

Minutes of an Amherstburg Municipal Council Meeting held Monday September 10th, 2007 at Town Hall Council Chambers

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Meeting Commenced at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Hurst
Deputy Mayor Robert Bailey
Councillor Rick Fryer
Councillor Robert (Bob) Pillon
Councillor John Sutton
Councillor Rosa White
Councillor Paul Renaud

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela Malott, Mng of Corporate & Leg. Services/Clerk
Carol Bendo, Human Resources Specialist/Deputy Clerk
Lou Zarlenga, Public Works Manager
Paul Beneteau, Treasurer
Ivan Fregonese, Supervisor Budget Services
George Balango, Manager of Development Services
David Carpenter, IT Manager
Ron Dzombak, Manager of Recreational Services

PRAYER:

The Clerk said prayer.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Mayor Hurst expressed gratitude and appreciation to all Administration and Committees for the successful events highlighting Amherstburg over the past weekend being the Heritage Homecoming Event and the Shores of Erie International Wine Festival.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by P. Renaud
Seconded by R. Bailey

That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Amherstburg Municipal Council held Monday, August 27, 2007, be adopted and amended as follows:

Councillor Fryer requested Report # 32 be amended to include a seconder to the motion. Amended to read 'Seconded by Deputy-Mayor Bailey.'

Councillor Sutton requested Report # 12 motion be amended to read 'and that Council appoint Lou Zarlenga as the Municipal Representative to the Committee with authority to designate to the newly hired position of Water and Wastewater Engineer.'

Motion Carried

Moved by R. Fryer
Seconded by R. Pillon

That the minutes of the Amherstburg Municipal Council In-Camera meeting held on Monday, August 27, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. White

That the minutes of the Amherstburg Municipal Council Special Meeting on Official Plan and Zoning meeting held on Wednesday, August 29, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. Fryer

That Council move to change the procedural order of the agenda to allow Presentations to take place prior to delegations.

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Donna Rose Walters made a presentation to Council regarding Information on Election Referendum. A copy of the presentation summarized in flyer format is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the presentation outlining the Provincial Election Referendum be received.

Motion Carried

DELEGATIONS

- 1) Russell J. Luxford addressed council regarding 348 Dalhousie St. (Walker House) as a Heritage Designation.

Mr. Luxford's comments on behalf of the Amherstburg heritage Committee were received in writing and are attached to and form part of these minutes.

Councillor Pillon questioned whether the Committee was aware there is mold contamination in the house. Mr. Luxford responded that the Committee had been informed there was a mold problem in the house.

Council commented that options should be presented to Council when 'Recommendations' are made in reports.

Moved by R. Bailey
Seconded by R. White

That the presentation of the delegate Mr. Luxford be received.

Motion Carried

Brought Forward Report # 13 After Delegation #1

This report is a follow up to the report presented to Council on August 27th, 2007 regarding notification by the property owner of 348 Dalhousie

Moved by P. Renaud
Seconded by R. White

That the report from George Balango, dated September 5, 2007 regarding the Walker House Demolition 348 Dalhousie Street be received and further that Council not declare a notice to designate the property at 348 Dalhousie Street.

Motion Carried

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Report #1

The Windsor Essex County Area received an allocation of \$9.1 million for affordable housing capital projects administered by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Through a competitive process developers in Amherstburg have been recommended for 21 housing units with an allocation of \$1,470,000. Final approval rests with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing.

Moved by R. Fryer
Seconded by P. Renaud

That the report from Frank Pizzuto, dated August 27, 2007 on the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program – Capital Funding for Amherstburg Projects be received.

Motion Carried

Report #2

Regular meetings are held with the Town - Public Works Department, Consultant - HGS Limited and Contractor – Lepera Contracting, regarding the construction progress for Phase 2 of the Sewer Separation Program. At this time the project is approximately 2 weeks behind schedule due to weather and unexpected ground conditions.

Councillor Pillon inquired as to where the additional \$ 150,000.00 would come from. Mr. Zarlenga responded that the item would be an unbudgeted 2007 expense or could form part of the 2008 budget.

Councillor Fryer questioned the delay forcing the completion date back. Mr. Zarlenga estimated the project is delayed by approximately three weeks.

Councillor Fryer questioned the sweeping being a Town or Contractor expense. Mr. Zarlenga responded that the additional street sweeping is a Town expense.

Mr. Zarlenga commented that the brick sewer may have lasted if it had not been disturbed.

Moved by R. Bailey
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the report from Lou Zarlenga, dated September 5, 2007 regarding Sewer Separation Program Phase 2 Site, Minutes of Construction Progress Meetings be received;

That Council receive the minutes of the construction progress meetings of May 31, 2007 and August 9, 2007 for Phase 2 of the Sewer Separation Programs;

and further that Council approve the additional replacement of an existing brick combination sewer on Park Street at an estimated cost of \$150,000.

Motion Carried

Report #3

The County of Essex has updated the existing 1997 connecting link agreement between the County and the Town of Amherstburg. This was necessitated due to geometric modifications performed to several of the affected roadways.

Councillor Fryer suggested the County give advance notice to Municipalities of work being done to allow the Municipality the ability to pay the additional cost required for 2 additional meters to allow a total of 9 meters.

Mr. Zarlenga confirmed the roads are Town owned and the County the agreement is referring to the links between Town owned roads and County roads.

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. Pillon

That the report from Lou Zarlenga dated August 29, 2007 regarding Proposed County Connecting Link Agreement be received and further that Council concur with the County of Essex initiative to update the existing County Connecting Link Agreement to reflect existing road conditions.

Motion Carried

Report #4

Lou Zarlenga gave a verbal update on Various Construction Projects.

Councillors White and Fryer expressed gratitude to the Manager of Public Services for his tireless efforts in moving the Town forward with these numerous construction projects.

Moved by P. Renaud
Seconded by R. Pillon

That the verbal report from Lou Zarlenga regarding an Update on Various Construction Projects be received.

Motion Carried

Report #5

Due to public concern over the removal of approximately 18 trees from the Kings Navy Yard Park an arborist has been commissioned to review and provide an opinion on the removal and replacement of said trees.

Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the report from Lou Zarlenga dated September 4, 2007 regarding Kings Navy Yard Park Tree Removal - Arborist's Opinion be received; that Council receive the arborist's report from Mr. Ross Douthart commenting on the removal of the trees from the Kings

Navy Yard Park and the replacement of same; and further that Council, the Parks Committee and the Arborist meet on site before any further work is undertaken at Kings Navy Yard Park.

Motion Carried

Report #6

The A.A. & M. Rhododendron Committee has been active in the Town of Amherstburg promoting the beautification of the Town through the Rhododendron gardens at the Kings Navy Yard Park. This committee has recently requested an expansion of the existing Rhodo beds and this report deals with the request as well as the required involvement of the Town's Public Works Department to facilitate any required bed expansion.

Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by R. Fryer

That the report from Lou Zarlenga and Tony DeThomasis dated September 5, 2007 regarding Rhododendron Committee Recommendation be received and further that Council concur with the request from the A.A. & M. Rhododendron Committee to add an additional Rhododendron bed to the Kings Navy Yard Park and that said bed be prepared and designed pursuant to a mutually agreed plan.

Motion Carried

Report #7

The Dalhousie Street re-surfacing project was retendered with tenders closing on August 30, 2007. The Consultant, HGS Limited, has reviewed the submitted tenders and provided options with which to proceed in their recommendation letter.

Councillor Fryer questioned when Phase 3 & 4 drawings would be complete.

Lou Zarlenga, Manager of Public Services responded that the tender would go out in late November with work to start in early spring with completion slated for mid May 2008.

Councillor Sutton confirmed that funds budgeted in 2007 and not expensed be carried forward for the 2008 expense.

Councillor Renaud questioned a possible temporary solution for the street surface.

Lou Zarlenga replied that there may be a possibility for an asphalt coating and this would be pursued.

Moved by R. Bailey
Seconded by R. White

That the report from Lou Zarlenga dated September 4, 2007 regarding 2007 Dalhousie Street Resurfacing Project be received and further That Council receive the recommendation letter from HGS Limited with the intent to proceed with Option 3 being to include the Dalhousie Street Reconstruction works as part of Phases 3 and 4 of the sewer separation program to be tendered in late 2007 for implementation in early 2008.

Motion Carried

Report #8

This report is regarding the Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Program Overview Correspondence from AMO. The Public Works Department has brought this issue to the forefront as part of the justification for the hiring of the Water/Wastewater Engineer.

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. White

That the report from Lou Zarlenga dated August 30, 2007 be received and further that Council receive the update on the AMO correspondence, received at the August 27th 2007 Council Meeting, regarding the Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Program for informational purposes.

Motion Carried

Report #9

This report summarizes the costs of Sensitivity Training with regard to Accessibility that has been recommended by the Amherstburg Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by R. Fryer
Seconded by R. White

That the report from Carol Bendo, dated September 4, 2007 regarding Sensitivity Training with regard to Accessibility be received.

Motion Carried

Report #10

The preliminary requirements and logistics of the Santa Claus Parade have been reviewed by administration, special events dept., public works dept., police dept., and fire dept. municipal events committee. Recommendations submitted from the relevant departments will be outlined in this report.

Councillor Pillon asked that all Town businesses be made aware and sent an invitation for float entry.

Council asked for a report to come back to the September 24th meeting concerning insurance for the event.

Mayor Hurst requested that at the after parade event Santa should make an appearance as early as possible. Concern was expressed for young people not being able to stay in the cold for long periods.

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by P. Renaud

That the report from Carol Bendo, dated August 26, 2007 regarding Santa Claus Parade 2007 be received and further that Council approve the proposed parade route and municipal services required for the Santa Claus Parade on November 24, 2007.

Motion Carried

Report #11

This report is a Traffic By-Law Update. Regular updates are required of the Traffic By-Law to allow for updates of sign installations.

Moved by R. Bailey
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the report from Pamela Malott, dated September 4, 2007 regarding Traffic By-Law Updates be received and further that

By-Law 2007-61 being a By-Law to amend Traffic By-Law No. 2005-55

be taken as having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Motion Carried

Report #12

This report summarizes the steps taken so far and further action required regarding Bell Canada Expansion of Local Calling Area in the County of Essex.

Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by R. Fryer

That the report from Pamela Malott, dated August 30, 2007 Bell Canada Expansion of Local Calling Area in the County of Essex be received and further that Administration advise the County of Essex that the Town of Amherstburg wishes to be included in a request to Bell Canada for expansion of the local calling area and further that such request refers to the entire Municipality.

Motion Carried

Report #13 (Brought Forward After Delegation #1)

Report #14

The subject by-law will designate the following properties under the Ontario Heritage Act: Patrick Laferte House – 1105 Front Road South, Amherstburg.

Moved by R. Fryer
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the report from Stephen Brown, dated September 4, 2007 regarding Heritage Designation By-law for 1105 Front Rd. South be received and further that

By-Law 2007-60 being a By-Law to designate the property at 1105 Front Rd. S. and known as Patrick Laferte House as being of architectural and cultural heritage value or interest

be taken as having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Motion Carried

Report # 15

In conjunction with the Development Services Department, the Public Works Department has preliminarily reviewed the issue of establishment of a Town wide Healthy Lifestyle Trail System.

Moved by P. Renaud
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the report from Lou Zarlenga dated September 10th, 2007 be received and that Council authorize implementation of Phase 1 of the Alma Asphalt Walkway from Meloche Road to Kentucky Avenue.

Motion Carried

Report # 16

Administration is requesting the waiving of fees be continued until October 31st, 2007 to meet the required timelines.

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. White

That Council receive the report from Pamela Malott dated September 10th, 2007; and that Council agree to a continuation of the waiving of Bingo Fees for an additional 30 days to October 31st, 2007.

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Item # 1

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. Pillon

That the correspondence from CUPE/SCFP dated August 24, 2007 be received and that October 24th, 2007 be designated the 7th annual "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in recognition of the influence, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

Motion Carried

Item # 2

Moved by R. Fryer
Seconded by P. Renaud

That the correspondence (via email) from Brian Jones be received and further that the Mayor Proclaim February 15th as National Flag Day for the Town of Amherstburg.

Motion Carried

Mayor proclaimed February 15th as National Flag Day for the Town of Amherstburg.

Item # 3

Moved by P. Renaud
Seconded by R. White

That the correspondence from the Amherstburg Chamber of Commerce be received and further that the Mayor and Council Members support the Oktoberfest in the Berg Event with their attendance.

Motion Carried

Item # 4

Moved by R. Bailey
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the correspondence from The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding the nominations for the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence be received.

Motion Carried

BUSINESS LICENCES

Application from In Source International Inc. to hold an auction at the Verdi Club.

Council requested the group be advised that any temporary signs displayed in the Town must be removed in a timely fashion after the event.

Moved by P. Renaud
Seconded by R. White

That the Business Licence Application from In Source International Inc. be received and approved such that In Source International Inc. be granted permission to conduct an auction to be held at the Verdi Club on Saturday, September 22, subject to compliance with all agencies and regulations and confirmation of the type of Business License required.

Motion Carried

OTHER MINUTES

Moved by R. Bailey
Seconded by R. Pillon

That the minutes of the Amherstburg Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting held on Tuesday, June 5th, 2007 be received.

Motion Carried

Moved by P. Renaud
Seconded by R. Fryer

That the minutes of the Amherstburg Heritage Committee meetings held on Thursday, July 26th and Wednesday August 8th, 2007 be received.

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councillor Pillon noted additional concern with Hydro One and is awaiting a meeting to be scheduled with them.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Fryer expressed concern over dogs running off leash at Centennial Park. Council directed additional signs be erected as necessary.
2. Moved by R. White
Seconded by R. Pillon

That Administration send correspondence to County Council requesting the installation of Traffic Lights at the intersection of County Road 9 and County Rd 10 be part of their 2008 budget considerations.

Motion Carried

3. Moved By R. Pillon
Seconded by J. Sutton

That Administration review the visibility issue and sightlines at the railway tracks when going east on County Road 10 and tracks at Pointe West.

Motion Carried

4. Councillor Pillon requested Administration review the lease expiring on the farm lands at Bauer Park. Lou Zarlenga advised the amount of lands being farmed is not the original amount contracted.
5. Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by R. Fryer

That any members of Council wishing to participate in the Essex Police Association Golf Classic be encouraged to do so.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS

By-Law 2007-61 being a By-Law to amend Traffic By-Law No. 2005-55
(see report # 11)

By-Law 2007-60 being a By-Law to designate the property at 1105 Front Rd. S. and known as Patrick Laferte House as being of architectural and cultural heritage value or interest
(see report # 14)

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by P. Renaud

By-Law 2007-59 being a By-Law to confirm all resolutions of the Municipal Council;

be taken as having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Motion Carried

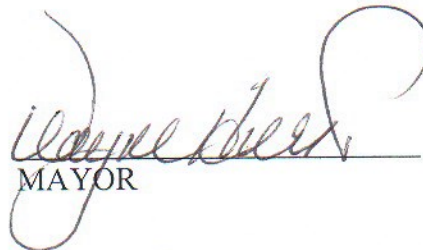
NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None

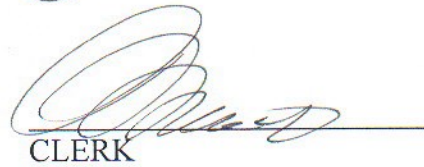
ADJOURNMENT

Moved by P. Renaud
Seconded by R. Fryer

That we rise and adjourn.
Motion Carried



Wayne Dees
MAYOR



CLERK

HERE ARE SOME MORE COMMON QUESTIONS BEING ASKED ABOUT THE REFERENDUM

What is a referendum?

A referendum is an event when the government asks voters an important question. All voters are asked to indicate which choice they prefer, using a ballot.

When is the referendum being held?

The next provincial election will happen on October 10, 2007. A referendum will be held at the same time.

Can I vote in the referendum but not vote for an election candidate?
Yes.

Can I vote for an election candidate but not vote in the referendum?
Yes.

Are there other provinces within Canada that use the Mixed Member Proportional System?

A Mixed Member Proportional system is not used by any other province.

The Mixed Member Proportional system recommended by the Ontario Citizens' Assembly is one type of Mixed Member Proportional system. In Canada, it would be unique to Ontario, but types of Mixed Member Proportional systems are used in other places around the world.

What happens if I vote for First-Past-the-Post or the alternative electoral system?

If at least 60% of all the referendum ballots across the province choose the alternative system recommended by the Citizens' Assembly AND 50% of the voters in at least 64 electoral districts vote for Mixed Member Proportional, then the Mixed Member Proportional system would be put forward as Ontario's electoral system in future.

By December 31st, 2008, the new government would have to introduce a law to officially make Mixed Member Proportional Ontario's new system.

If this does not happen, Ontario will keep using the same system used now to elect members to the provincial legislature (First-Past-the-Post).

Do I qualify to vote in the referendum?

To vote in the referendum, you must be 18 years of age or older, and a Canadian Citizen, and a resident of Ontario. To find out more visit www.elections.on.ca or call 1.888.ONT.VOTE.

MIXED MEMBER PROPORTIONAL

This is a mixed system, because it's a combination of two voting systems: a First-Past-the-Post system and a Proportional Representation system. If this system were to be accepted, Ontarians would vote twice in future elections: once for a 'Local Member', and once for a political party.

This is the system proposed by the Citizens' Assembly.

Ontario would be divided into 90 geographic areas, called electoral districts, and the provincial legislature would have 129 seats. 'Local Members' would fill 90 while 'List Members' would fill 39.

Voters would vote twice on one ballot: once for a 'Local Member' and once for a political party.

In each electoral district, one vote would be used to elect a "Local Member" using a First-Past-the-Post system. The candidate with the most votes in an electoral district wins.

The other vote would be for a political party. Votes for parties will be used to determine the number of "List Members" each party gets. This is the proportional representation part.

Before an election, parties would nominate candidates as "List Members" and describe how they were chosen. If a political party is entitled to more seats than it won locally, "List Members" are elected to make up the difference. "List Members" can only be elected from a political party that received more than 3% of these votes.

In the end, a political party's overall share of seats will roughly equal its share of the total votes for parties in the province.

The party with the largest number of seats in the legislature, including "Local Members" and "List Members", is asked to form a government.

In order to choose an electoral system, there are many factors to consider. For example:

- Which system will provide an effective government?
- Which system will improve voter participation for a truer democracy?
- Which system is simple and practical?
- Which system will hold policy makers accountable for their decisions?
- Which system represents the wishes of the voters as fairly as possible?

These are just some of the considerations. So carefully think about what is important to you.

FIRST PAST THE POST

This is the existing system used in Ontario now. The name, "First-Past-the-Post", comes from racing. In a race, whichever runner passes the finishing post first wins.

In a First-Past-the-Post election, the candidate who gets the most votes in a district wins. It doesn't matter how close the race or the election is, there is only one winner.

For the general election on October 10th 2007, Ontario will be divided into 107 geographic areas called electoral districts.

Districts are also called ridings or constituencies.

In each district, voters get one vote to choose which candidate they feel should win a seat in the provincial legislature. One ballot. One vote.

In an election using the First-Past-the-Post system, the candidate with the most votes wins and will be the representative for the electoral district in the provincial legislature.

Anyone who meets the rules for eligibility can be a candidate for election. Most of them represent a political party, if a candidate is representing a political party, it will say which party below their name on the ballot. Some candidates are called "independents" because they don't represent any political party.

After the election, the political party that wins the most electoral districts is asked to form a government.

NAME

WHAT IS THIS?

HOW ARE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS DIVIDED?

HOW MANY VOTES DOES EACH VOTER HAVE?

HOW DOES A CANDIDATE WIN?

WHO FORMS A GOVERNMENT?

HOW DO I CHOOSE BETWEEN THE TWO SYSTEMS?

UNDERSTAND YOUR CHOICES BEFORE HEADING TO THE POLLS.

In June 2005, the Ontario Legislature began a process to review electoral systems. In March 2006, the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform, an independent body representing electors in Ontario, was created. They were asked to assess Ontario's current electoral system and different electoral systems, and recommend whether Ontario should retain its current system or adopt a different one. The Citizens' Assembly's proposal has resulted in this Referendum.

Whether you choose to vote during the extended advance poll period between September 22nd and October 4th or vote October 10th, you will be given two ballots: one for voting for a candidate in the general election — and one for voting for an electoral system in the referendum.

Referendums do not happen often. When they do it is because the opinion of the public, you the voter, is important.

If you are asking yourself, what does First-Past-the-Post mean? What is Mixed Member Proportional? How does a candidate win? Don't worry, that's what you're about to find out.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CHOICES: Visit www.YourBigDecision.ca. Or contact us at 1.888.ONT.VOTE (1-888-668-8683)

The Chief Electoral Officer has a responsibility to provide education on the referendum process, the date of the referendum, the referendum question and the content of the choices.

