

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUNDAS
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
January 18, 2011

A regular meeting of Council was held in the Council Chambers in Winchester Village on January 18, 2011 with Mayor Duncan in the Chair.

ROLL CALL:

Eric Duncan	Mayor	Present
Gerry Boyce	Deputy Mayor	Present
Allan Armstrong	Councillor	Present
Tony Fraser	Councillor	Present
John Thompson	Councillor	Present

Staff members present included, Director of Recreation & Culture, Mark Guy, Treasurer, John Gareau and Clerk, Jo-Anne McCaslin who recorded the minutes.

Carolyn Corkery of Halpenny Insurance was presented for the in camera session.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

RES#01-Jan 18/11

Moved by Allan Armstrong and seconded by John Thompson that the Regular Meeting of Council be called to order at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

RES#02-Jan 18/11

Moved by John Thompson and seconded by Allan Armstrong that Council accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

3) IN CAMERA:

RES#03-Jan 18/11

Moved by John Thompson and seconded by Allan Armstrong that Council proceed In Camera at 7:01 p.m. to discuss matters as per Section 239 (2) in the Ontario Municipal Act, as amended, which pertains to the purpose of educating or training the members.

CARRIED.

4) OPEN SESSION:

RES#04-Jan 18/11

Moved by Allan Armstrong and seconded by John Thompson that Council move to Open Session at 7:59 p.m.

CARRIED.

RES#05-Jan 18/11

Moved by John Thompson and seconded by Allan Armstrong that Council authorizes Staff to follow through on matters as discussed in closed session.

CARRIED.

5) DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

Owen Shortt addressed Council on behalf of the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce. He advised Council that members of the Chamber held a brainstorming exercise to determine, identify and prioritize significant issues of importance to the business owners. He stated business retention, shopping locally, marketing and branding are definite items of interest. Mr. Shortt added he is pleased that Council intends to hire an Economic Development Officer. In closing Mr. Shortt noted the chamber is excited to work with the new Council to promote of North Dundas.

Mayor Duncan thanked Mr. Shortt and several members of the Chamber of Commerce for attending the meeting.

6) NEW BUSINESS:

RES#06-Jan 18/11

a) Livestock Report:

Moved by Tony Fraser and seconded by Gerry Boyce that Council receive the report of Livestock Value (Greg Holmes) and authorize payment in the amount of \$300.00 to Colleen Acres. Date of Claim December 7/10.

CARRIED.

RES#07-Jan 18/11

Moved by Tony Fraser and seconded by Gerry Boyce

WHEREAS the 'Farmland Tax Program' and the 'Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program' are designed by the Ontario Government to support lower food costs and protect forests for recreational and environmental purposes;

AND WHEREAS the Farm Tax Rebate Program and the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program were previously funded in full by the Ontario Government yet are now funded mainly by municipalities through the municipal property tax base;

AND WHEREAS rural municipalities are being forced to absorb the loss of 75% of the property tax revenue from their farmland and managed forest properties while all residents of Ontario have a vested interest in maintaining lower-cost foods and protecting forests;

AND WHEREAS the farm tax rebate program provides lower-cost foods across the province, as well as the economic benefit of provincial exporting and is truly an income-redistributive program with province wide significance and should not be financed from local property taxes which results in those who are supposed to be benefiting from the program, actually paying for the program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario calculate the Farmland and Managed Forest component of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) so that all municipalities receive full provincial reimbursement of their lost property tax revenue on farmland and managed forest properties, while land-owners maintain the streamlined process and the 25% ratio currently in place;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, local MPPs, all Ontario municipalities and any other individual or association as deemed appropriate.

CARRIED.

c) Planning, Building & Enforcement Department:

RES# 8-Jan 18/11

Moved by Tony Fraser and seconded by Gerry Boyce that Council authorize and approve the job description and salary range of Technical Assistant for the Planning, Building and By-law Enforcement Departments dated January 18, 2011.

CARRIED.

d) Big Brothers and Big Sisters Bowling:

Information provided to Council regarding an event at Chesterville Bowling Lanes on February 6, 2011.

e) Fun Bonspiel for Community Organizations - Winchester Curling Club:

An invitation to Council to curl in a *FUNSPIEL* at the Winchester Curling Club on February 5, 2011.

7) 2011 DRAFT BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Treasurer, John Gareau joined Council members to discuss the 2011 draft budget. Discussion items included, hiring an Economic Development Officer, website enhancements, maintenance schedules for sidewalk replacement, drainage, roads and playground equipment and electronic payroll and billing systems. Treasurer Gareau advised Department Heads have been instructed to provide a first draft of their respective budgets to him by January 31, 2011.

8) OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Chesterville Icebreaker Carnival:

Council received an invitation from Christine Thompson to judge the Chilli and Apple Pie Contest on Saturday, January 29/11.

9) ADJOURNMENT:

RES#09-Jan 18/11

Moved by Gerry Boyce and seconded by Tony Fraser that Council now adjourn at 9:35 p.m. to meet again at the call of the chair.

CARRIED.

Eric Duncan - MAYOR

Jo-Anne McCaslin - CLERK