

**COUNTY OF BRANT COUNCIL MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING RE: COBBLESTONE DRIVE DRAINAGE CONCERNS**

Council Chambers, Paris  
Tuesday, January 19, 2010  
5:05 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Eddy, Councillors Wheat, Schmitt (5:40 p.m.), Simons, Haggart, Powell, Atfield, Chambers, Hodge, Coleman and Gatward.

**Others:** Randy Drumm, Cathy Raycraft, Linda Davis, Jose Andrade and Roberta Petitti.

**Staff:** Glassford, Bell, Compeau, and Carman

Mayor Eddy in the Chair.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the agenda for this meeting be approved as circulated.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the meeting move into Committee of the Whole to discuss the Cobblestone Drive drainage concerns.

. Carried

**The meeting moved into Committee of the Whole at 5:10 p.m.**

**DELEGATIONS**

Randy Drumm, 29 Cobblestone Drive, expressed his concern that the comments made by Kevin Fergin, Stantec Consulting, at the December 16 meeting are conjecture, in that there was no validation to verify his comments with studies, tests, documents, etc. Mr. Drumm advised that he feels that Mr. Fergin minimized the impact of drainage on the Cobblestone properties, noting that his entire 1,800 sq.ft. backyard is affected.

Mayor Eddy noted that a letter had also been received from Dennis Hamilton, 67 Cobblestone Drive, requesting answers to twelve questions related to the drainage concerns. s

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the correspondence from Dennis Hamilton dated January 15, 2010, be received and referred to staff to respond to the twelve questions included in the letter.

. Carried

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Cathy Raycraft, 31 Cobblestone Drive, referred to information that had been provided at the previous meeting by Dennis Hamilton quoting a section in the Ontario Building Code that stipulates that building sites should be graded so that water will not adversely affect adjacent properties, and questioned if this matter had been addressed by the County Solicitor as was suggested at the last meeting.

Members of Council discussed the concerns that have been brought forward by the residents of Cobblestone Drive regarding drainage issues. In response to concerns that are to be presented to Council later in the evening about drainage issues in areas of Grandville Phase 1 other than Cobblestone Drive, it was agreed that only the Cobblestone Drive concerns would be dealt with at this meeting.

In response to questions, C.A.O. Don Glassford advised that professional advice should be obtained to identify the cause of the drainage problems and provide alternatives to resolve the problems. He suggested that County staff be directed to prepare a report on the scope of the work involved prior to independent consulting engineers being requested to provide a work program and estimate of costs.

Moved by – Councillor Simons  
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

That the County of Brant engage independent professional advice to carry out a study to review the cause of flooding on properties on 29, 31 and 33 Cobblestone Drive and provide options for resolution of the drainage concerns;

And that County staff be directed to prepare a report on the scope of work to be undertaken in this regard.

. No Vote – Motion to Amend Follows

Mr. Drumm pointed out that petitions from every homeowner on Cobblestone Drive had been presented to Council requesting resolution to the drainage problems.

Moved by – Councillor Hodge  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the motion be amended to include all of Cobblestone Drive, rather than the three specific properties.

. Carried

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

“That the County of Brant engage independent professional advice to carry out a study to review the cause of flooding on properties on Cobblestone Drive and provide options for resolution of the drainage concerns;

And that County staff be directed to prepare a report on the scope of work to be undertaken in this regard.”

. Carried

Mr. Glassford advised that the County will need permission from the residents involved in order to enter their properties to review the existing grades. Mr. Drumm offered to obtain authorization from all of the Cobblestone property owners to permit entry on their property for this purpose.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned, and that the meeting return to an Open Session of Brant County Council.

. Carried

**Open Session of Brant County Council at 6:04 p.m.**

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the following recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 19, 2010 regarding drainage concerns on Cobblestone Drive be approved:

1. That the correspondence from Dennis Hamilton dated January 15, 2010, be received and referred to staff to respond to the twelve questions included in the letter.
2. That the County of Brant engage independent professional advice to carry out a study to review the cause of flooding on properties on Cobblestone Drive and provide options for resolution of the drainage concerns;

And that County staff be directed to prepare a report on the scope of work to be undertaken in this regard.

. Carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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Mayor

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Date Minutes Approved

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Clerk