



**TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, March 30, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 271 Sandwich Street South, Amherstburg

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mayor Aldo DiCarlo
Deputy Mayor Bart DiPasquale
Councillor Joan Courtney
Councillor Rick Fryer
Councillor Jason Lavigne
Councillor Leo Meloche
Councillor Diane Pouget

Giovanni (John) Miceli, Chief Administrative Officer
Paula Parker, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

PRAYER

The Clerk said prayer.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Pouget declared a pecuniary interest with respect to agenda item # 6.2. She stated that she lives too close to the Blue Haven property.

Councillor Fryer withdrew his Notice of Motion from the March 23, 2015, Regular Council meeting to phase out the Director of Economic and Community Development position. Any delegation that was scheduled to speak to Councillor Fryer's Notice of Motion was also withdrawn.

PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Drainage Orientation

The Manager of Public Works took Council through a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the Drainage Act.

Councillor Pouget moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That the presentation BE RECEIVED.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Consideration of the Engineer's Report for the Ouellette Drain East

Don Joudrey, P. Eng., Crozier Baird Engineers, took Council through the report regarding the Ouellette Drain East.

The Mayor invited residents to speak with respect to the Ouellette Drain East. The following were heard:

- Ron Tan
- Tony Simon
- Aldo Pacitti
- John DiBiase

Councillor Pouget moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

That:

Council direct Administration to prepare a report containing past plans to go west, look into concerns regarding the Long Marsh Drains and estimate of costs and investigate multi-year debentures.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

The Mayor brought delegates forward to address 2015 Grants to Community Groups and Organizations.

DELEGATIONS

Community Grants

The following delegates addressed Council with respect to 2015 Grants to Community Groups and Organizations:

- Stephanie Pouget-Papak, Park House Museum
- Kathy DiBartolomeo, Amherstburg Community Services
- Holly Kirk McLean, House of Shalom Youth Center

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That the delegations BE RECEIVED.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

The Mayor brought forward agenda item # 7.1.

Deputy Mayor DiPasquale declared pecuniary interest with respect to the Amherstburg Food and Fellowship Mission.

7.1 2015 Grants to Community Groups and Organizations

Councillor Lavigne moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

That:

- 1. The report from the Municipal Clerk dated March 19, 2015, regarding 2015 Grants to Community Groups and Organizations BE RECEIVED; and,**
- 2. Requested funding for Grants to Community Groups and Organizations BE APPROVED to BE FUNDED through budget reallocations in the 2015 Operating Budget.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

REPORTS – FINANCIAL SERVICES

4.1 2014 Audit Adjustment Storm Sewers

The Director of Financial Services provided Council with information with respect to the 2014 Audit Adjustment Storm Sewers report.

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Fyer seconded:

That:

- 1. The report from the Director of Financial Services dated March 19, 2015, regarding the 2014 Audit Adjustment Storm Sewers, BE RECEIVED; and,**
- 2. The Director of Financial Services BE AUTHORIZED to make the necessary adjustments upward to the Town's Tangible Capital Assets (Storm Sewers) in the amount of \$15,712,054.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously

REPORTS – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

5.1 2015 Participation in the Essex Region Children's Water Festival

Councillor Fyer moved, Councillor Courtney seconded:

That:

- 1. The report from the Manager of Environmental Services dated March 2, 2015, regarding the 2015 Participation in the Essex Region Children's Water Festival BE RECEIVED; and,**
- 2. Council SPONSOR the 2015 Essex Region Children's Water Festival as part of the 2015 Amherstburg Conservation Program in the amount of \$1,500.00.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

5.2 T.J. Mahony Road School - Maintenance Section

Councillor Meloche moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

That:

1. **The report from the Manager of Public Works dated March 12, 2015, regarding the T.J. Mahony Road School BE APPROVED;**
2. **The Manager of Public Works BE APPROVED to attend the T.J. Mahony Road School from May 5-7, 2015.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

REPORTS – ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

6.1 Staff Attendance at the 2015 Municipal Licensing & Law Enforcement Forum

Councillor Meloche moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

That:

1. **The report from the Manager of Licensing and Enforcement dated March 9, 2015, regarding Staff Attendance at the 2015 Municipal Licensing & Law Enforcement Forum BE RECEIVED;**
2. **The Manager of Licensing and Enforcement BE DIRECTED to provide staff with an opportunity to attend the 2015 Municipal Licensing & Law Enforcement Forum.**

The Mayor put in Motion.

Motion Failed

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Courtney seconded:

That the report from the Manager of Licensing and Enforcement dated March 9, 2015, regarding Staff Attendance at the 2015 Municipal Licensing & Law Enforcement Forum BE RECEIVED.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

6.2 2015 Rental Housing Component, Extension of the Investment in Affordable Housing Program

Councillor Pouget left Council Chambers at 9:12 p.m. and removed herself from discussion and voting with respect to the pecuniary interest declared earlier in the evening. Councillor Pouget re-entered Council Chambers at 9:19 p.m.

The Clerk stated that Council is not being asked to pass the by-law at this time. It was noted that there is a concern with a portion of the by-law and it will be revisited and brought back as a housekeeping matter.

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That:

- 1. The report from the Director of Economic and Community Development dated March 10, 2015, regarding the 2015 Rental Housing Component, Extension of the Investment in Affordable Housing Program BE RECEIVED;**
- 2. Council DIRECT Administration to set the property tax rate for units funded under the Rental Housing capital component at a rate equivalent to the single residential tax rate.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

REPORTS – CAO's OFFICE

7.1 2015 Grants to Community Groups and Organizations
(As dealt with above)

7.2 Freedom of the City Declaration – Royal Canadian Legion Branch 157

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That:

- 1. The report from the Municipal Clerk dated March 23, 2015, regarding Freedom of the City Declaration – Royal Canadian Legion Branch 157 BE RECEIVED; and,**

2. **The Freedom of the City Declaration requested by the Legion for April 25, 2015 BE AUTHORIZED.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor DiPasquale moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council rise and adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried



MAYOR – ALDO DICARLO



CLERK – PAULA PARKER