

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Amherstburg Municipal Council held Monday, March 31, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Tony DiBartolomeo  
Councillor Mickey Bezaire  
Councillor Frank Gorham  
Councillor Anthony Leardi  
Councillor Rosa White

**ABSENT** Deputy Mayor Robert Pillon - with prior notice  
Councillor Lynne Fox - with prior notice

**ALSO PRESENT:** Hilary Payne, CAO  
David Mailloux, Clerk  
5 residents were present

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Mayor DiBartolomeo indicated that this meeting was to provide responses to questions that were raised at the Town Hall meetings held in 2002.

**ITEM #1**

Report from Hilary Payne, dated March 27, 2003 regarding Town Hall Meetings.

Moved by M. Bezaire, seconded by A. Leardi that the report from Hilary Payne, dated March 27, 2003 regarding Town Hall meetings be received and that each issue be discussed separately.

Motion Carried

1. Arena

Proposals were invited in late 2001 for an Arena, a Library and a Marina. Proposals were received for the first two and reviewed by Council early in 2002 but it was decided that the cost could not be justified and the matter did not proceed any further.

2. HMS Detroit

Council provided funding of \$710,000 in 2001 towards construction of the first phase of the vessel subject to several conditions (copy of resolution attached). The completed hull was seized by the ship builder in November 2002 and Council have since requested financial information and have also put HMS Detroit on notice of default of several of the above noted conditions.

3. Water Park

An Official Plan Amendment was requested to permit this project to proceed but was not approved pending receipt of various supporting studies required to support the Amendment. These studies have not been received as yet.

4. Committee for a Better Amherstburg

a) (see above)

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b) Kings Navy Yard Park

This item actually refers to the commercial district and in this context Council have

- S Retained a Tourism/Economic Coordinator
- S Initiated a vigorous program to both increase tourist traffic and also maximize economic development in the Town generally.

c) Opportunities

Library Council approved structural repairs which have been completed and also authorized accessibility improvements which will be completed by mid year. The original intent to move to the PUC Building has been negated by the sale of the latter in late 2002.

Amherstburg Museums & Galleries - The Tourism/Economic Development Coordinator continues to work closely with this group.

Marina Development - The Ranta Marina has been completely dredged and further improvements will be carried out this year.

Parks and Playgrounds - The town continues to maintain and upgrade these facilities.  
- Imeson property has been purchased for soccer and other recreational facilities.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The CAO reported that interviews will take place for the Marina Manager on April 9, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by F. Gorham that Councillor Bezaire be the Council representative at the interviews for a Marina Manager.

Motion Carried

The CAO reported that the County Economic Development meeting is being held May 8, 2003 and they are requesting a list of Community Stakeholders.

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by F. Gorham that the Tourism/Economic Development Coordinator provide the names of the key stakeholders to the County.

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Bezaire, seconded by F. Gorham that we move In-Camera.

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by F. Gorham that we rise.

Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by M. Bezaire that there being no further business the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

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MAYOR

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CLERK