

Minutes of the Amherstburg Municipal Council

Held Monday, April 28, 2008 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Hurst
Deputy Mayor Robert Bailey
Councillor Rick Fryer
Councillor Robert (Bob) Pillon
Councillor John Sutton
Councillor Rosa White

ALSO PRESENT:

Carol Bendo, Human Resources Specialist/Deputy Clerk
Lory Bratt, Planning Coordinator
David Carpenter, Manager of IT Services
Ivano Fregonese, Supervisor Budget Services
Pam Malott, Mgr. of Corporate & Leg. Services/Clerk
Lou Zarlenga, Public Works Manager

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Frank Pizzuto, Chief Administrative Officer (Vacation)
Councillor Paul Renaud (Bereavement)
Paul Beneteau, Treasurer (Vacation)
Ron Dzombak, Manager of Recreational Services
(Conference)
Richard Murray, Fire Chief (Conference)
Steve Brown, Chief Building Official

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hurst called on Lou Zarlenga, Manager of Public Services to introduce new staff members. Lou Zarlenga introduced the following staff members:

1. Tim Sunderland is the new OCWA Manager of Operations for the Town's Treatment Facilities
2. Annette Zahaluk – Seasonal Lead Hand (Horticulture)
3. Stephen Bernyk and Kristen Scratch - Seasonal Labourers

PRAYER

Elder Darwin Wismer said prayer.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by R. Fryer

That the minutes of the following Amherstburg Municipal Council meetings be adopted as circulated:

1. In-Camera meeting held at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, April 14, 2008
2. Public meeting held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 14, 2008 and
3. Public meeting regarding Zoning By-Law Amendments beginning at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 21, 2008.

Council Motion to Allow Change to Procedural By-Law to Hear Delegations before Presentations

Moved by R. Fryer
Seconded by J. Sutton

That Council allow a change to our procedural by-law order to hear delegations prior to presentations.

Motion Carried

DELEGATIONS

Delegation #1

Alison Baldwin addressed Council regarding the delay of the "Official Plan" and rezoning for 219 Dalhousie Street. Ms. Baldwin submitted letters of support for her business which are attached to and form part of these minutes.

Discussion

Ms. Baldwin asked if Council could grant some type of permit on a temporary basis to allow her to operate for the Garden Tour Weekend and the upcoming Music Caravan.

Lory Bratt, Planning Coordinator provided a chronology of events regarding the Official Plan process and advised that a meeting was scheduled with the County May 2nd, 2008 to discuss this document. Specifically with regard to Ms. Baldwin's request, the Planning Department was not aware of any seasonal permits, however, the Planning Act does provide for consideration of Temporary Use Bylaws. This process, however, follows that of a Zoning Bylaw Amendment and is also subject to appeal.

Council expressed concern that the process be expedited as quickly as possible.

Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by R. Fryer

That the information as presented by the delegation and letters of support presented be received and further that Council request Administration to report back as soon as possible (at the May 5th meeting) concerning the outcome of the meeting held with the County of Essex on Friday May 2nd and that Alison Baldwin be notified promptly of same.

Motion Carried

Delegation #2

Mike Kosyk addressed Council regarding water and wastewater rates. Mr. Kosyk received clarification that he is not being charged for sewage on his property.

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. White

That the information as presented by the delegation be received.

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation #1 – Fiscal Cycle

Ivano Fregonese, Supervisor Budget Services, made a presentation to Council regarding an update on the Fiscal Cycle. (See Report #1)

The fiscal reporting cycle is a guideline for all users of the Town's financial information to understand the financial reporting goals. The fiscal reporting cycle is transparent and accountable for all stakeholders.

The fiscal reporting cycle involves three areas:

1. The Budget Process,
2. Quarterly Reporting,
3. Year end financial statements.

Report #1 brought forward after Presentation #1

A report by Ivano Fregonese regarding the Fiscal Cycle.

Discussion

Council thanked Ivan for his efforts in moving the budget cycle forward.

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Bailey

That the presentation by Ivano Fregonese be received;

That the report by Ivano Fregonese, dated April 21, 2008 regarding the Fiscal Cycle be received;

And further that Council approve the 2008 fiscal reporting cycle as presented and described in the report.

Motion Carried

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Report #1 brought forward after Presentation #1

Report #2

A report by Paul Beneteau regarding Tax Write-Offs and Assessment Changes.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by R. White

That the report from Paul Beneteau, dated April 18, 2008 regarding Tax Write-Offs and Assessment Changes be received;

And further that **By-Law 2008-29** being a By-Law to strike taxes from the tax roll and to adjust assessment values on properties be taken as having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Motion Carried

Report #3

Report from Lory Bratt regarding proposed Zoning By-Law amendments.

