

MINUTES

Council met at 4:00 p.m. for their second regular meeting of the month.

Present: Mayor Wearn, Councillors Balzer, Banbury, Cowan and Peterson

Staff: Bell, Crandall, Gabara, Harmer, Richardson, Stevenson, Williamson and Wood

Others: Rebecca Smith, Planner for Oxford County

Mayor Wearn in the Chair.

1. Prayer

2. Call to Order

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the December 17, 2014 regular meeting of Council be approved, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Randy Balzer disclosed pecuniary interest in the matter of report CAO-14-29 - 2015 Salaries and Benefits as it related to compensation for firefighters.

5. Adoption of Minutes

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the December 3, 2014 open session meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the December 3, 2014 closed meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the amended minutes of the November 6, 2014 Cemetery Board Meeting be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Delegations / Presentations

a. John Stuart Re: 69 Oxford Street West in Drumbo

Arlene Stuart expressed concerns with regards to lighting at 69 Oxford Street West in Drumbo.

Paul Gabara, Township CBO, stated a light study should be completed prior to January 2015.

Arlene Stuart expressed concerns with regards to incomplete landscaping on the west and north side of the property.

Paul Gabara stated the site plan agreement does not specify a deadline for those items, but that they would likely be completed in the spring.

Arlene Stuart inquired about receiving copies of inspection reports stating the gas pumps were safe for use.

Mayor Wearn stated these reports needed to be requested from the TSSA.

b. Gail Seed Re: Proposed Zoning Amendments – Phase 4 Plattsville Estates

Gail Seed presented two petitions to Council with regards to residents of Plattsville Estates being in support of the applications for the Official Plan Amendment previously proposed at Council on November 19, 2014.

Rebecca Smith, Planner, stated that the application for the Official Plan Amendment and modifications to Draft Plan of Subdivision had been deferred at the request of the Applicant and that they have not been heard by County Council. If the developer wants to continue with the process they

will have to come back to Township Council and make a new Zone Change application.

c. Jessica Jaremchuck, of Frank Cowan Ltd., presented the Township's Comprehensive Insurance Program

Jessica Jaremchuck presented her report and answered questions of Council.

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Whereas representatives from Frank Cowan Company Limited attended the meeting to discuss the Township's Comprehensive Insurance Program from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2015;

Be it hereby resolved that Council approve the report from Frank Cowan Company Limited, as presented;

And further that Council approve the inclusion of Volunteers Accident Insurance at an additional annual premium of \$750.

.Carried

8. Public Meetings Regarding Drainage Reports

Court of Revision – Beckett Drain

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that pursuant to the provisions of Section 52 of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, Chapter D.17, the Court of Revision for the purposes of hearing appeals to the Beckett Drain is re-convened at 4:37 p.m.

.Carried

Mr. Kuntze, P. Eng. from K. Smart Associates Limited, stated he had nothing further to report and that he was fully apprised of the decision that was made on November 19, 2014 and would speak neither for nor against it. He stated he had not been made aware of any correspondence from the MTO and that he was aware one of the appellants had submitted comments.

Mr. Cousineau was in attendance and expressed concerns over having his property assessed in the Beckett Drain watershed. He stated he was expecting to be released from any responsibilities from the drain.

Mrs. Yost was in attendance and stated she was not in favour of the Beckett Drain.

Mr. Harmer, Drain Superintendent, stated proper procedures were followed in the Beckett Drain petition and that the decisions of the Court of Revision could be appealed to the tribunal.

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the Court of Revision of the Beckett Drain reduce the outlet assessment of the Beckett Drain West Branch of Roll No. 020-050-26600 (A & K Yost) by \$10.00 and that it be added to the outlet assessment of M.T.O. (401).

.Carried

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the Court of Revision of the Beckett Drain reduce the outlet assessment of the Beckett Drain East Branch of Roll No. 020-050-28000 (M & G Cousineau) by \$1,044.00 and that it be added to the outlet assessment of M.T.O. (401).

.Carried

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the Court of Revision for the Beckett Drain be adjourned;

And further that the Clerk be directed to notify the affected owners of the change in assessment to their property for the Beckett Drain;

And further that the Court of Revision for the Beckett Drain be reconvened on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

9. Correspondence

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Council receive the correspondence from Scott Boughner, County of Oxford, regarding the petition for a Community Safety Zone in Plattsville;

And further that Council support the request from the citizens of Plattsville.

