

MINUTES

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

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

Staff: Harmer, Krug, Matheson, Mordue, Richardson, and Wood.

Others: Rebecca Smith, Planner, Oxford County.

Regrets: Councillor Cowan

Mayor Wearn in the Chair.

1. Welcome

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 October 19, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council, be approved, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

5. Adoption of Minutes

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the October 5, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the October 5, 2016 Closed Session of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Delegations / Presentations

- a. Ian Howes, Managing Consultant, Re: Ground Mounted Solar Panels (Report CAO-16-46)

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

WHEREAS capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Rules, Version 5.0.

AND WHEREAS 2467264 Ontario Inc. (the “Applicant”) proposes to construct and operate a Non-Rooftop Solar project (the “Project”) on 00288-0083 (the “Lands”) in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim under the Province’s FIT Program;

AND WHEREAS the Applicant has requested that Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim indicate by resolution Council's support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Property;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 5.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in the Applicant being offered a FIT Contract prior to other Persons applying for FIT Contracts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim supports the construction and operation of Project on the Lands.

This resolution's sole purpose is to enable the Applicant to receive Priority Points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Project or any other purpose.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

WHEREAS capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Rules, Version 5.0.

AND WHEREAS 2502928 Ontario Inc. (the "Applicant") proposes to construct and operate a Non-Rooftop Solar project (the "Project") on 00288-0082 (the "Lands") in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim under the Province's FIT Program;

AND WHEREAS the Applicant has requested that Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim indicate by resolution Council's support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Property;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 5.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in the Applicant being offered a FIT Contract prior to other Persons applying for FIT Contracts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim supports the construction and operation of Project on the Lands.

This resolution's sole purpose is to enable the Applicant to receive Priority Points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Project or any other purpose.

.Carried

8. Correspondence

a. General

None.

b. Specific

- i. Lynn Dollin, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario Re: What's Next Ontario

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim receives the correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and,

WHEREAS recent polling, conducted on behalf of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario indicates 76% of Ontarians are concerned or

somewhat concerned property taxes will not cover the cost of infrastructure while maintaining municipal services, and 90% agree maintaining safe infrastructure is an important priority for their communities;

AND WHEREAS infrastructure and transit are identified by Ontarians as the biggest problems facing their municipal government;

AND WHEREAS a ten-year projection (2016-2025) of municipal expenditures against inflationary property tax and user fee increases, shows there to be an unfunded average annual need of \$3.6 billion to fix local infrastructure and provide for municipal operating needs;

AND WHEREAS the \$3.6 billion average annual need would equate to annual increases of 4.6% (including inflation) to province-wide property tax revenue for the next ten years;

AND WHEREAS this gap calculation also presumes all existing and multi-year planned federal and provincial transfers to municipal governments are fulfilled;

AND WHEREAS if future federal and provincial transfers are unfulfilled beyond 2015 levels, it would require annual province-wide property tax revenue increases of up to 8.35% for ten years;

AND WHEREAS Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country;

AND WHEREAS each municipal government in Ontario faces unique issues, the fiscal health and needs are a challenge which unites all municipal governments, regardless of size;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its work to close the fiscal gap; so that all municipalities can benefit from predictable and sustainable revenue, to finance the pressing infrastructure and municipal service needs faced by all municipal governments.

.Carried

9. Committee of Adjustment

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that Council move into the Committee of Adjustment at 4:31 p.m.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that Council move out of the Committee of Adjustment at 4:35 p.m.

.Carried

10. Staff Reports

a. John Scherer – Chief Building Official

i. CBO-16-12 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that Report CBO-16-12 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Ken Wood – Manager of Community Services

i. CS-16-19 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-16- 19 be received as information;

And further, Council approves the funding of a new boiler for the arena at a cost of \$10,170.00 including HST to be funded from the Arena Equipment Reserve.

.Carried

c. Rick Richardson – Director of Protective Services

- i. FC-16-10 – September Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Report FC-16-10 be received as information.

.Carried

d. Sarah Matheson - Deputy Clerk

- i. DC-16-03 - Records Retention

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Report DC-16-03 be received as information;
and,

That Council adopt the Records Retention By-law 1990-2016 and repeals
By-law 1415-2003.

.Carried

e. Denise Krug - Director of Finance

- i. TR-16-06 – Asset Management Plan Expansion Funding

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-16-06 be received as information;

And further that the 2016 expense for the Asset Management Plan Phase
II (\$17,808 including unrecoverable HST) is to be funded from the Property
Tax Stabilization Reserve.

.Carried

f. Rodger Mordue – Chief Administrative Officer

- i. CAO-16-45 – Poland Garden Suite Agreement

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-16-45 be received as information;
and,

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign a Garden Suite agreement
with the owner of the property located at 975047 Brant-Oxford Road (Bruce
Poland).

.Carried

- ii. CAO-16-46 – Request for support – Non-Rooftop Solar project

See Resolutions in Delegation section.

- iii. CAO-16-47 – Cemetery Advisory Committee appointees

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-16-47 be received as information;
and,

That the following individuals be appointed to the Township's Cemetery
Advisory Committee:

- Bill Goodwin, Community Representative
- Phil Harmer, Community Representative
- Dan McLaren, Community Representative
- Barbara Blake, Community Representative
- John Sippel, Community Representative
- Councillor Betty Cowan
- Mayor Marion Wearn

.Carried

11. Reports from Council Members

None.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Closed Session

None.

16. By-laws

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

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

By-law 1990-2016, being a By-law to provide for the classification, retention and destruction of records in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, and to repeal By-Law No. 1415-2003; and,

By-law 1991-2016, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

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

By-law 1990-2016, being a By-law to provide for the classification, retention and destruction of records in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, and to repeal By-Law No. 1415-2003; and,

By-law 1991-2016, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

17. Other

Attendance at Southwest Municipal Conference, December 2, 2016.

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #19

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:00 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

.Carried

Marion Wearn, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Rodger Mordue CAO / Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim