

MINUTES

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

Present: Mayor Wearn, Councillors Banbury, Mordue and Peterson

Regrets: Councillor Glendinning

Staff: Bell, 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 hereby resolved that the agenda and addendum for the April 18, 2012 regular meeting of Council be approved, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Adoption of Minutes

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Peterson

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the April 4, 2012 open session Council meeting be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Delegations / Presentations

Christene Scrimgeour – Scrimgeour & Associates Re: Presentation of 2011 Financial Statements

Ms. Scrimgeour declared her independence from the Municipality and reviewed the draft 2011 Financial Statements.

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the draft 2011 Financial Statements, as presented by Christene Scrimgeour of Scrimgeour and Associates, be adopted, as printed.

.Carried

Staffing Changes to the Oxford County Community and Strategic Planning Office

Mr. Gord Hough, Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning, reported that effective immediately, Mr. Stephen Couture, Planner for Oxford County, would be working primarily on projects for the Town of Ingersoll.

Mr. Hough introduced Ms. Elana Fulford, Planner for Oxford County, and noted that Ms. Fulford would be assuming carriage of Mr. Couture's files for the Township.

Members of Council thanked Mr. Couture for his years of service to the Township of Blandford-Blenheim and welcomed Ms. Fulford.

Public Meetings

Proposed Changes to Schedule "A" to Fees and Charges By-law 1702-2011

CAO Bell discussed the proposed changes to Schedule "A" of Fees and Charges By-law 1702-2011. There were no members of the public present to speak to the proposed changes.

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the amendments to Schedule "A" of Fees and Charges By-law 1702-2011, with regard to greenhouse building permit fees, be approved, as printed.

.Carried

Committee of Adjustment

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Council moves into the Committee of Adjustment at 4:15 p.m.

.Carried

These minutes are recorded in the Committee of Adjustment meeting minutes of April 18, 2012.

The open session of Council resumed at 4:20 p.m.

Staff Reports

Municipal Consultation Re: Bartlett Biomass Renewable Energy Project

Mr. Martin Caldwell, on behalf of Mr. Tim Bartlett, owner of lands located at 806412 Oxford Road 29, provided Council with a brief overview of the Bartlett Biomass Renewable Energy Project.

In response to questions regarding emissions, Mr. Caldwell noted that currently, there are not Provincial guidelines in place with respect outdoor furnaces, given that they are not typically used for the generation of electricity, but rather to heat agricultural structures. He advised that the furnace unit itself is not any larger than what would typically be found on a large farm operation (approximately 4' wide x 8' long x 4' deep). He reported that the furnace unit is equipped to monitor the particulate matter being emitted and that the emissions are mitigated by utilizing clean fuel. He noted that as the intent is to produce hydro, the units being utilized will be of the utmost efficiency.

In response to further questions, Mr. Caldwell reviewed how hot water is converted to electricity and discussed energy being diverted back to the grid.

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim supports the Bartlett Biomass Renewable Energy Project.

.Carried

CAO-12-18 – Emergency Detour Route Concerns

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-12-18 be received as information.

.Carried

CAO-12-14 – Variance Report

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-12-14 be received as information.

.Carried

TR-12-04 – Ontario Regulation 284/09

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-12-04, regarding Ontario Regulation 284/09 for the budget year 2012, be adopted.

.Carried

CS-12-08 – Parks and Recreation Master Plan Committee Appointments and Deletion

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-12-08 be received as information;

And further that Ms. Edna Williamson be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Committee, pending confirmation of acceptance by Ms. Williamson;

And further that the appointment of Mr. Nick Ovington be withdrawn, as it has been confirmed by staff that Mr. Ovington is not a Township resident at this time.

.Carried

CS-12-09 – Princeton Centennial Hall Renovations Update

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-12-09 be received as information.

.Carried

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Drumbo Firefighters Association Re: Co-Ed Slow Pitch Tournament

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Mordue
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Whereas Regulation 389/91 of the *Liquor License Act* was amended in 2011;

And whereas the regulations require that an applicant for a Special Occasion Permit for a Public Event request the municipality to designate the event as an event of municipal significance;

Be it hereby resolved that the request received from the Drumbo Firefighters Association be approved;

And further that the Drumbo Firefighters Association Co-Ed Softball Tournament be declared an event of municipal significance.

.Carried

Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

By-laws

None.

Other

Electronic Waste Collection

Councillor Peterson reported that from May 21, 2012 to May 26, 2012, electronic waste collection will take place in the Township. He advised that he would provide CAO Bell with a list of electronic waste items that are acceptable for pickup and it was noted that the e-waste collection days coincide with large item pick up days.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Mordue

Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 4:50 p.m.;

Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, May 2, 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