

**TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012
6:00 PM**

Council Chambers – 271 Sandwich Street Amherstburg, Ontario N9V 2A5

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Hurst
Deputy Mayor Ron Sutherland
Councillor Carolyn Davies
Councillor Robert (Bob) Pillon
Councillor John Sutton
Councillor Diane Pouget
Councillor Bart DiPasquale

Kristina Pozar Di Paolo, Acting CAO
Lou Zarlenga, Manager of Public Services
Antoinetta Giofu, Environmental Services Engineer
Dwayne Grondin, Water and Wastewater Superintendent
Brianna Coughlin, Acting Deputy Clerk

ABSENT

Paul Beneteau, Treasurer
Ivano Fregonese, Supervisor of Budget Services

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

PRESENTATIONS

**3.1 Presentation by Ivano Fregonese, Supervisor of Budget Services,
regarding the 2012 Water and Wastewater Budget**

Kristina Pozar Di Paolo, Acting CAO, conducted a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2012 Water and Wastewater Budget on behalf of Ivano Fregonese.

Councillor Pouget asked for clarification regarding the increase in environmental services costs for 2011. It was noted by Administration that this was due to the wet weather and flooding, which was offset by less lawn watering for the same time period.

Councillor Pouget also asked whether this was the cause for the increase in costs of the sanitary sewer system as well however, it was noted that this was a scheduled cost for the new wastewater plant.

Councillor Sutherland moved, Councillor Davies seconded:

That the presentation by the Acting CAO, Kristina Pozar Di Paolo be received.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

3.2 Presentation by Terry Hearn, Engineering Consultant, CH2MHill regarding 2012 water and wastewater rates.

Terry Hearn, Engineering Consultant, CH2MHill provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding 2012 water and wastewater rates

Councillor Davies noted her concern that when less water was being used overall, the water rates still increase to cover operating costs of the system. As the Town works to encourage residents to conserve water, she asked Mr. Hearn if there were any strategies being considered to alleviate this concern. Mr. Hearn advised that this is a problem across all of North America and that it was being closely studied by the American Water and Wastewater Association. Mr. Hearn indicated that he would return to Council with a report on water and wastewater usage and building permit numbers in July, 2012, and at that time would also provide options that other communities are employing.

Councillor DiPasquale moved, Councillor Sutton seconded:

That the presentation by Terry Hearn be received.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Pouget asked whether any costs could be recovered once the old water tower is demolished. Lou Zarlenga noted that a report would be brought back to Council on the matter within the next month.

REPORTS

4.1 2012 Water and Wastewater Budget

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor Pillon seconded:

That the report prepared by Ivano Fregonese, Supervisor of Budget Services dated April 10, 2012 regarding the 2012 Water & Wastewater Budget be received.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

4.2 2012 Water and Wastewater Rates

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor Pillon seconded:

That the draft report by prepared by Antonietta Giofu dated April 11, 2012 regarding the 2012 Water & Wastewater Rates be received.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

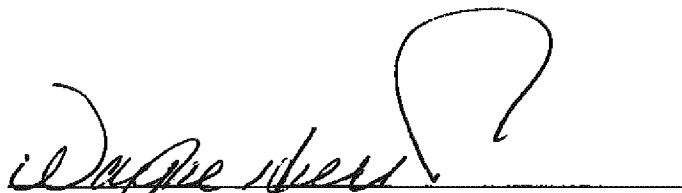
ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Pillon moved, Councillor Sutherland seconded:

That Council rise and adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried


MAYOR - WAYNE HURST


ACTING DEPUTY CLERK - BRIANNA COUGHLIN

