

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, Weatherhead, Wood and Lehmann

Mayor Wearn in the Chair.

Others: Stephen Couture, Planner, County of Oxford

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 15, 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 February 1, 2012 open session Council meeting be adopted, as amended.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Peterson

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the February 1, 2012 closed session Council 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 February 2, 2012 meeting of the Cemetery Board be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Delegations / Presentations

Mr. Broderick Carey, President – Oxford Regional Labour Council Re: Canada-EU CETA

On behalf of the Oxford Regional Labour Council (ORLC), Mr. Carey reviewed the concerns of the ORLC with respect to the Canada-EU CETA.

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas the Canadian government is close to concluding negotiations with the European Union (EU) on a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), with participation from provinces and territories;

And whereas the Township of Blandford-Blenheim recognizes the importance of trade to local, provincial / territorial and national economies, but also the impact that trade agreements can have on the powers of local governments;

And whereas in the CETA, Canada has exchanged an initial procurement offer with the EU (listing sub-federal entities that will be bound by the rules of the procurement chapter) that may include the Township of Blandford-Blenheim and that would explicitly tie the Township of Blandford-Blenheim to the terms and conditions of an international trade agreement;

And whereas the EU is insisting on full access to procurement by municipalities, school boards, universities, hospitals, utilities and other provincial agencies, which could significantly reduce the freedom of these bodies to hire or source locally on public contracts, or to use public spending as a tool for economic development, environmental protection and support for local farmers and small businesses;

And whereas procurement rules in the CETA combined with investment protections related to transit, water, electricity and other public services delivered locally may lock in privatization and make it prohibitively expensive to apply new regulations, to re-municipalize services, or create new municipal programs;

And whereas the Township of Blandford-Blenheim already has an open and fair procurement policy, and that it is not the international norm for municipal governments to be covered by procurement agreements such as the one proposed in the CETA;

And whereas disputes by private firms against local policy decisions could be taken before private trade tribunals that lack transparency and have the authority to impose fines;

Therefore be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim requests that:

- The Province of Ontario issue a clear, permanent exemption for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim from the Canada-EU CETA, and that it otherwise protect the powers of municipalities, hospitals, school boards, utilities, universities and other sub-federal agencies to use public procurement, services and investment as tools to create local jobs, protect the environment, and support local development;
- The Province of Ontario disclose its initial procurement, services and investment offers to the EU, explain the impacts CETA would have on municipal governance, and give M.U.S.H. sector entities the freedom to decide whether or not they will be bound by the procurement, investment and regulatory rules in the agreement;
- This resolution be sent to Provincial / Territorial Municipal Association and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Ontario Hospital Association, the Ontario University Association and the Ontario School Board Association and any other relevant bodies for consideration and circulation.

.Carried

Public Hearings under the *Planning Act*

Mayor Wearn declared the public meeting open at 4:21 p.m.

ZN-1-11-05 – Filip and Bozanka Dujin, owners – 886142 Oxford Road 8, Bright

Mr. Stephen Couture, Planner for Oxford County and Mr. Dujin, Applicant, reviewed the Application with Council.

Mayor Wearn declared the public meeting closed at 4:37 p.m.

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that the Zone Change application received from Filip and Bozanka Dujin, to permit a temporary “farm equipment repair shop” for a three (3) year period ending on February 15, 2015, on lands consisting of Part of Lot 4, Concession 10 (Blandford) and municipally known as 886142 Oxford Road 8, be approved.

.Carried

Committee of Adjustment

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Council moves into the Committee of Adjustment at 4:40 p.m.

.Carried

Correspondence - Information

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Glendinning
Seconded by – Councillor Mordue

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

.Carried

Correspondence – Specific

Request for Jurisdictional Authorization Re: West Nile Virus

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Glendinning
Seconded by – Councillor Mordue

Be it hereby resolved that the action by Oxford County Public Health & Emergency Services, to reduce the risk of West Nile Virus, be supported;

And further that the correspondence prepared by Mayor Wearn be forwarded to Dr. Neal, on behalf of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

.Carried

Request for Financial Support – Ontario 911 Advisory Board

Council received the request for financial support from the Ontario 911 Advisory Board as information.

Staff Reports

CAO-12-05 – 2012 Proposed Budget

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Glendinning
Seconded by – Councillor Mordue

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-12-05 be received as information;

And further that the 2012 operating and capital budgets be approved;

And further that the 2012 requirement from taxation in the amount of \$3,696,045.00 be approved;

And further that the Director of Finance be directed to prepare the Tax Rate By-law for future consideration by Council.

.Carried

PW-12-04 – 2012 Dust Suppressant Tender Results

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Glendinning
Seconded by – Councillor Mordue

Be it hereby resolved that the tender received from Pollard Highway Products for the 2012 supply of approximately 1,481,000 litres of liquid brine solution at a price of \$0.0725 per litre, for a total cost of \$107,372.50, plus HST, be accepted.

.Carried

PW-12-05 – Pre-Budget Approval to Tender Tractor & Mower / Boom Brush Cutter

Council received report PW-12-05 as information. Discussion focused on 2011 rental costs, alternative / additional uses for machinery, preventative maintenance and the anticipated life expectancy of the equipment.

PW-12-06 – Fuel Purchasing

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Glendinning

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-12-06 be received as information.

.Carried

CS-12-02 – Parks & Recreation Master Plan Committee Recruitment

The Manager of Community Services reported that he has now received six letters of interest from residents interested in volunteering for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Committee.

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Glendinning

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

And further that the deadline for applications for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Committee be extended until February 29, 2012.

.Carried

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Mayor Wearn announced that the Plattsville Synchronized Skating Team was recently awarded medals at the Provincial Synchronized Championships. The Juvenile Team was awarded a gold medal and the Pre-Novice Team was awarded a silver medal. The Pre-Novice Team also placed as qualifiers for the Ontario Winter Games. Mayor Wearn shared with Council the names of each of the team members and it was suggested that the team be invited to attend at an upcoming Council meeting, to be formally recognized.

Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

Closed Session

By-Laws

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Glendinning

Be it hereby resolved that two readings be given to the following By-laws:

By-law 1713-2012, being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Consent Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim and Trevor Hoard;

By-law 1714-2012, being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 1360-2002, as amended (Dujin).

.Carried

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Glendinning

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

By-law 1713-2012, being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Consent Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim and Trevor Hoard;

By-law 1714-2012, being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 1360-2002, as amended (Dujin).

.Carried

Adjournment

RESOLUTION #19

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Glendinning

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:31 p.m.;

Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, March 7, 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