

## MINUTES

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

Present: Mayor Wearn, Councillors Banbury, Glendinning , Mordue and Peterson

Staff: Bell, Crandall, Gabara, Harmer, Richardson, Stevenson, Williamson,  
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 Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the October 15, 2014 regular meeting of Council be approved, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

**4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

**RESOLUTION #2**

Moved by – Councillor Peterson  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the October 1, 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 October 1, 2014 Princeton Centennial Hall Board Meeting be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

**RESOLUTION #4**

Moved by – Councillor Peterson  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the October 7, 2014 Princeton Park Expansion Advisory Committee Meeting be adopted, as clarified and circulated.

.Carried

**6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**7. Public Meetings Regarding Drainage Reports**

a) Final Engineering Report re: Beckett Drain

Mayor Wearn opened the public meeting. No members of Council declared a pecuniary interest in the matter. The applicant was present.

Mr. Kuntze reviewed the contents of the drainage report for the Beckett Drain, which covered the watershed plan, profiles, specifications and assessments for the proposed work.

Mike Cousineau expressed concerns with regards to blocked culverts under the 401, the increasing costs of the proposed drainage works on the Beckett Drain, increased run-off from the 401 draining into Black Creek, as well as the use of fill to construct a road on Mr. Beckett's property. He also expressed concerns about pollutants from the 401 water entering the Black Creek.

Mr. Kuntze stated he is unaware if the culverts under the 401 are blocked, but that they don't appear to be blocked. Mr. Kuntze informed Mr. Cousineau that if he wanted to confirm if they are blocked he could file a petition to have the work done. Mr. Kuntze explained that moving forward the Township would not be maintaining the access road on Mr. Beckett's property, and that the plan was to simply place excavated material on the access road. He noted that the road would only be 4-5 m. in width.

Kim Yost spoke against the proposed drainage works and stated she didn't want anyone touching her property.

Mr. Kuntze explained that the proposed drainage work would not entail any work being done on Mrs. Yost's property.

Mr. Beckett explained that when work was done on the 401 by the Ministry of Transportation they should have continued the drain directly to Black River and not ended the drain at the edge of his property. He also explained that with the construction of the new bridge, the MTO had placed waste material on his property that blocked the natural run-off of water off his property. He explained that his neighbours' water run onto his property and that some of his trees have died and that a culvert has been washed out.

Mrs. Yost asked why the drain would be going through other's property. Mr. Kuntz explained that the drain would only be located on Mr. Beckett's property but that the other property owners were in the watershed.

Sasha Sakic, MTO, questioned the petition under Section 4 of the Drainage Act. Mr. Kuntze advised that the petition met the requirements of the Drainage Act.

Mr. Kuntze explained that the municipality provides a venue under the Drainage Act for this process to take place and that Council has to borrow money until the work is complete. If the municipality has to borrow money, interest charges will be added to the cost of the drain and levied back to the property owners on the Beckett Drain.

Jordan Kent asked if the cost of the report would go on credit, and if the Township would be responsible for this cost.

The engineer responded that the municipality would finance the works and then the costs are billed to the assessed owners in proportion to their assessment.

Councillor Glendinning asked Mr. Beckett if he took any action after the MTO altered his waterway by dumping waste on his property.

Mr. Beckett responded that he did contact the MTO and that debris was then moved to the opposite side of the bridge and fenced off. Water drained off the road couldn't go into the ditch, and continued to flood his property.

Mr. Kuntze clarified that Mr. Beckett's drainage problem was not caused by the excavated material, it was mainly caused by the work done on the 401.

Mr. Cousineau asked about the role of the MNR. The engineer responded that they were circulated but were a small player in terms of assessment.

Sasha Sakic, a representative from the MTO, expressed concerns over the possible water level increase of Black Creek.

Mr. Kuntze explained that the proposed drainage work will not change the water level of Black Creek and will not impact the watershed area of the Beckett Drain.

Mr. Cousineau expressed concerns about the water overflowing the road culvert and flowing on to County Road 3 and asked who would be responsible for replacing it. The Engineer responded that there is no additional water being created.

Mr. Harmer, Township Drainage Superintendent, clarified that excess water on Mr. Beckett's property stemmed from expansion work done on the 401. An increase from 2 lanes to 3 lanes increased water run-off of the 401 and that water must be taken to a proper outlet, which in his opinion, he believes is what this report will take care of. Mr. Harmer explained that the Drainage Act allows for multiple appeals and that any ratepayer may appeal their assessment at the Court of Revision. If not satisfied at the Court of Revision there is the opportunity to appeal to the Tribunal.

Mayor Wearn asked how the MTO fits into this process and if they would be able to file an appeal.

Mr. Kuntze explained that the MTO is considered to be an assessed land owner and that they have the same rights to come and express their opinions and appeal.

Mayor Wearn closed the public meeting.

## **8. Consideration of Drainage Reports**

### **RESOLUTION #5**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-14-26 be received as information;

And further that Council give consideration to By-Law No. 1868-2014 for a first and second reading;

And further that the Court of Revision be set for Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

## 9. Committee of Adjustment

### RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Council move into the Committee of Adjustment at 4:55 p.m.

.Carried

These minutes can be found in the Committee of Adjustment meeting minutes of October 15, 2014.

The open session of Council resumed at 5:04 p.m.

## 10. Public Hearing under the *Planning Act*

Mayor Wearn opened the public meeting.

i. Application for Zone Change ZN 1-14-08 Magee

The Planner, Rebecca Smith, presented the planning report for Owner Jim Magee and recommended approval. The Applicant was present.

The Owner explained he was building a shed for storage into an opening in the woods.

No comments were received for or against the application.

The Mayor closed the public meeting.

### RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Glendinning  
Seconded by – Councillor Mordue

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve the zone change application submitted by Jim Magee, whereby the lands described as Part Lot 8, Concession 8 (Blenheim), Township of Blandford-Blenheim are to be rezoned from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' and 'Residential Existing Lot Zone (RE)' to 'Special Residential Existing Lot Zone (RE-Sp)' to eliminate the 'split-zoning' of the rural residential property and permit the construction of an accessory building a minimum of 3.4 m (11 ft) from the westerly facing front lot line.

.Carried

## **11. Staff Reports**

### **a. Denice Williamson – Director of Finance**

#### **i. TR-14-05 – 2013 Performance Measures**

**RESOLUTION #11**

Moved by – Councillor Glendinning  
Seconded by – Councillor Mordue

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-14-05 be received as information;

And further that the 2013 Performance Measures with comparatives from 2012 and 2011 be posted on the Township website.

.Carried

### **b. Fran Bell – CAO/Clerk**

#### **i. CAO-14-25 – 2015 OPP Billing Statement**

**RESOLUTION #12**

Moved by – Councillor Glendinning  
Seconded by – Councillor Mordue

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-14-25 be received as information.

.Carried

## **12. Unfinished Business**

None.

## **13. New Business**

None.

## **14. Motions and Notices of Motion**

None.

## **15. By-laws**

**RESOLUTION #13**

Moved by – Councillor Mordue  
Seconded by – Councillor Glendinning

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

By-law 1866-2014, being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 1360-2002, as amended (ZN 1-14-08 Jim Magee);

By-law 1867-2014, being a By-law to convey Part of P.I.N. 00289-0018 LT, part of Allchin Street Plan 29 between Main Street and Newton Street, formerly in the Township of Blenheim, now in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, County of Oxford, described as Part 1, Plan 41R-9150;

By-law 1868-2014, being a By-law to provide for drainage works in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim in the Restructured County of Oxford;

And By-law 1869-2014, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

#### **RESOLUTION #14**

Moved by – Councillor Mordue

Seconded by – Councillor Glendinning

Be it hereby resolved that a third and final reading be given to the following By-law:

By-law 1866-2014, being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 1360-2002, as amended (ZN 1-14-08 Jim Magee);

By-law 1867-2014, being a By-law to convey Part of P.I.N. 00289-0018 LT, part of Allchin Street Plan 29 between Main Street and Newton Street, formerly in the Township of Blenheim, now in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, County of Oxford, described as Part 1, Plan 41R-9150;

And By-law 1869-2014, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

## **16. Other**

Councillor Peterson inquired about reducing the speed limit on County Road 2 from 80 km to 60 km or moving the 50 km speed limit further east.

**RESOLUTION #15**

Moved by – Councillor Peterson  
Seconded by – Councillor Glendinning

Be it hereby resolved that the County of Oxford reduce the speed on County Road 2 from 80 km to 60 km prior to the 50 km/hr location on the east side of Princeton.

.Carried

**17. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

**RESOLUTION #16**

Moved by – Councillor Mordue  
Seconded by – Councillor Glendinning

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:23 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

.Carried

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Marion Wearn, Mayor  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

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Fran Bell, CAO / Clerk  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim