

**Minutes Of An Amherstburg Municipal Council Meeting Held
On Monday, October 26, 2009 At 7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Hurst
Deputy Mayor Robert Bailey
Councillor Rick Fryer
Councillor Robert (Bob) Pillon
Councillor John Sutton

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela Malott, CAO
Brenda Percy, Manager of Council & Leg. Services/Clerk
Carol Bendo, Human Resources Manager
Paul Beneteau, Treasurer
Lory Bratt, Planning Coordinator
Dave Carpenter, Manager of IT
Ron Dzombak, Manager of Recreational Services
Ivano Fregonese, Supervisor Budget Services
Roger Hollingworth, Police Chief
Lou Zarlenga, Public Works Manager

ABSENT WITH NOTICE

Councillor Paul Renaud
Councillor Rosa White

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER

Manager of Council and Legislative Services, Brenda Percy, said prayer.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Councillor J. Sutton
Seconded by Councillor R. Pillon

That the minutes of the following Amherstburg Municipal Council meetings be adopted as circulated:

1. Special In-Camera Meeting held on October 7, 2009 at 9:30am;
2. Special Public Meeting held on October 7, 2009 at 9:45am;
3. In-Camera Meeting held on October 13, 2009 at 5:30pm and
4. Public Meeting held on October 13, 2009 at 7pm.

Motion Carried

WAIVE RULES OF ORDER TO MOVE PRESENTATION TO PETER RINDLISH BACHER AHEAD OF DELEGATIONS

Moved by Councillor R. Fryer
Seconded by Councillor R. Pillon

That Council waive the rules of order and move the presentation to Mr. Peter Rindlish Bacher ahead of delegations.

Motion Carried

Mayor Wayne Hurst presented Mr. Peter Rindlish Bacher from the Provincial Marine Re-enactment Unit with a Town flag to honour the work he has done for the community.

DELEGATIONS

Delegation # 1

Ms. Diane Pouget addressed Council regarding unfinished business concerning the King's Navy Yard Parkette. A copy of the delegation is attached to and forms a part of these minutes.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor J. Sutton

That the delegation by Diane Pouget be received.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor R. Fryer
Seconded by Councillor R. Pillon

That Council direct Administration to bring back a report showing the full cost of the King's Navy Yard Parkette reclamation and the costing associated with labour and also the cost that the developer paid for the Parkette.

Motion Carried

Delegation # 2

Ms. Mary Jane Santos addressed Council regarding the sale of Ranta Marina. A copy of the delegation is attached to and forms a part of these minutes.

Moved by Councillor J. Sutton
Seconded by Councillor R. Pillon

That the delegation by Mary Jane Santos be received.

Motion Carried

Delegation # 3

Ms. Jennifer Minovski addressed Council regarding the sale of the Ranta Marina referencing the October 13, 2009 meeting. A copy of the delegation is attached to and forms a part of these minutes.

Moved by Councillor R. Fryer
Seconded by Councillor R. Pillon

That the delegation by Jennifer Minovski be received and that Council concur with the delegate's requests.

Motion Carried

Discussion:

Councillor R. Pillon asked that Administration include all information pertaining to Ranta Marina, including the 1984 agreement so that there are no misunderstandings.

Delegation # 4

Ms. Lisa Scott addressed Council regarding monies designated for Ranta Marina. A copy of the delegation is attached to and forms a part of these minutes.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor J. Sutton

That the delegation by Lisa Scott be received.

Motion Carried

Discussion:

CAO Pamela Malott advised that there are volumes of material on Ranta Marina. Administration is well aware of all details on the property since 1984. The two parcels are completely separate assessed properties with two different roll numbers and are identified at the Land Registry office as two separate parcels. The money bequeathed to the Town was for the parkland and that is where the monies have been directed.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Report # 1

A report by Carol Bendo regarding the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 157 - Remembrance Day Activities and Parade.

Moved by Councillor J. Sutton
Seconded by Councillor R. Pillon

That the report by Carol Bendo dated October 13, 2009 regarding the annual Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day activities and parade be received;

That Council give permission to fly the Poppy Flag at the Town Hall, and at the Legion site, from October 30th to November 11, 2009;

That the Town declare Veterans Week, from November 4th through November 11, 2009;

That Council grant permission to the Legion to distribute Poppies from October 30th through November 7, 2009;

And further that Council give permission to hold the annual Remembrance Day Parade on November 11, 2009 with an escort by the Police Department.

Motion Carried

Report # 2

A report by Carol Bendo regarding the Santa Claus Parade and 4km ERCA Santa Run Rerouting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor R. Fryer

That the report by Carol Bendo dated October 13, 2009 regarding the Santa Claus Parade and 4km ERCA Santa Run rerouting be received.

Motion Carried

Report # 3

A report by Brenda Percy regarding AODA Customer Service Standards.

Moved by Councillor R. Pillon
Seconded by Councillor J. Sutton

That the report by Brenda Percy dated October 20, 2009 regarding Customer Service Standards - Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) be received for information purposes.

Motion Carried

Report # 4

A report by Brenda Percy regarding Designated Lottery Licensing Officers.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor R. Fryer

That the report by Brenda Percy dated October 20, 2009 regarding Designated Lottery Licensing Officers be received;

And further that **By-law 2009-78**, being a By-law to appoint Lottery Licensing Officers, be read three times, and finally passed, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the same, and affix the corporate seal thereto.

Motion Carried

Report # 5

A report from Paul Beneteau, Treasurer, regarding a tile drainage loan for Cipkar Farms.

Moved by Councillor R. Fryer
Seconded by Councillor R. Pillon

That the report from Paul Beneteau, Treasurer, regarding by-law 2009-71, being a rating by-law under the Ontario Tile Drainage Act be received;

And further that **By-law 2009-71**, being a by-law to raise money to aid in the construction of drainage works under the Tile Drainage Act, be read three times, and finally passed, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the same, and affix the corporate seal thereto.

Motion Carried

Report # 6

A report from Paul Beneteau, Treasurer, regarding an application by Essex Powerlines to the Ontario Energy Board.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor J. Sutton

That the report submitted by Paul Beneteau, Treasurer, dated October 1, 2009 regarding Essex Powerlines application to the Ontario Energy Board be received;

That Council authorize the execution of the street light connection audit to locate such connections, to a maximum cost of \$5,000;

And further, that the Town share in the cost for an intervener to ensure that the Town's interests are represented.

Motion Carried

Report # 7

A report from Paul Beneteau, Treasurer, regarding the elimination of the Shopping Centre Property Tax Class.

Moved by Councillor J. Sutton
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Bailey

That the report from Paul Beneteau, Treasurer, dated October 16, 2009 regarding the elimination of the Shopping Centre Property Tax Class be received;

And further that the Council of the Town of Amherstburg support the elimination of the Shopping Centre Property Tax Class, and that the Corporation of the County of Essex be so notified.

Motion Carried

Report # 8

A report from Paul Beneteau, Treasurer, regarding a proposal from Essex Energy Corporation for a Solar Photovoltaic Project.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor J. Sutton

That the report submitted by Paul Beneteau, Treasurer, dated October 15, 2009 regarding a proposal from Essex Energy Corporation, be received;

And further, that Council support in principal, the submission of Essex Energy Corporation, for the development of a Solar Photovoltaic System at the Larry Bauer Sports Complex.

Councillor R. Fryer requested a recorded vote.

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Deputy Mayor Bailey	X	
Councillor R. Fryer		X
Councillor R. Pillon	X	
Councillor P. Renaud	Absent	
Councillor J. Sutton	X	
Councillor R. White	Absent	
Mayor W. Hurst	X	

Motion Carried

Report # 9

A report from Paul Beneteau, Treasurer, and Jackie Hubbs, Manager of Development Services with regard to the Heritage Tax Rebate Program.

Moved by Councillor J. Sutton
Seconded by Councillor R. Fryer

That Council receive the report by Paul Beneteau, Treasurer and Jackie Hubbs, Manager of Development Services, dated October 8, 2009 regarding the Heritage Tax Rebate Program;

That Council direct Administration to provide a draft of the new by-law to the Heritage Committee for review and comment;

And further, that Council direct Administration to proceed with a public meeting regarding a proposed new by-law under the Heritage Tax Rebate Program.

Motion Carried

Report # 10

A report by Pamela Malott regarding the Development Charges Deferral Policy Extension.

Moved by Councillor R. Fryer
Seconded by Councillor J. Sutton

That the report by Pamela Malott regarding an extension to the Development Charges Deferral Policy dated October 20, 2009 be received;

That Council direct Administration to extend the Development Charge Deferral Policy for a period of 1 year from August 1, 2009 to August 1, 2010.

And further that Administration provide an update on how the deferral process has benefited the development community.

Motion Carried

Report # 11

A report by Jackie Hubbs regarding an application for deferral of development charges.

Moved by Councillor R. Pillon
Seconded by Councillor R. Fryer

That the report submitted by Jackie Hubbs, Manager of Development Services, dated October 19, 2009 regarding an application for deferral of development charges as submitted by Gintar Contractors Ltd. for property located at 53, 54, 55 Fairway Crescent, be received;

And further that **By-law 2009-77** being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement to defer development charges be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Motion Carried

Report # 12

A report by Jackie Hubbs regarding a new appointment to the Town of Amherstburg Heritage Committee.

Moved by Councillor J. Sutton
Seconded by Councillor R. Pillon

That the report by Jackie Hubbs dated October 19, 2009 regarding a new appointment to the Town of Amherstburg Heritage Committee be received;

And further that the application by Robert Honor and his appointment to the Town of Amherstburg Heritage Committee be approved.

Motion Carried

Report # 13

A report by Lory Bratt regarding Site Plan Control for 7781 Howard Avenue.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor R. Fryer

That the report by Lory Bratt dated October 16, 2009 regarding Site Plan Control be received;

That Council approve the Site Plan for 7781 Howard Avenue;

And further that **By-law 2009-76** being a bylaw to authorize the signing of a Development Agreement be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Motion Carried

Report # 14

A report by Jackie Hubbs regarding the Ontario Municipal Board appeal of Richmond Terrace Ltd. Minor Variance file A-2-09.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor R. Pillon

That the report by Jackie Hubbs, Manager of Development Services dated October 20, 2009 regarding the Ontario Municipal Board appeal of Richmond Terrace Ltd. Minor Variance file A-2-09 be received;

And further that Council authorize the Town Solicitor and the Manager of Development Services to participate at the Ontario Municipal Board Hearing scheduled December 2, 3 and 4, 2009 regarding the Richmond Terrace minor variance request.

Motion Carried

Report # 15

A report by Jackie Hubbs regarding the status of the Heritage District Study.

Moved by Councillor J. Sutton
Seconded by Councillor R. Pillon

That the report by Jackie Hubbs, Manager of Development Services dated October 20, 2009 regarding the status of the Heritage District Study be received;

That Council direct Administration to proceed to address the proposed Heritage District Study with the Heritage Committee;

And further that a recommendation regarding the Heritage District Study be brought to Council for further consideration.

Motion Carried

Report # 16

A report by Ron Dzombak regarding Recreation Services 2009 Parks Online Survey.

Moved by Councillor R. Pillon
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Bailey

That the report by Ron Dzombak dated October 19, 2009 regarding the 2009 Parks Online Survey be received for consideration for Recreation Services improvements and direction .

Motion Carried

Report # 17

A report by Carol Bendo regarding the Pandemic Response Plan Policy.

Moved by Councillor R. Fryer
Seconded by Councillor J. Sutton

That the report by Carol Bendo dated October 19, 2009 regarding the Pandemic Response Plan Policy be received;

And further that Council approve the Pandemic Response Plan Policy and Sanitary Workplace and Flu Prevention procedure for implementation in all Town facilities.

Motion Carried

Report # 18

A report by Lou Zarlenga regarding the drainage issues on the property of Mr. Harvey Gignac of 3575 - 3rd Concession.

Moved by Councillor J. Sutton
Seconded by Councillor R. Fryer

That Council receive the report from Mr. Zarlenga concerning the drainage issues being encountered by Mr. Harvey Gignac (3575 - 3rd Concession);

And further that Council authorize Public Works to assist Mr. Gignac in establishing a Mutual Agreement Drain pursuant to section 2 of the Drainage Act.

Motion Carried

Discussion:

Moved by Councillor J. Sutton
Seconded by Councillor R. Fryer

That the rules of order be waived to allow Mr. Bezaire to address Council.

Motion Carried

Mr. Bezaire addressed Council with respect to the matter. He asked that he be kept abreast of the matter and provided information by Town staff on a regular basis. The Mayor advised that no one would enter Mr. Bezaire's property without his permission.

Report # 19

A report by Lou Zarlenga regarding the request by Norm & Rose Jobin for a new access bridge over the Shaw Municipal Drain;

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor R. Fryer

That Council receive the report by Lou Zarlenga regarding the request by Norm & Rose Jobin for a new access bridge over the Shaw Municipal Drain;

And further that Council consider and adopt the drainage report dated August 18th, 2009 from N.J. Peralta Engineering Ltd. for the construction of a new access culvert over the Shaw Municipal Drain pursuant to Section 78 of the Drainage Act.

Motion Carried

Report # 20

A report by Pamela Malott regarding the current Procurement Policy.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor R. Fryer

That Council receive the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated October 21st, 2009 concerning the current Procurement Policy;

That Council approve the Steering Committee recommendation for approval of change orders for the Amherstburg Recreation Complex Project;

That Council confirm that according to Responsibilities and Authorities of the Procurement Policy, Section VII, subsection 6, that they are exercising the right to waive certain authorizations concerning approvals which are deemed appropriate;

That Council confirm that the CAO or Department Head as designated by Council has authority to authorize change orders to the Design Build Contract with DeAngelis/Norlon Construction for values under \$ 25,000 when the changes are within the budget previously approved by Council and have been reviewed and recommended by the Development Managers.

And further that all change work orders that have been done under \$25,000 be brought back to Council.

Motion Carried

CONSENT CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor J. Sutton
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Bailey

That the following correspondence items be received:

1. "Smart Moratorium" from Community School Alliance dated October 5, 2009;
2. Seniors' Information and Health Fair to be held on November 2, 2009 from Ontario and the Older Adults Centres' Association dated October 15, 2009;
3. Amherstburg Community Foundation from MP Jeff Watson dated October 9, 2009;
4. Thank you from the Hour-A-Day Study Club dated October 16, 2009;
5. 2009/10 Agricultural Drainage Infrastructure Program from the Environmental Management Branch dated October 7, 2009;
6. 2008 Annual Report from the Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation dated October 13, 2009;
7. AORS 2010 Training and Professional Development Program from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors dated October 6, 2009;
9. Together we Triumph - An Evening of Sports Recognition - to be held on November 4, 2009 from the City of Windsor;
10. It's Time to Stick it to Prostate Cancer Information Session on November 18, 2009 from the Canadian Cancer Society dated October 20, 2009 and
11. A listing of correspondence from various municipalities regarding their response to the Town of Amherstburg's resolution made on July 27, 2009 regarding MPAC Evaluation of Solar Energy.

Motion Carried

Discussion:

Councillor R. Pillon asked that the Seniors' Information and Health Fair to be held on November 2, 2009 from Ontario and the Older Adults Centres' Association be included in the paper for notice to seniors.

Moved by Councillor R. Pillon
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Bailey

That correspondence Item # 8 regarding Renewable Energy Provisions of the Environmental Protection Act from the Ministry of the Environment dated September 25, 2009 be received.

Motion Carried

CONSENT BUSINESS LICENSES

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor R. Pillon

That the following business licence applications be received and approved subject to compliance with By-Law 2009-44, all agencies and regulations;

And further that the licence be issued by our licencing officer once the applicant has met all of the special conditions as listed in By-Law 2009-44:

1. An application by Karen Rosati to operate River Beds Bed and Breakfast as a Bed and Breakfast establishment; and
2. An application by Melany Jeffs and Lisa Menard to operate Fuilatte Inc. as a Snack Bar.

Motion Carried

CONSENT OTHER MINUTES

Moved by Councillor J. Sutton
Seconded by Councillor R. Fryer

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

1. Meeting held by the Parks Committee on September 15, 2009 at 3:30pm and
2. Meeting held by the Heritage Committee on September 16, 2009 at 5:30pm

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence # 1 - Sewer Charges by Essex Power - Amherstburg Residents

Moved by Councillor J. Sutton
Seconded by Councillor R. Pillon

That the correspondence regarding Sewer Charges by Essex Power dated October 3, 2009 be received;

And further that Council direct Administration to forward the correspondence to Essex Power requesting a response to the ratepayers.

Motion Carried

Correspondence # 2 - Secret Santa Benefit Dinner - Mealtime Express

Moved by Councillor R. Pillon
Seconded by Councillor J. Sutton

That the correspondence from Mealtime Express dated October 19, 2009 regarding the Secret Santa Benefit Dinner be received;

And further that Council, Staff and Amherstburg residents be encouraged to attend the Secret Santa Benefit Dinner on November 15, 2009.

Motion Carried

Correspondence # 3 - Twinning Request - Abbateggio, Italy - Remo D'Amore

Moved by Councillor J. Sutton
Seconded by Councillor R. Fryer

That the correspondence from Remo D'Amore dated October 15, 2009 regarding the Twinning of the Town of Amherstburg and the Town of Abbateggio be received;

And further that Council direct Administration to report back regarding the parameters and criteria of Twinning with the Town of Abbateggio, Italy.

Motion Carried

Correspondence # 4 – 2010 Nominations and Membership Fee - ECAHF

Moved by Councillor R. Pillon
Seconded by Councillor J. Sutton

That the correspondence from the Essex County Agricultural Hall of Fame regarding the 2010 nominations dated October 15, 2009 be received;

That Council direct Administration to pay the \$25.00 membership fee;

And further that Council direct Administration to consult our representative at the Essex County Federation of Agriculture with regard to a nominee.

Motion Carried



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Unfinished Business Items list as of October 26, 2009 was reviewed.

Councillor R. Fryer sought clarification as to when the road in Kingsbridge would be completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor R. Pillon asked Lou Zarlenga to contact the resident that lives at corner of Martin and Simcoe regarding sewer connections.

BY-LAWS

Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Councillor J. Sutton
Seconded by Councillor R. Pillon

That **By-Law 2009-80** 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 MOTION

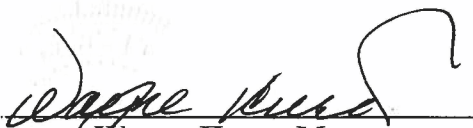
There were no notices of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor R. Fryer
Seconded by Councillor J. Sutton

That Council rise and adjourn at 8:10 p.m. and proceed into the In-Camera session.

Motion Carried



Wayne Hurst, Mayor



Brenda Percy, Clerk

Members of Council,

I am requesting that you pass two motions this evening. First and foremost that you reinstate the motion that council review and question the payment of accounts on a monthly basis. This is perhaps one of the most important functions of council. It is your right, indeed it is your obligation to do so. When you gave up this very important function, it appears you lost control of spending our tax dollars.

Secondly, I am requesting that you pass a motion for council to make public the final cost of the King's Navy Yard Parkette, including any and all costs associated with labour and supplies, which may have been inadvertently put in the public works budget, instead of the actual cost of the parkette. Included in this report, I am requesting the final cost that the developer actually paid for damages incurred during construction and the date this account was paid in full. I am asking for a recorded vote on both motions.

Now, to be honest with you, I already know the cost of this parkette due to a Freedom of Information request that was filed a year ago and delayed for six months. We gave you an extra six months to release this report to the public. You neglected to do so, perhaps out of embarrassment or fear, knowing that the general public would be angry, believing that we were initially misled by the mayor, who assured us the parkette would be restored at no cost to the taxpayers. In fact, both our local newspapers wrote editorials supporting this claim.

Further to that, I believe that council fully understood that our taxpayers would be outraged, when they discovered the final cost of this very small area of the parkette, that is equal to a medium or large size lot, is allegedly over half the asking price of the Ranta Marina which consists of 13.9 acres, 104 boatwells, and a public boat launch on prime real estate property on the Detroit River.

Councillors, how could you justify such outrageous spending on enhancements? Is this the real reason why you are selling the Ranta Marina at such a ridiculously low price, in order to cover the cost of the parkette that was not supposed to cost the taxpayers any money?

Secret meetings, voting to sell public property without supplying

councillors terms and conditions of agreements, destroying our environment, breaking town by-laws again and again, not tendering large amounts of money, out of control hiring and spending, rushing through projects without public input. Enough is enough. This behavior is totally unacceptable. Members of council, I am serving you notice. From this day forward, we are taking back our town.

Diane Pouget

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Pouget".

106 Lowes Side Road,
Amherstburg, Ontario
N9V 1S2

October 26, 2009
519-736-2431

October 26th, 2009

Members of Council,

I am requesting that council pass two motions tonight to provide the citizens of Amherstburg more clarity on the history of Walter Ranta Marina.

The first motion is to make public all pertinent information relating to the division of the Walter Ranta Memorial Park and Marina. There have been discussions as to when the park and marina were divided. According to some previous council members, the last council voted to separate the park and marina. If this separation did occur, I am requesting a copy of all public or in camera meetings whereby a decision was made to divide this property, the survey showing the division, a copy of the application for severance and any rezoning changes.

The second motion is in regard to the declaration of Walter Ranta Marina as surplus. I am requesting that you present to the public the minutes of any public meetings declaring the marina surplus, as well as the dates and means by which these meetings were advertised. Included in this motion, I am also requesting a copy of a surplus study if one was undertaken, the name of the company that conducted the surplus study and a full disclosure of tax dollars spent.

In order for council to be transparent to the citizens of Amherstburg, all information needs to be disclosed in a Public Meeting that has been advertised in the local newspapers. I am also requesting a recorded vote on these motions and all of the information sent to my address, which is provided. I believe it is wrong to sell our only public marina especially in the current economic climate where the marina's true value cannot be received. It is imperative that the citizens of Amherstburg discover the truth behind this sale.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Minovski
125 Clubview Drive
Amherstburg, Ontario
(519) 736-0008

October 26, 2009

Members of Council:

I believe you ran for council because you really, really liked Amherstburg. I do too. The voters have given you a lot of power and we are trying to have faith in you as our town leaders.

Mr. Sutton said, "we must run the town like a business and make tough decisions where we spend tax dollars." Burdening us with \$8,000,000 for a sports complex must have been a tough decision.

Ms. White said "there are three truths to every truth..." Most of the time she tries to say her truth. Remember, we are trying to have faith in you as a town leader.

Mr. Renaud said nothing.

Mr. Bailey said "Ranta Marina is not a CORE SERVICE". What is a core service, Mr. Bailey? Could it be our well kept historic museum, beautiful parks, the Gordon House, pretty signs and walking trail, the track, tennis courts, baseball and soccer fields, the new safe playground, the Lion's pool, the splash park, our flower pots, new parking lots and how about the kayak launch and ice arena? Are any of these CORE SERVICES? Do any of these make money? ARE ANY OF THESE FOR SALE? Are dockominiums a core service?

Mr. Fryer and Mr. Pillon seem to feel that Ranta Marina is a core service and therefore it is wrong to sell it. So do I.

Since this seems to be a "done deal", as a voter, I have a few questions:

- how is the town going to benefit from the sale of the marina when you are only recouping half of the so called debt?
- how was it decided that Ranta Marina was surplus land?
- who appraised Ranta Marina and why was this appraisal accepted?
- if the assessed value for the marina is \$1,300,000, why was it sold for a little over half of a million dollars?
- is the developer going to be taxed on the assessed value or on what he payed for the property?

-if the condo developer needs more land, are you going to give the adjoining park also?

-in the future, will the town be paying for a new public boat launch elsewhere?

-how much will it cost us to provide services for the new condos. Will it be similar to the Navy Yard Park issue? Will we pay to rearrange the park for him, or remove trees to improve their view of the river?

- if Ranta Marina was developed with almost \$3,000,000 in Federal and Provincial grants, why are you selling it for the bargain basement price of \$584,000?

- if the town's portion of the new sports complex is \$8,000,000, where is this money coming from?

- how will you pay to operate and maintain this new sports complex?

- and when this new complex runs a deficit (like the current arena does), are you going to sell it to?

In closing, if you can't afford to maintain an established marina, how can you afford 8 times that amount to build this new complex and the further expenses to operate and maintain it?

Ranta Marina is not just for boaters today, but for your children and future generations to enjoy Amherstburg's greatest asset.

After basically giving away our marina, please do not raise our taxes to pay for a sports complex. Remember we are trying to have faith in you, our honourable town leaders.

**Mary Jane Santos
1424 Front Road South
Amherstburg, ON
N9V 2M6**

Members of Council,

I am requesting that you pass a motion to make public the terms and conditions of the recent sale of the Ranta Marina. I am also asking you to include the deleted paragraph #3 of that sale. Please include in this motion all the dates of the Council Meetings, Special Council Meetings and in Camera Meetings pertaining to this sale.

I am also requesting that you pass a motion, whereby council decided to spend the \$250,000 willed to them by Liisa Maria Chappus in her Last Will and Testament. Included in this motion, I am requesting all invoices pertaining to the disbursement of this gift and a copy of the letter sent to Ms. Chappus or her estate to serve notice of the division of this land. The disbursement of \$166,666.67 was given to the town on or about June 30, 2004 and the remainder was to be forthcoming once the dispute of the Will had been settled.

Please note, the sum of \$250,000.00 was to be used "FOR THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AND MAINTENANCE OF K.W. RANTA MEMORIAL PARK."

I am requesting a recorded vote on both of these motions. I am doing this out of admiration and respect for the late Liisa (Ranta) Chappus and Walter Ranta, who donated large sums of money to provide access to the Detroit River and water recreation for the people of Amherstburg (formerly Anderdon Township). This marina was not intended to be sold. It certainly should not be sold at less than half of its appraised value.

Sincerely,

Name: *LISA Scott*
Address: *116 Duff Ave*
Phone #: *519-736-1742*

Signature: *Lisa Scott*
Date: *Oct 26, 2009*