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Whereas the Oxford County Road Supervisors Association is seeking to host the 2017 Association of Ontario Road Supervisor's (AORS) Municipal Trade Show;

And whereas this event draws more than 2,000 participants to share information and technical developments related to municipal roads and infrastructure with 200 exhibitors (300 booths) of public works products and services;

And whereas this event provides an opportunity to show case the County and local municipalities while providing support to the local economy through accommodations, meals and other related spinoffs;

And whereas municipal support for the show and public works staff involved in planning, organizing and running the Trade Show is required for it to be successful;

Now therefore the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim hereby endorse the Oxford County Road Supervisors Association bid for the 2017 OARS Municipal Trade Show;

And further endorse the utilization of public works staff to assist with planning, organizing and running the 2017 AORS Municipal Trade Show.

.Carried

10. Staff Reports

a. Rebecca Smith – Planner

i. CASPO 2014-297 – SP 1-14-03 Maple Lake Park

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that the application for Site Plan Amendment submitted by Maple Lake Park Limited, for lands described as Part Lot 3, Concession 7 (Blandford), in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim and municipally known as 806201 County Road 29, for the purposes of documenting a number of minor changes to the layout of the Maple Lake Mobile Home Park, be approved at such time as the following condition is fulfilled: That Schedule "B" of the existing Site Plan Agreement be replaced with the revised site plan drawings as shown on Plates 3 to 6 of Report No.: CASPO 2104-297 to the satisfaction of the Township Chief Administrative Officer.

.Carried

b. Ken Wood – Manager, Community Services

i. CS-14-18 – Smoke-Free Ontario Act Regulatory Amendments

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-14-18 be received as information;

And further, that Council direct the Community Services Manager to erect the Provincial signs in the appropriate areas as outlined in the regulation.

.Carried

ii. CS-14-19 – Terms of Reference for Recreation Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-14-19 be received as information;

And further, Council approves the Terms of Reference for the Recreation Advisory Committee, as described in the attached document.

.Carried

c. Fran Bell – CAO/Clerk

i. CAO-14-29 – 2015 Salaries and Benefits

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-14-29 be received as information;

And further that the remuneration for Council members, Township employees, Fence-Viewers and Livestock Valuers, and Property Standards Committee members be increased by 2% effective January 1, 2015;

And that the remuneration for Fire Department employees be increased by 2% effective December 1, 2014;

And further that the clothing allowance for safety boots be increased to \$200;

And further that the CAO/Clerk be directed to bring forward a by-law to reflect these changes.

.Carried

ii. CAO-14-31 – Election Signs

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-14-31 be received as information;

And further that the sign by-law be amended to restrict the erecting of signs for the municipal election to no earlier than Nomination Day.

.Carried

iii. CAO-14-36 – Renewal of Canine Control Agreement

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-14-36 be received as information;

And further that Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim renew the agreement for canine control with Hillside Kennels Animal Control Ltd. for the period of 2015-2016.

.Carried

11. Unfinished Business

None.

12. New Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. Closed Sessions

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Council moved into closed session at 5:35 p.m to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (appointments to boards and committees) and personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

.Carried

The minutes of this meeting can be found in the Closed Session meeting minutes of December 17, 2014.

The open session of Council resumed at 6:22 p.m.

RESOLUTION #20

Moved by – Councillor Cowan
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Council appoint Larry Balkwill, John Sippel, Brent Hutchinson, James Turnbull, Marion Wearn, Councillor Betty Cowan and Barbara Blake, and Loree Currah to the Cemetery Board for the 2014-2018 term of Council;

And further that Council appoint J. Bev Beaton and Mayor Marion Wearn to the Police Services Board for the 2014-2018 term of Council;

And further that Mayor Marion Wearn, Councillor Mark Peterson, Fred Barnes, Cretia Brittain and Swen van den Heuvel, be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for the 2014-2018 Term of Council;

And further that Bob Davis, Deb MacDonald, Kathy Keyes, Pat DeWaal and Swen van den Heuvel be appointed to the Princeton Centennial Hall Management Committee for the 2014-2018 term of Council.

.Carried

15. By-laws

RESOLUTION #21

Moved by – Councillor Cowan
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that first and second reading be given to the following By-laws:

By-law 1871-2014, being a By-law to provide for the appointment of persons to serve as Fence-Viewers, Livestock Valuers and Pound Keeper in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim;

By-law 1876-2014, being a By-law to establish the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim Fees and Charges;

And By-law 1877-2014, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

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16. Other

17. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #23

Moved by – Councillor Cowan
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 6:25 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

.Carried

Marion Wearn, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Fran Bell, CAO / Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim