

# TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING Monday, June 8, 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

Tammy Fowkes, Deputy Clerk

# **CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

### **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

Councillor Fryer declared pecuniary interest with respect to agenda item # 4.1 due to his residence being on Texas Road.

#### **PRESENTATION**

# 4.1 Texas Road Project Overview – Engineering & Public Works

Councillor Fryer removed himself from discussion and voting on the matter.

The Manager of Operations and Engineering provided Council with a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the Texas Road project.

The Mayor invited members of the gallery to provide their input with respect to the Texas Road Project. The following were heard:

- Jim Renaud
- George Kritiotis
- Betty Federico
- Joanne DiPierdomenico
- Larry Amlin

Councillor Meloche moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That the presentation BE RECEIVED.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### **REPORTS – FINANCIAL SERVICES**

## 5.1 May 18, 2015 – June 1, 2015 Accounts Payable

Councillor Lavigne moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

#### That:

- 1. The report from the Director of Financial Services dated June 2, 2015, regarding May 18, 2015 June 1, 2015 Accounts Payable, BE APPROVED; and,
- 2. The Director of Financial Services BE AUTHORIZED to release funds for the approved payables.

#### REPORTS - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

6.1 Lottery Licensing Training Session – June 23, 2015

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

#### That:

1. The report from the Manager of Licensing and Enforcement dated June 2, 2015, regarding Lottery Licensing Training Session – June 23, 2015, BE RECEIVED for information.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### **REPORTS - CAO's OFFICE**

7.1 Municipal Policy Update - Town of Amherstburg

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

#### That:

- 1. The report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated June 2, 2014, regarding the Municipal Policy Update Town of Amherstburg BE RECEIVED for information.
- 2. The updated Town Policies for:
  - Naming of Municipal Property and Facilities
  - Capital Projects Interim Financing
  - Internal Controls
  - Internal Controls Reporting

BE TABLED for the consideration of Council.

The Mayor brought forward the In-Camera Reporting out and agenda item #9.1.

# COUNCIL IN CAMERA SESSION – REPORTING OUT June 8, 2015 MEETING

Council met at 5:58 pm on June 2, 2015 for a Special In-Camera meeting and discussed (1) item as provided for under Section 239 of the Municipal Act:

ITEM A – Fire Investigation Report heard under Section 239(2)(b) and (f) of the Act. As a result of that discussion, Council directed the CAO to dismiss 2 Volunteer Firefighters.

Council met at 10:30 am on June 5, 2015 for a Special In-Camera meeting and discussed (1) item as provided for under Section 239 of the Municipal Act:

ITEM A – Interim Fire Chief heard under Section 239(2)(b) of the act. As a result of that discussion, the following is before Council for consideration:

By-law 2015-70 being a by-law to appoint an Interim Fire Chief for the Amherstburg Fire Department be taken as having been read three times and finally read and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign same.

#### **BY-LAWS**

9.1 By-law 2015 -70 - Appoint a Fire Chief for the Amherstburg Fire Department

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That By-law 2015-70 being a by-law to appoint an Interim Fire Chief for the Amherstburg Fire Department be taken as having been read three times and finally read and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign same.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Courtney seconded:

That Council allow the gallery to speak.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

The following resident was heard:

Bert McLellan

#### **POLICY REVIEW**

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That the Disposition of Surplus Town Property policy be approved.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Council direct Administration to table the Accountability and Transparency policy until changes are made and brought back to Council for approval.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council allow the gallery to speak to the Accountability and Transparency policy.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

The following resident was heard:

George Kritiotis

Councillor Pouget moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council direct Administration to table the Employment policy until changes are made and brought back to Council for approval.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

Councillor Pouget moved, Councillor Courtney seconded:

That Council waive the rules of procedure to bring forward new business.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Councillor Pouget stated that residents, whether they have flooded or not, are put into a category by postal code by their insurance companies as living in a flood risk area. She asked that once the lagoons are decommissioned and the level of service has improved, if the Town can serve notice to insurance companies that we have improved our level of service so that they can reconsider how they deal with our residents. The Chief Administrative Officer stated that Administration can check what the insurance company standards are and ask them to reconsider how residents are placed within their postal code as a flood risk.
- Councillor Pouget asked if it was possible to get any further grants within the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program to apply to sanitary and storm sewers. The Director Economic and Community Development stated that he looked closely at the criteria of the program and determined that it doesn't

match infrastructure for the Texas Road project. He stated that it is more for facility and/or parks and recreation driven projects. He also stated that Administration is continually looking into grant opportunities for infrastructure projects such as sewer separation but there are none currently available.

3. Councillor Pouget moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

That Council direct Administration to look into how to correspond with insurance companies based on improvements to our sewer systems for residents to obtain flood insurance or reduced premiums for flood insurance.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Courtney seconded:

That Council rise and adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

MAYOR – ALDO DICARLO

DEPUTY CLERK - TAMMY FOWKES