Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That Recommendation 1 of the Twin Pad Building Committee from its October 27, 2009 meeting be adopted.

. No Voted – Amendment Follows

Members of Council discussed various names for the Twin Pad Complex, including the suggestion that there be a public input process on the name for the facility.

Moved by – Councillor Gatward  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Recommendation 1 of the Twin Pad Building Committee be amended to change “Brant Complex” to “Brant Sports Complex”.

. Defeated

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That Recommendation 1 of the Twin Pad Building Committee report from its October 27, 2009 be approved.

	<u>Recorded Vote</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Gatward		1
Mayor Eddy	1	
Councillor Wheat	1	
Councillor Schmitt	1	
Councillor Simons		1
Councillor Haggart		absent
Councillor Powell	1	
Councillor Atfield	1	
Councillor Chambers	1	
Councillor Hodge	1	
Councillor Coleman	<u>1</u>	
. Carried	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>

### **TWIN PAD STEERING**

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the October 26, 2009 minutes of the Twin Pad Steering Committee be received as information.

. Carried

**BURFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ADDITION – PUBLIC MEETING**

Moved by – Councillor Hodge  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the October 15, 2009 minutes of the Burford Community Centre Addition Public Meeting be received as information.

. Carried

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Reduction in Provincial OMPF Funding** – report from Fran Bell, Director of Corporate Services

Moved by – Councillor Chambers  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the County of Brant request that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario lobby the Provincial Government on behalf of the County of Brant and other affected municipalities to retain the Special One-Time Assistance Funding component of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund;

And further that the Mayor meet with Dave Levac, M.P.P. to request his support to retain the Special One-Time Assistance Funding component of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.

.Carried

**Potential Funding re: Development of Economic Development Strategic Plan** – report from Eric Rowen, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That Council select one member of Council to participate on the Economic Development Strategic Plan RFP Selection Review Team;

That Council select the Mayor and one member of Council to participate on the Economic Development Steering Committee for the duration of the Economic Development Strategy project;

That due to time constraints, staff be authorized to proceed with the creation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to retain consulting services for the preparation of an Economic Development Strategic Plan, to be issued upon approval of the RFP Selection Review Team;

And that Council authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents to receive funding for the purposes of completing an Economic Development Strategic Plan.

.Carried

Members of Council discussed the benefits of this economic development strategic plan. C.A.O. Glassford pointed out the short timelines to complete this project, noting that there will be very limited opportunity for Council members to provide input.

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Moved by – Councillor Gatward  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Councillor Schmitt be appointed to participate on the Economic Development Strategic Plan RFP Selection Review Team.

. Carried

**2010 Committee Appointments** – report from Jayne Carman, Clerk.

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That Councillor Chambers be appointed as the County's representative to serve with Mayor Eddy on the Economic Development Steering Committee for the duration of the Economic Development Strategy project.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the following changes to Boards and Committees be approved, to be effective December 1, 2009:

- Parks and Recreation Committee – remove Councillor Schmitt and add Councillor Atfield
- Public Works Committee – remove Councillor Atfield and add Councillor Schmitt
- Children's Aid Society – remove Mayor Eddy and add Councillor Gatward
- remove Grand Erie District School Board School Valuation Framework Committee

. Carried

**Licensing Agreement – Part of Lot 14, Plan 659, geographic Township of Brantford – CN Rail Spur** – report from Mary Hoskins, Real Estate Clerk

Moved by – Councillor Gatward  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the County of Brant enter into a Licensing Agreement with King & Benton Leasing Ltd. to allow the continued use of the existing railway spur, loading and unloading and rail storage in Part of Lot 14, Plan 659, geographic Township of Brantford.

.Carried

**Interim Financing for TH&B Trail Project** – report from Kathy Ballantyne, Parks and Facilities Manager

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

Whereas funding has been approved through the RInC program for two-thirds of the construction cost for the TH&B Trail;

And whereas funding has been delayed and bills are coming due;

Be it hereby resolved that the County of Brant provide the funding for invoices due for the TH&B trail construction until the funding arrives from the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada.

. Carried

### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

Update from Amberley Gavel Ltd. re: Closed Meeting Investigations - report from Jayne Carman, Clerk.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Responses to Requests for Five-Year Official Plan Review changes for Cainsville/Brant East:
  - a. Ray and Carmen Marceau, 215 Johnson Road
  - b. Deb and Chris Schneuker, 43 Adams
  - c. Beth, David and Elaine Allardyce, 364 Johnson Road.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the correspondence from Ray and Carmen Marceau, Deb and Chris Schneuker and Beth, David and Elaine Allardyce regarding requests from First Urban for changes to the Five-Year Official Plan Review for Cainsville/Brant East be received as information.

. Carried

### **QUESTIONS**

1. In response to a question, it was noted that the Ontario Municipal Board pre-hearing on the Hopewell appeal has been scheduled for Friday, November 6 at 10:30 a.m.
2. In response to a question, the Director of Public Works advised that the completion date of the Grand River Bridge project is dependent on weather conditions, material deliveries, etc.
3. C.A.O. Don Glassford advised that members of Council can receive information on specific project completion dates by contacting the Public Works Department.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Proposed dates for C.A.O. Recruitment Consultation Session

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That an In Camera Council meeting be scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2 to carry out a consultation session on the C.A.O. recruitment.

. Carried

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2. Invitation to “Green Eggs, Green Communities and Green Parks” event on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 in Toronto. Mayor Eddy and Councillor Schmitt indicated that they will be attending this event.
3. Councillor Simons announced that Paris BIA has arranged a “Jingle Bell Event” for downtown Paris businesses during the evening of Friday, November 20.
4. Councillor Powell advised that the Paris Santa Claus parade has been scheduled for Saturday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m.

**In Camera at 10:00 p.m. to discuss property negotiations and personal information about identifiable individuals**, on motion of Councillors Gatward and Coleman.

This portion of the meeting is recorded in the In Camera – Confidential Brant County Council minutes dated November 3, 2009

**Open Session at 10:40 p.m.**, on motion of Councillors Coleman and Schmitt.

### **BY-LAWS**

Moved by – Councillor Hodge  
Seconded by – Councillor Chambers

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

- By-law Number 182-09 to authorize the execution of a Licence Agreement with King & Benton Leasing Ltd. for the rail siding in Cainsville, lying north of Old Onondaga Rd., Part of Lot 14, Plan 659, geographic Township of Brantford
- By-law Number 183-09 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Hodge  
Seconded by – Councillor Chambers

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

- By-law Number 182-09 to authorize the execution of a Licence Agreement with King & Benton Leasing Ltd. for the rail siding in Cainsville, lying north of Old Onondaga Rd., Part of Lot 14, Plan 659, geographic Township of Brantford
- By-law Number 183-09 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Hodge  
Seconded by – Councillor Chambers

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

- By-law Number 182-09 to authorize the execution of a Licence Agreement with King & Benton Leasing Ltd. for the rail siding in Cainsville, lying north of Old Onondaga Rd., Part of Lot 14, Plan 659, geographic Township of Brantford
- By-law Number 183-09 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

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**NEXT MEETING**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m. to meet again on **Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers.

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Mayor

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Date Minutes Approved

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Clerk