

MINUTES

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

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

Staff: Bell, Crandall, Richardson, Watson, Weatherhead, Wood and Lehmann

Mayor Wearn in the Chair.

Prayer

Call to Order

Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Peterson

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it resolved that the agenda for the February 1, 2012 regular meeting of Council be approved, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Minutes

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Peterson

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the January 18, 2012 open session Council meeting 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 13, 2011 meeting of the Police Services Board be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Delegations / Presentations

Mrs. G. Ashby – Drumbo & District Heritage Society Re: Funding

On behalf of the Drumbo & District Heritage Society, Mrs. Gloria Ashby requested that Council consider the inclusion of funds for archival restoration and preservation in the 2012 Budget.

Mrs. Ashby discussed the culture of community and the importance of preserving the rich heritage of the Township. She presented six points, as follows:

- tax payer's preference
- policing costs
- vandalism
- usefulness in the community

- future economic benefits
- fiscal responsibility

In response to a question, Mrs. Ashby reported that the Drumbo & District Heritage Society receives \$1,500 annually from the Hodge Grant and that those monies are the only “outside” source of funding that the group receives.

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that the request for funding received from the Drumbo & District Heritage Society be referred to 2012 budget deliberations.

.Carried

Correspondence - Information

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the correspondence, as read, be received and the noted action be approved.

.Carried

Mayor Wearn requested that a copy of the discussion paper regarding the Oxford Master Again Plan be placed on the Township’s website.

Correspondence – Specific

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Whereas pursuant to Section 97(3) of the *Drainage Act*, the Council of the Township of Norwich has requested that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim appoint a member to the Court of Revision for the Branton Drain 2011.

Be it hereby resolved that Councillor Jeff Glendinning be appointed to the Court of Revision for the Branton Drain 2011.

.Carried

Staff Reports

CAO-12-03 – Princeton Centennial Hall Renovations

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-12-02 be received as information;

And further that the tender for the Princeton Centennial Hall renovations, in the amount of \$254,300, plus taxes, be awarded to Vance Construction, to be funded from reserves and community donations;

And further that a further amount of \$50,000 for contingency, tables and project management costs, to be funded by reserves and community donations, be approved.

.Carried

CAO-12-04 – Plattsville Memorial Arena Renovations

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-12-04 be received as information;

And further that the design as presented in the report be adopted by Council;

And further that Ball Construction be directed to remove the architectural features from the south side elevations and to proceed to prepare the revised mechanical / electrical drawings.

.Carried

PW-12-04 – Monthly Report to Council

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-12-04 be received as information.

.Carried

In response to a question from Councillor Banbury, regarding wait times for motorists at the train tracks running over Township Road 4, the Director of Public Works reported that he has attempted to discuss the matter with representatives of CP and Transport Canada and that he is hopeful to have additional information available for the February 15, 2012 meeting of Council.

FC-12-01 – Monthly Report to Council

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Report FC-12-01 be received as information.

.Carried

The Director of Protective Services extended his thanks to Mr. Jeff Murray, for his generous donation of \$2,500 to the Bright Fire Station. The Director reported that the money will be used to purchase ten new face pieces for the Bright Fire Station.

In response to a question from Councillor Peterson, regarding Mutual Aid Agreements, the Director reported that he would be arranging to meet with Scott Alexander, Fire Chief for Innerkip.

CBO-12-02 – Monthly Report to Council

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Glendinning
Seconded by – Councillor Mordue

Be it hereby resolved that Report CBO-12-02 be received as information.

.Carried

TR-12-04 – Council Remuneration

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Glendinning
Seconded by – Councillor Mordue

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-12-04 be received as information.

.Carried

CS-12-01 – Monthly Report to Council

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Glendinning
Seconded by – Councillor Mordue

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-12-01 be received as information.

.Carried

In response to a question from Councillor Peterson, regarding “No Smoking” signage, the Manager of Community Services reported that the cost of signage has been included in the Trillium Grant application.

It was noted that the location of the cigarette butt receptacles at the Plattsville Memorial Arena are not conducive to deterring patrons of the Arena from smoking closer than 9 meters from the entrance.

CS-11-12 – Monthly Report to Council

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Glendinning
Seconded by – Councillor Mordue

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-11-12 be received as information.

.Carried

Unfinished Business

2012 Township Budget

Councillor Glendinning provided comments and suggestions regarding the 2012 proposed Budget.

It was noted that Senior Staff are reviewing the draft Budget and that a report will be submitted to the February 15, 2012 Council meeting.

New Business

None.

Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

Closed Session

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Glendinning

Be it hereby resolved that Council does move into closed session at 5:06 p.m. to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual.

.Carried

The minutes of this portion of the meeting are recorded in the Closed Session meeting minutes of February 1, 2012.

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Second by – Councillor Glendinning

Be it hereby resolved that the Director of Finance be authorized to commence tax registration procedures with respect to the property identified in Closed Session Report TR-12-03.

.Carried

By-Laws

None.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Glendinning

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:12 p.m.;

Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

.Carried

Marion Wearn, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Fran Bell, CAO / Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim