

COUNTY OF BRANT COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chambers, Paris
November 17, 2009
7:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Hodge

Staff: Glassford, Johnston, Compeau, Bell, A. Davidson and Carman.

Mayor Eddy in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the Brant County Council agenda and addendum for the November 17, 2009 meeting be approved as circulated, with the addition of a congratulatory resolution and various matters to be discussed under “Other Business”.

. Carried

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS**Cemetery Work Plan**

Dave Thomson questioned various aspects of the Cemetery Work Plan presented at the October 27 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, and suggested that the report be corrected to show all costs including wages, equipment and maintenance for the Paris Cemetery. He noted concerns with the level of service being provided by the current cemetery maintenance contractor, noting that it was not to the standard provided at the St. George cemeteries prior to amalgamation or by the previous contractor. Mr. Thomson distributed pictures showing potholes in the laneway, grass cuttings on headstones, and stones knocked off their bases. He noted that there have been ongoing maintenance problems at the St. George Cemeteries, and requested that Council take action to address these concerns.

It was agreed that this matter would be discussed further during the “Other Business” portion of the meeting.

Water connection at 57 Dundas Street West

Gayle McDonald thanked County Water Division staff for their assistance in resolving the low water pressure problems she has been experiencing at her residence at 57 Dundas Street West, Paris.

Official Plan Submission Requests

Murray MacDonald noted that although he agrees that the Cainsville commercial area is in decline, he does not believe that expansion of the existing urban settlement boundaries to allow more development would be beneficial to the area. He pointed out that studies show that the County already has a surplus of residential and industrial lands within the County, without

expanding the Cainsville urban settlement boundaries. Allowing additional development in the Cainsville area without the benefit of an area study is not fair and will not be supported by developers in other areas of the County who are required to complete area studies before submitting planning applications. In response to a question, Mr. MacDonald indicated that he would prefer to maintain the current Heavy Industrial designation in Cainsville, rather than the First Urban residential proposal.

MINUTES

Moved by – Councillor Powell
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

That the minutes of the November 3, 2009 meeting of Brant County Council be adopted, copies having been forwarded to the members prior to the meeting.

.Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Disposition of Planning Advisory Recommendations

The Clerk advised that Council needed to take action on two Planning Advisory Committee Recommendations that were defeated at the November 3 Council meeting, as they were submissions under the Five-Year Official Plan Review that need to be dealt with.

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the following two Planning Advisory Committee recommendations defeated at the November 3 Council meeting be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for consideration:

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.

. Carried

2. Councillor Gatward advised that she had received several negative comments from citizens regarding the name “Brant Complex” for the Twin Pad Complex, and suggested that Council should consider allowing the public to submit names for this building. It was noted that this would require a reconsideration motion to consider a new name. It was agreed that this matter would be considered later in the meeting.

3. In response to a question, C.A.O. Don Glassford advised that he has met with a number of individuals and companies regarding the Cobblestone Drive drainage problems. He has two more steps to complete in his investigation, and then will be preparing a report for consideration at the next meeting of Council.

Brant County Council
November 17, 2009

CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the Council of the County of Brant approve a grant of \$2,500 towards the Annual County of Brant Employee Christmas Party.

.Carried

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the following Consent Information reports be received:

1. Twin Pad Complex – Project Update #2 – Clare Wamsteeker, Capital Property Manager
It was agreed that future reports would indicate if the project is on schedule.
2. UEM – Preliminary Preferred Alternative Design Concept for the Paris Transfer Station Class EA – Second Consultation – **The Director of Public Works agreed to provide further information on the options considered for the location of the roadway into this site.**
3. Notification that CHCH TV will be doing a re-enactment of the Bethel Well vandalism to be broadcast on Monday, November 23 as the “Crime of the Week”;

And that the following Consent Communications be received:

1. AMO Member Communications:
 - a. Presumptive Legislation for Volunteer and Part-time Firefighters
 - b. Consultation on Blue Box Changes
 - c. Good Government Bill contains minor changes for municipalities
2. Ontario Municipal Water Association – congratulations to County for meeting the new Provincial standard for drinking water safety by obtaining the five-part Provincial license
Council recognized the significant work of the Water Division staff in obtaining this license, and the Mayor and the Director of Public Works were requested to arrange for suitable staff recognition. Councillor Haggart suggested that it is important to publicize this achievement to the public, that the County has professional staff providing quality water services to the residents, and that rising water costs are directly related to stringent Provincial licensing standards and regulations.
3. SCOR media releases:
 - a. Sand Plains Community Development Fund.
 - b. SCOR Partners adopt strategic management plan
4. Laurier Brantford – information on B-Cause (Brant Civic Advocacy as University Student Education) community educational initiative for Laurier Brantford students.
5. Copy of letter from Helen Mulligan, Chair of the Board of Health, Brant County Health Unit, congratulating staff for H1N1 clinics.
6. Chamber of Commerce Brantford-Brant *In Touch* November newsletter.
7. Minutes of Meetings:
 - a. Long Point Region Conservation Authority – October 7, 2009.
 - b. Grand River Conservation Authority – September 25 and October 20, 2009.

. Carried

PUBLIC WORKS

Councillor Simons presented the following report from the November 10, 2009 meeting of the Public Works Committee, it being agreed that Recommendation 4 would be deferred until the December 1 Council meeting for consideration in order to get clarification on the 24-hour parking restriction for all streets in Paris:

1. Whereas County of Brant staff evaluated all tenders received in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria for RDT 21-09 "Stormwater Management Facility Maintenance";

And whereas the County is the owner and operator of assumed stormwater management facilities in the County of Brant and is mandated by the Ministry of the Environment to ensure the provision of the appropriate level of flood protection and that the facilities are fully operable at all times;

And whereas there are sufficient funds in the approved 2009 budget to complete the project;

Be it hereby resolved that Tender RDT 21-09 "Stormwater Management Facility Maintenance" be awarded to CRL Campbell Ltd. at a bid price of \$127,775.00 (excluding G.S.T.).

2. Whereas Emterra Environmental (formerly Halton Recycling) is currently contracted to collect and process recyclables and garbage under RFP 3-07;

And whereas Emterra has recently completed improvements to their recycling processing facility that enables them to automatically sort recyclables generated through a single stream collection process;

And whereas Emterra has offered to make changes to the current recyclables collection process that involves increasing the ease of preparations for County residents through a single stream recyclables collection program with no increase to the unit costs for recyclables to the County;

Be it therefore resolved that the County accept the Emterra offer to switch to a single stream recyclables collection program;

That this process commence January 1, 2010;

And that this change be promoted and County residents be informed of the changes through advertising via mail-out calendars, newspaper ads, the County web page and radio via CKPC.

3. Whereas concerns have been raised regarding motorists parking their vehicles in front of the Bell Homestead on Tutela Heights Road within the 20m zone that was intended for bus stops;

Be it hereby resolved that Parking By-law 164-01 "Schedule 2 – Stopping Prohibited Anytime" be amended in order to install the parking prohibition on the north side of Tutela Heights Road from approximately 350m east of Rosehill Avenue to 370m east of Rosehill Avenue. Buses will be exempt.

Brant County Council
November 17, 2009

4. **(Deferred to December 1 Council meeting for clarification of 24-hour parking restrictions on all streets in Paris)** ~~Whereas staff and residents have raised concerns regarding existing parking restrictions and speed limit enforcement within Paris;~~

~~And whereas the placement of "gateway" signage will inform residents of certain traffic control requirements;~~

~~Be it hereby resolved that staff install the following traffic and parking signs on all roads entering Paris to advise motorists of existing by law regulations:~~

- ~~● "Maximum 50km/h UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED"; and~~
- ~~● "PARKING 24 HOURS MAXIMUM ON ALL STREETS";~~

~~And that Brant County O.P.P. and County of Brant By law Enforcement Services be advised of these sign installations and regulations.~~

Moved by – Councillor Simons
Seconded by – Councillor Chambers

That Recommendations 1 – 3 of the Public Works Committee report from its November 10, 2009 meeting be adopted.

.Carried

The following matters related to the Public Works Committee minutes were discussed:

1. Councillor Coleman expressed concern with the response from Oxford County denying the County's request for an all-way stop at the intersection of Brant-Oxford Road/Trussler Road and Drumbo Road and questioned whether the County's request had been considered by Oxford County Council. He advised that he will be requesting the Public Works Committee to consider making the Brant-Oxford Road a through road and that stop signs be installed on Drumbo Road, since there is considerably more traffic on the Brant-Oxford Road than Drumbo Road.
2. Councillor Atfield requested that Public Works staff provide a letter to the West River Street property owners regarding the retaining wall that is located on their property. Mayor Eddy advised that County staff could not accept the liability on the County's behalf as requested, and suggested that the matter be referred back to the Public Works Committee.

Councillor Coleman then presented the following report from the November 17, 2009 meeting of the Public Works Committee:

1. Whereas the existing water service connection to the watermain on Mount Elgin Street for 57 Dundas Street West results in low water pressure and flow to the house;

And whereas an analysis and evaluation of the options available to provide adequate flow and pressure result in the preferred option being construction of a 25mm service connection from the existing watermain on Dundas Street West at Chapel Street for an estimated cost of \$17,000, plus taxes (including decommissioning of the existing service water piping at Mount Elgin Street);

Be it hereby resolved that the County of Brant construct a 25mm water service connection along Dundas Street West from the existing watermain at Chapel Street to service the property for an estimated cost of \$17,000, plus taxes;

And that this work be funded from the capital budget line item for General Watermain Upgrades which contains sufficient funds.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the report of the Public Works Committee from its November 17, 2009 meeting be adopted.

