

MUNICIPALITY OF DUTTON/DUNWICH

Minutes of the Council of the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich held on Wednesday January 21, 2008, in the Council Chambers, 199 Currie Road, Dutton, Ontario

Present were: Mayor Bonnie Vowel
Deputy Mayor Cameron McWilliam
Councillor John Yokom
Councillor Donald Page
Councillor Ian Fleck
Clerk-Treasurer Administrator Ken Loveland
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Heather Bouw

Opening of the Meeting

09.02.01 **MOVED by McWilliam and Page THAT the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich opens at 5:00 p.m.**

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

09.02.02 **MOVED by Fleck and Seconded by McWilliam THAT the Agenda be approved as prepared and presented to Council.**

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No one declared a conflict.

Payment of Accounts

Council reviewed the payment of accounts for December 2008.

09.02.03 **MOVED by Page and SECONDED by Fleck THAT we approve the December 2008 General Account of \$860,091.39 Roads \$167,868.98; Water \$814,816.47; Recreation \$23,911.75 and Fire Department of \$16,100.87 plus GST Refund totaling \$1,928.407.18.**

CARRIED

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09.02.04 **MOVED by Page and SECONDED by Fleck THAT relevant correspondence was reviewed.**

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Water Supply

Mayor Vowel and Clerk-Treasurer Administrator Loveland met with Mayor Warwick and Joanne Groch to discuss our municipality’s plans to transfer our water source. Items discussed included transferring the existing meter pit in Iona to us, existing customers on the main lines owned by each municipality, emergency supply for all the municipalities, the use of the Wallacetown water tower and the timing of the change. It was agreed to finalize our discussions by sending a letter to West Elgin.

Phone Services

A company called Telecom Enterprises has been working on changes to our phone system by obtaining quotes for these services. Their fee is 50% of any saving which would be generated in the first year. After reviewing their proposal, some changes would be worthwhile.

Elgin Assoc for Community Living-Shenanigans

Clerk-Treasurer Administrator Loveland reported on the meeting he attended on January 13, 2009 with the Shenanigans support group made up of parents of the group, Dutton-Dunwich Chamber representatives, School Board representative Tracey Grant and five representatives of E.A.C.L. Although E.A.C.L. are very supportive of what Shenanigans have accomplished, their mandate is to provide assistance to help people get more involved within the community, not to provide long-term operating costs. They have a fairly large deficit and they need to make some cuts. These representatives felt very strongly that their board of directors would not consider

reinstating the funding for rent, however, they did agree to approach their board to discuss reimplementing funding for a short time to give Shenanigans an opportunity to plan their future. The E.A.C.L. was contributing \$350.00 per month toward the rental of the facility. They had promised this support for five years and had actually extended it a couple of years beyond the original agreement. Council discussed making a small donation to this group.

Loading Zone – Shackleton Street

At the last meeting, Road Superintendent Mike Hull was requested to inspect the “loading zone” sign that Evelyn Poisson had installed on a hydro pole beside her store to prevent parking on the municipal road allowance. Council decided not to establish a loading zone at this site.

Dog Tags

Due to some complaints regarding the sub-contracted dog tag issuer, Council discussed other options for selling dog tags. Council decided to sell dog tags from the Municipal Office for this year, and review the fees collected and costs incurred before a decision is made for 2010.

Caledonia II Official Opening

The official opening for Caledonia II has been scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2009. An official notice will be forthcoming.

COMRIF Project

The weather has, of course, considerably slowed down the waterline construction project. Although there is still not a large amount of frost in the ground, the snow accumulation along the sides of the roads has made it difficult to work. The extreme cold weather has made it difficult to undertake the necessary testing, flushing and swabbing of the lines. Sub-contractor Extreme Drilling were completing a directional bore on Celtic Line, but had not informed Sherway Contracting that they were working. Therefore Spriet Associates were not on-site to provide supervision. There were concerns raised that Extreme Drilling did not have proper signage and were creating a dangerous hazard on Celtic Line hill. Signs were installed once we were aware of the situation, and were assured that this would not occur again.

Meter Reading

Due to health concerns of our current meter reader, Council decided to contact Corix Water Products and ask for a proposal for this service.

2008 Year End Financial Statement

Council reviewed a financial report dated December 2008.

Ray Derraugh

Ray Derraugh attended the meeting to discuss snow plowing issues which resulted in charges being laid.. Mr. Derraugh asked Council to read a letter he received from one of his neighbours. He then asked if he could have a copy of any letters the municipality had regarding his being reprimanded for snowblowing. The Clerk-Treasurer Administrator stated that the municipality had no such letter on file, and was unaware of any verbal complaint. Mr. Derraugh had taken pictures over a period of time and passed these to Council Members. Mr. Derraugh feels that due to the reconstruction of Mary Street this past summer, changes should be made to how the snow is plowed on Mary Street, and consequently left on the corner of Mary and Centre streets. Mr. Derraugh was also concerned that after some heavy snowfalls in December, it then began to rain, and since the catchbasins were covered with snow and he was concerned that the water would end up in his yard. On December 24th, the Clerk-Treasurer Administrator informed Mr. Derraugh that the sidewalks could not be plowed at this time because the by-law had not been passed at the December 17th meeting, as Council was still debating “Priority #1” and Priority #2” sidewalks. The Clerk-Treasurer Administrator assured Mr. Derraugh that sidewalk plowing would commence in January. On December 29th, Mr. Derraugh began snowblowing the snow off the sidewalk onto Mary Street. At approximately 4:30 pm, both the O.P.P. and Assistant Road Superintendent Kevin Englehart arrived at his residence and Mr. Derraugh was charged under the Highway Traffic Act. Mr. Derraugh is requesting that Council pay his ticket due to the fact that he feels he was charged due to misinformation provided by the Assistant Road Superintendent.

After Mr. Derraugh left the meeting, Council discussed this situation, along with his request. Council determined that the matter could have and should have been dealt with differently, but they are not in a position to pay his ticket. Council discussed implementing a policy for future reference.

Building Permits

Council reviewed the building permit applications.

09.02.05 **MOVED by Fleck and SECONDED by McWilliam THAT Council review the following Building Permits as passed by the Building Inspector:**

Pam Sudgen

Ag Storage

CARRIED

Tile Drainage Loan Application

Council reviewed the tile loan applications.

09.02.12 **MOVED by Fleck and SECONDED by Yokom THAT By-law 2009-08, being a by-law to enter into an agreement to hire employees for contract positions be read a first, second and third time and passed.**

CARRIED

Other Business

Council reviewed a letter from WECHC requesting our Council be represented on the Eldercare Strategy Workshop.

Date for Next Meeting

February 4, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.
February 18, 2009 – 5:00 p.m.

09.02.13 **MOVED by Yokom and SECONDED by McWilliam THAT By-law 2009-06, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich be read a first, second and third time and passed.**

CARRIED

Adjournment

09.02.14 **MOVED by Fleck and SECONDED by Yokom THAT the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich adjourn at 9:00 p.m.**

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer Administrator