

Minutes Of An Amherstburg Municipal Council Special Public Meeting Regarding the Proposed Official Plan Amendment No.1 – Former General Chemical Lands Held On Monday, October 19, 2009 At 6:00 PM

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela Malott, Chief Administrative Officer
Brenda Percy, Manager of Council & Leg. Services/Clerk
Lory Bratt, Planning Coordinator
Jackie Hubbs, Manager of Development Services

Jean Monteith, Planning Consultant

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Councillor Rick Fryer

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to Order at 6:05 PM

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Report # 1

A report from Lory Bratt, Planning Coordinator dated October 14, 2009 regarding Official Plan Amendment No. 1.

Lory Bratt explained that due to the status of the Town's Official Plan, currently under appeal by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Administration is recommending that Council defer the Official Plan Amendment No. 1 until the Town's Official Plan comes into force and effect.

Jean Monteith, Planning Consultant explained the process undertaken and purpose of the amendment.

Councillor P. Renaud sought clarification of the trails portion.

The Mayor invited comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rene Kielbasa, 30 Holiday Court, Amherstburg addressed Council and advised that he was representing ABC (Amherstburg Birding Club). Mr. Kielbasa sought clarification of the location of the trail on a map. He questioned what Honeywell's concern is with having a trail run through its property. As long as there is property signage, there should not be a concern. Mr. Kielbasa advised that there are many trails that currently go through an industrial property. With proper signage, there is no concern of injury, etc.

Mr. Kielbasa questioned whether the separation distance is a regulation or a guideline. Jean Monteith noted that it is a Ministry of Environment D6 guideline. It is recommended and used by Ministry before the Ministry would issue a Certificate.

Lynwood Martin, Amherstburg sought clarification of the ERCA property designation that runs alongside Sandwich Street. Jean Monteith advised that this portion of lands is zoned recreational. She further explained that this land is part of a larger privately owned holding. At this point it is a "show me scenario" which will allow for a new separate entity with the right designation.

Mr. Martin asked for confirmation that the dock area remains part of rest of the plan area within the Interim Control by-law. Jean Monteith confirmed same.

Carl Gibb, 3311 County Road 20, Amherstburg addressed Council and noted that he was referring to Brunner Avenue. He asked for clarification of the setbacks and difference in documentation. Jean Monteith advised that the Ministry's guideline is a sliding scale that is dependant on the type of business. It cannot be left as "open" so it's noted as a "fixed" set back. It would not be less than 50 metres so residents of Brunner Avenue will continue to have that type of setback.

Loris Collavino, 5940 5th Concession, Amherstburg addressed Council and advised that he owns property to east of the basin. He sought clarification as to whether an open space designation can hold a dual designation. He also questioned if there were a potential buyer for the land, would the potential use be considered or would it have to go thru the approval process. Jean Monteith advised that it would have to go through the process.

Mr. Collavino asked if the monitoring of water quality and dust control would change if the designation changes from heavy industrial to open space.

Mr. Collavino asked if the designation would occur before the land is sold or after the land is sold. Jean Monteith advised that it would move forward regardless of whether it is sold or not sold. Whether the land changes ownership is not important as this is about policy, process and proper designation. It is the imprint for the Town.

Mayor noted that it will take several years before that property will be rehabilitated. This is a time consuming process.

Moved By Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded By Councillor R. White

That Council receive the comments made at this public meeting in connection with the Official Plan Amendment No. 1;

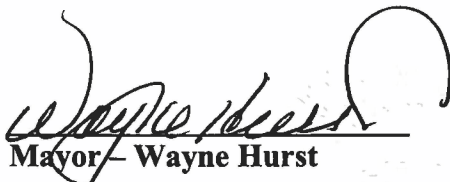
That the report by Lory Bratt dated October 14, 2009 regarding Official Plan Amendment No. 1 be received;

And further that Council consideration of the proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 1 be deferred until the Town's Official Plan comes into force and effect.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT


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



Mayor – Wayne Hurst

That we rise and adjourn at 650 p.m.

Motion Carried



Clerk – Brenda M. Percy