.Carried

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT – JOHN NOBLE HOME

Councillor Coleman presented the following report from the November 4, 2009 meeting of the Committee of Management – John Noble Home:

1. John Noble Home September 30, 2009 Monthly Budget Summary (PHSS2009-72)
That the monthly Budget Summary for September 30, 2009 for the John Noble Home be accepted as presented.
2. Governance Model for the John Noble Home Committee of Management
That the following resolution be referred to the General Manager, Public Health, Safety and Social Services for a report back at the December 2, 2009 meeting of the John Noble Home Committee of Management:

Whereas Brant County Council and Brantford City Council approved a new governance model for the John Noble Home Committee of Management, to be effective December 1, 2008; and

Whereas the approval of the governance model included a provision that the governance model would be reviewed by both Brantford City and Brant County Councils at the completion of one year of operation, with the option to revert back to the previous Committee of Management governance model if the proposed model did not prove to be satisfactory; and

Whereas this new governance model increased the representation on the Committee of Management in order that there was greater Councillor participation and understanding of John Noble Home matters; and

Whereas the current structure of the John Noble Home Committee of Management meetings only allows for minimal John Noble Home staff involvement and verbal reports which has resulted in less information to members of the Committee, Councils and the public than occurred in the past;

Be it hereby resolved that the City of Brantford and County of Brant be requested to revert to the previous governance model for the Committee of Management for the John Noble Home in effect prior to December 1, 2008, and that the by-laws establishing the current governance model for the Committee of Management for the John Noble Home be rescinded; and

Brant County Council
November 17, 2009

That this governance model for the John Noble Home Committee of Management come into effect on December 1, 2009.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the report of the Committee of Management – John Noble Home from its November 4, 2009 meeting be adopted.

.Carried

In response to questions, Councillor Coleman advised that following discussion at the November Committee of Management meeting, it was agreed to complete a governance review prior to further discussion at the December meeting. He noted that the County members of the Committee had met with Dan Temprile and Eleanor Maslin this evening to provide input on improvements to the current governance model.

STAFF REPORTS

Banking Agreement – report from Heather Mifflin, Treasurer

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the banking agreement with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce be extended for an additional five years, from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2013.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the County of Brant credit limit with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce be increased to a credit limit of \$6,000,000 from November 1 to February 28, and a limit of \$3,000,000 from March 1 to October 31.

.Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Long Point Region Conservation Authority – copy of resolution re: high water use designation. – **received as information.** Councillor Haggart suggested that the County of Brant may wish to consider a similar resolution in the future.
2. Kevin Hamilton re: concern about industrial development of Hopewell lands.
3. Letters from Ron Thomson, First Urban re: specific requests for Official Plan Review for:
 - a. 366 Brant County Road 18, Cainsville
 - b. 12 Brant School Road, Cainsville
 - c. 1125 Colborne Street East, Cainsville
 - d. 1185 Colborne Street East, Cainsville
 - e. 1228 Colborne Street East, Cainsville
 - f. 25 Worthington Drive, Cainsville

4. Letter from Ron Thomson, First Urban re: refinement of Employment Policy to General Commercial for Hopewell Development (Ontario) Inc.
5. Stephen Armstrong, Armstrong Hunter, re: Official Plan Review Submissions H-29(a) and (b) from First Urban.

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That correspondence received from Kevin Hamilton, First Urban and Armstrong Hunter be referred to the Planning Advisory committee for consideration.

. Carried

QUESTIONS

1. Naming of Twin Pad Arena Complex – Several members of Council noted that they had received concerns from citizens regarding the name “Brant Complex” for the new twin pad arena complex. Councillor Coleman pointed out that the name must be decided by early December in order to meet the work schedule for the name to be etched in the glass at the front of the building.

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Haggart

That Council reconsider the recommendation to name the Twin Pad Complex as the “Brant Complex”.

. Carried – Two-thirds Majority

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Haggart

That Brant County Council undertake a process to invite the public to submit names for the Twin Pad Arena Complex, in writing to the Clerk, for consideration at the December 1 Council meeting.

. Carried

2. In response to a question, the Director of Public Works advised that staff will be making arrangements for an Official Opening of the Grand River Bridge.
3. Councillor Gatward advised that she had been contacted by a local contractor who was concerned that the County’s pre-qualification process does not allow local businesses to quote on County projects. In response to a suggestion that the evaluation criteria be changed to allow points for local content, it was noted that all tenders are called in accordance with the County of Brant Purchasing Policy and the fair bidding regulations required by Provincial and Federal legislation.

Brant County Council
November 17, 2009

BURFORD CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the congratulations of Brant County Council be extended to the following recipients of the 2009 Burford Citizen of the Year Awards:

Keith Ovington	Citizen of the Year
Burford Lions Club	Group Citizens of the Year
Mary Leroux	Good Neighbour Award
Gail Yurcich	Friend of Youth Award

. Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Information on 2010 ROMA/OGRA Combined Conference to be held in Toronto from February 21 – 24, 2010.
2. Councillor Schmitt thanked the members of Council who attended the 100th Anniversary event at the St. George Legion.
3. It was agreed that Mayor Eddy and Councillor Wheat would make arrangements to recognize the Paris volunteer firefighters who undertook the sidewalk replacement at the Paris Cenotaph.
4. A welcome was extended to Andrea Crummer of the Laurier Brantford B-Cause program.
5. Cemetery Work Plan
Councillor Chambers noted that the post repairs reported at a previous meeting have been made. In light of concerns that have been raised about the operation and management of other cemeteries, Councillor Chambers suggested that a service delivery review should be undertaken of all County cemeteries, looking at both in house and contracted services. C.A.O. Don Glassford responded that a review will be done in connection with the 2010 budget deliberations, including how the cemetery budget is allocated throughout the County and the service standards. Councillor Schmitt pointed out that the driveway problems in the St. George Cemetery have been ongoing since prior to amalgamation, noting that the South Dumfries Roads Department assisted with the driveway maintenance issues at the cemetery.

IN CAMERA

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That Council go In Camera to discuss a proposed property acquisition matter on the proposed O.P.P. Accommodations sites.

. Carried

In Camera at 9:05 p.m.

This portion of the meeting is recorded in the In Camera – Confidential Brant County Council minutes dated November 17, 2009.

Open Session at 9:30 p.m., on motion of Councillors Schmitt and Wheat.

BY-LAWS

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Chambers

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

- By-law Number 184-09 to amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 (reduce speed on portions of Henderson Road and change the one-way traffic control on Front Street).
- By-law Number 185-09 to authorize a Products and Services Agreement with The Active Network Ltd. for the supply and implementation of the *Payment Manager* cashier system and the *Class Solution* activity registration system.
- By-law Number 186-09 to amend By-law Number 121-08, the Sign By-law (billboards).
- By-law Number 187-09 to authorize an agreement for general banking services with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.
- By-law Number 188-09 to authorize the borrowing of money to meet expenditures in 2009 and repeal By-law Number 2-09.
- By-law Number 189-09 to authorize a Licence Agreement with the St. George Lions Club for use of the South Dumfries Community Centre for Lions Club meetings and events.
- By-law Number 190-09 to appoint members of Council to Committees and Boards and repeal By-law Numbers 204-08 and 210-08.
- By-law Number 191-09 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
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 184-09 to amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 (reduce speed on portions of Henderson Road and change the one-way traffic control on Front Street).
- By-law Number 185-09 to authorize a Products and Services Agreement with The Active Network Ltd. for the supply and implementation of the *Payment Manager* cashier system and the *Class Solution* activity registration system.
- By-law Number 186-09 to amend By-law Number 121-08, the Sign By-law (billboards).
- By-law Number 187-09 to authorize an agreement for general banking services with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.
- By-law Number 188-09 to authorize the borrowing of money to meet expenditures in 2009 and repeal By-law Number 2-09.
- By-law Number 189-09 to authorize a Licence Agreement with the St. George Lions Club for use of the South Dumfries Community Centre for Lions Club meetings and events.
- By-law Number 190-09 to appoint members of Council to Committees and Boards and repeal By-law Numbers 204-08 and 210-08.
- By-law Number 191-09 to confirm the proceedings of Council

. Carried

Brant County Council
November 17, 2009

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Chambers

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

- By-law Number 184-09 to amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 (reduce speed on portions of Henderson Road and change the one-way traffic control on Front Street).
- By-law Number 185-09 to authorize a Products and Services Agreement with The Active Network Ltd. for the supply and implementation of the *Payment Manager* cashier system and the *Class Solution* activity registration system.
- By-law Number 186-09 to amend By-law Number 121-08, the Sign By-law (billboards).
- By-law Number 187-09 to authorize an agreement for general banking services with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.
- By-law Number 188-09 to authorize the borrowing of money to meet expenditures in 2009 and repeal By-law Number 2-09.
- By-law Number 189-09 to authorize a Licence Agreement with the St. George Lions Club for use of the South Dumfries Community Centre for Lions Club meetings and events.
- By-law Number 190-09 to appoint members of Council to Committees and Boards and repeal By-law Numbers 204-08 and 210-08.
- By-law Number 191-09 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m. to meet again on **Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers.

Mayor

Date Minutes Approved

Clerk