

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held Friday, March 23, 2001 at 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor Tony DiBartolomeo
Deputy Mayor Robert Pillon
Councillor Mickey Bezaire
Councillor Lynne Fox
Councillor Frank Gorham
Councillor Anthony Leardi
Councillor Rosa White

ALSO PRESENT:

Bill King, Chief Administrative Officer
David Mailloux, Clerk

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

MINUTES

Moved by F. Gorham, seconded by M. Bezaire that the minutes of a special meeting of Council held on Thursday, March 15, 2001 be adopted.

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by L. Fox that we move *Ain camera* to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by M. Bezaire that we rise and resume open session.

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Item #1

Moved by R Pillon, seconded by A. Leardi that the letter from Tim Hudak, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation advising that the Town is eligible to proceed to the application stage for Round One of the Sports, Culture and Tourism Partnerships Initiative be received and that Council advise the Ontario Superbuild Corporation, SCTP Initiative Secretariat, that the Town of Amherstburg will not make an application during Round One.

Motion Carried

Item #2

Moved by R. Pillon, seconded by F. Gorham:

Whereas the Town of Amherstburg did submit a Letter of Intent to the Ontario Superbuild Corporation for Round One of the Sports Culture and Tourism Partnerships Initiative for a Waterfront Redevelopment Project; and

Whereas the Town has now been advised that it is eligible to proceed to the application stage; and

Whereas approximately 400 other projects have been invited to proceed to the application stage in an attempt to gain access to \$60 million of funding in Round One; and

Whereas the Town has been presented with many requests for projects and improvements to

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recreational facilities, infrastructure, the waterfront, and other opportunities with the potential to improve economic development within the community; and

Whereas the Town is desirous of preparing a long term plan to accommodate the needs of the community while being fiscally responsible; and

Whereas simultaneously approving all of the projects for these competing interests would create a substantial financial hardship for the ratepayers of the Town.

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Town advise the Ontario Superbuild Corporation that it will not be submitting an application to the SCTP Initiative in Round One.
2. That the Town commence a process to develop a long range plan to address the needs of the community.
3. That the Town accept the offer of Mr. John Laframboise to establish a volunteer committee of individuals to be known as the ACommittee for a Better Amherstburg@, to assist the Town in the preparation of a long range plan to include all aspects of recreation, infrastructure and opportunities to improve economic development, for the consideration of Council.
4. That the C.A.O. advise the Town within two weeks with regard to the proposed composition of the Committee for Council approval.
5. That the Committee investigate all avenues for partnering, development, and revenue generation in order for the Town to address the competing interests of many community groups.
6. That the Town be prepared to commit the sum of Seven Million Dollars to such a long range plan provided the same makes economic sense for the community.
7. That the Committee be requested to prepare a report for the consideration of Council no later than June 29, 2001.

Councillor White Requested a recorded vote.

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Councillor Bezaire	X	
Councillor Fox	X	
Councillor Gorham	X	
Councillor Leardi	X	
Deputy Mayor Pillon	X	
Councillor White	X	
Mayor DiBartolomeo	X	

Motion Carried

Mayor DiBartolomeo emphasized that we are not spending 7 million dollars today. We are looking for a plan for the future that will unite the community. In 90 days the committee will come forward

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with a long term plan to meet the needs of the community, be fiscally responsible and make business sense.

In order to attract Provincial funding, we need the involvement of the private sector. The Province has to play a key role in updating our infrastructure. Seven million dollars will be spent only if it is fiscally responsible. We need to go forward as a united group. The higher levels of government are pro-community but everyone needs to buy in. In 90 days we will have a clearer understanding of where the Town will be going.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by L. Fox, seconded by F. Gorham that there being no further business the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

MAYOR

CLERK