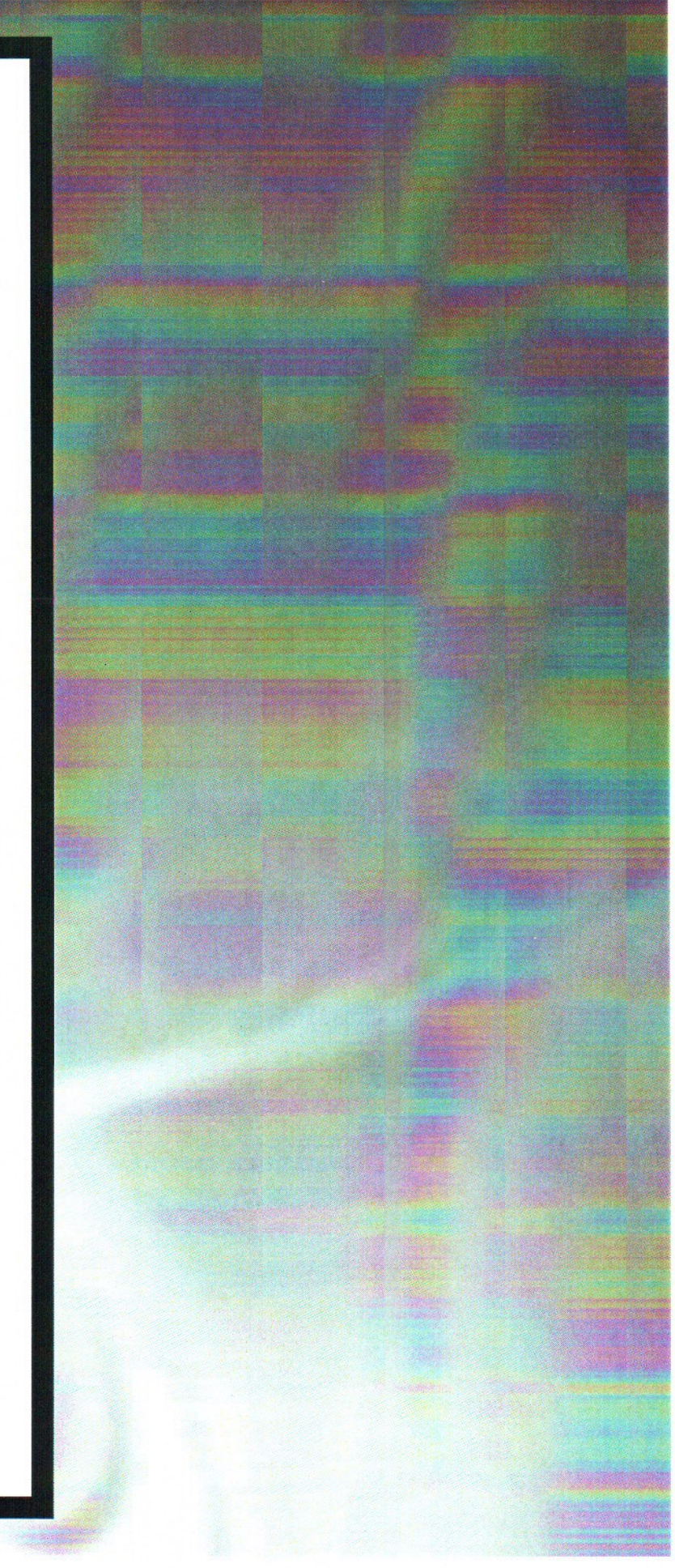


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October 10, 2007

The Ontario referendum on electoral reform will
take place with the provincial general election.



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Why is Ontario having a Referendum?

- The Citizens Assembly, a group of 104 randomly selected Ontario voters, was established in 2006 to study Ontario electoral reform
- The Assembly was composed of 52 men and 52 women ranging in age from 19 to 78
- As a result of their proposal to adopt the Mixed Member Proportional electoral system, the October 10, 2007 referendum is being held
- This is an historic moment as the current electoral system, First-Past-the-Post, has been in place since 1792

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What will Ontario voters be asked
to do on October 10?

Each voter will be given **two ballots**

ONE BALLOT will be for voting for a candidate in the general election
as usual

ONE BALLOT will be for the referendum and will ask you to consider
this question...

Which electoral system should Ontario use to elect members to the provincial legislature?

Quel système électoral l'Ontario devrait-il utiliser pour élire les députés provinciaux à l'Assemblée législative?

REFERENDUM ONTARIO

The Referendum Choices

Electors will have **two** choices on the referendum ballot-each choice represents a system for electing members to the provincial legislature:

- The existing electoral system (First-Past-the-Post)
 - *L'actuel système électoral (système de la majorité relative)*
- The alternative electoral system proposed by the Citizens' Assembly (Mixed Member Proportional)
 - *L'autre système électoral proposé par l'Assemblée des citoyens (système de représentation proportionnelle mixte)*

REFERENDUM ONTARIO

What Will the Ballot Look Like?

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First-Past-the-Post

Ontario's existing electoral system...

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- **One vote. One ballot.**

Ontario's existing electoral system...

- In an election using the First-Past-the-Post system, the candidate with the most votes wins and will be the representative for the electoral district in the provincial legislature
- After the election, the political party that wins the most electoral districts is normally asked to form a government

REFERENDUM ONTARIO

Mixed Member Proportional

The alternative electoral system proposed by the Citizens' Assembly...

- It is called a mixed system, because it combines two voting systems: a First-Past-the-Post system and a Proportional Representation system.
- If this system is accepted, Ontarians will have two votes in future elections: one for a 'Local Member' and one for a political party.

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- The provincial legislature would have 129 seats: 'Local Members' would fill 90 seats while 'List Members' would fill 39 seats.
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The alternative electoral system proposed by the Citizens' Assembly...

- Anyone who meets the rules for eligibility can become a candidate for election as a 'Local Member'. Some candidates are called "independents" while others represent a political party.
- 'List Members' are candidates from any registered political party. Before an election each political party prepares an ordered list of candidates they would like considered as 'List Members.'
- These lists, and the way they are created, would be made public well in advance of any election in a Mixed Member Proportional system.

REFERENDUM ONTARIO

What vote is needed for the MMP system to be adopted?

The Mixed Member Proportional system will need to receive two 60 per cent majorities.

- First – at least 60 per cent of all of the votes cast in the referendum would need to choose Mixed Member Proportional as their preferred electoral system.
- Second – a majority (50 per cent plus one) of the voters in at least 60 per cent of the electoral districts (that is 64 out of 107) would have to have voted in favour of the Mixed Member Proportional system.

REFERENDUM ONTARIO

Making an Informed Referendum Choice

- It is important for Ontario voters to make an informed choice on...
Wednesday, October 10, 2007
- There are several groups and individuals advocating for the First-Past-the-Post or the Mixed Member Proportional systems and they are providing information to the public supporting their position
- This public discussion and debate is healthy in a democracy

REFERENDUM ONTARIO

Your Choice Some Factors to Consider

- **Effective Government** – Does the electoral system facilitate a government that has the ability to develop and implement various legislative and policy agendas?
- **Improved Voter Participation** – Does the electoral system encourage voters to believe that their participation is meaningful and critical to democracy in Ontario?
- **A Simple and Practical System** – Does the electoral system provide voters with mechanisms and procedures they can readily understand?
- **Accountable Government** – Does the electoral system provide voters with the ability to identify policy makers and hold them accountable?

REFERENDUM ONTARIO

Election Ontario Resources for Making
an Informed Referendum Choice

Province-wide public education campaign

Dedicated voter inquiry line: **1-888-ONT-VOTE**

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ITEM DELEGATION #1

DATE SEP 10 2007

TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: RUSSELL J. LUXFORD

The date you wish to appear: 10 SEPT 2007

The subject you wish to discuss with Council:

I AM APPEARING ON BEHALF OF THE AMHERSTBURG HERITAGE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL DECLARE A NOTICE TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY AT 348 DALHOUSIE STREET KNOWN AS THE WALKER HOUSE.

Details on the Subject (please explain below or attach a report):

THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IS DOMINIC AMICONE WHO HAS THE INTENTION TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURE AND CONTINUE WITH PARK LAND DEVELOPMENT.

THIS PROPERTY ALONG WITH A FORMER ADJACENT DISTILLERY WAS OWNED BY HIRAM WALKER; WHEN THIS DISTILLERY BURNED DOWN HIRAM WALKER MOVED TO WINDSOR TO START THE HIRAM WALKER DISTILLERY. THIS STRUCTURE HAS VERY IMPORTANT HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL VALUES FOR HERITAGE AND ITS LOCATION IS STRATEGIC BECAUSE IT SITS ALONG A VERY HERITAGE FILLED ROADWAY DALHOUSIE ST. THE DECLARATION BY COUNCIL OF A "NOTICE TO DESIGNATE" WOULD ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OWNER AND COUNCIL WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR COUNCIL TO PROCEED WITH DESIGNATION OF THE STRUCTURE

Please ensure that both the front and back of this request form are completed
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