1) The Town is in receipt of an application for Zoning By-Law Amendment form **Antonio and Elizabeth Federico** to rezone lands being Part Lot 9, Concession 1, Front Road North from “Residential Type 1A (R1A) Zone” to “Residential Second Density (R2) Zone”.

Discussion

Council expressed concern that the businesses currently in place should not need to make adjustments to satisfy this application. Cindy Prince, Planner for the applicant clarified that body shop owner Mr. Matt has his approvals in place from the Ministry and this is not related to the application.

Council questioned whether the bylaw could reference the body shop next door and the continued operation of same. Response from Planning Coordinator that Town has no authority under the Planning Act to include any such reference in the bylaw. However, the Committee of Adjustment could possibly address this issue as a condition of severance.

Ms. Prince confirmed that she would provide information to Lory Bratt for the Town’s file confirming that Mr. Matt’s Ministry certification will not be affected in future should a structure be erected.

Moved by R. White
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Bailey

That the report from Lory Bratt, dated April 22, 2008 regarding a proposed Zoning By-Law amendment for Part Lot 9 Concession 1 Front Road be received;

That Council approve the Zoning By-Law Amendment application for Part Lot 9, Concession 1 (Front Road North) and that as requested by the applicant, the application be considered under the 1999 current Official Plan document;

That **By-Law 2008-32** being a By-Law to amend Zoning By-Law 1999-52 be taken as having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto;

Motion Carried

2) The Town is in receipt of an application for Zoning By-Law Amendment from **Robbie Brant and Amanda Ellis** to rezone lands being 7826 Howard Avenue to amend the Special Provision Agricultural (A-34) Zoning.

Moved by R. Fryer
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the report from Lory Bratt, dated April 22, 2008 regarding a proposed Zoning By-Law amendment for 7826 Howard Avenue be received;

That two additional items of correspondence from Brant and Lucier dated April 23rd be received;

And further that Council deny the Zoning By-Law Amendment application for 7826 Howard Avenue (Part Lot 12, Concession 6) to rezone lands to amend the Special Provision Agricultural (A-34) Zoning.

Motion Carried

Report #4

Report from Pamela Malott regarding Absence of Municipal Councillor.

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. White

That the report from Pamela Malott, dated April 10, 2008 regarding the Absence of Municipal Officer be received;

That Council recognize and permit any occurrences of absence of Councillor Paul Renaud due to illness;

And further that Council agree to review the situation in six months time.

Motion Carried

Report #5

Report from Pamela Malott regarding the Municipal Appointee to the Essex Power Corporation Board of Directors.

Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Bailey

That the report from Pamela Malott, dated April 15, 2008 regarding the Municipal Appointee to the Essex Power Corporation Board of Directors be received;

And further that Council appoint John (Jack) Paling to the Essex Power Corporation Board of Directors for a four year period from June 30th, 2008 to November 30th, 2012.

Motion Carried

Report #6

Report from Pamela Malott regarding the Council Summer Meeting Schedule.

Moved by R. Fryer
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the report from Pamela Malott, dated April 15, 2008 regarding the Council Summer Meeting Schedule be received;

That Council agree to reduce the number of regular Council meetings during the summer months of July and August to one in each month, with the dates being:

Monday July 28th, 2008
Monday August 18th, 2008

And further that the same be advertised for Public information.

Motion Carried

Report #7

Report from Pamela Malott regarding Lay Person Appointee to the Amherstburg Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by R. White
Seconded by R. Pillon

That the report from Pamela Malott, dated April 15, 2008 regarding Lay Person Appointee to the Amherstburg Accessibility Advisory Committee the be received;

That Council appoint Randi Ziriada to fill the vacancy on the Amherstburg Accessibility Committee created due to the resignation of Phyllis Thomas-Court;

And further that the appointment expire on December 31st, 2008 with the option to re-appoint for an additional two year period.

Motion Carried

Report #8

Report from Pamela Malott regarding a Notice of Change to Procedural By-Law.

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. White

That the report from Pamela Malott, dated April 10, 2008 regarding a Notice of Change to Procedural By-Law be received;

That Council agree to change the deadline for delegations to end of day Monday one week prior to the Council meeting date;

That formal public notice be given at the Council Meeting of April 28th and be advertised;

That Essex Power be requested to insert flyers into their next mailing advising residents of same;

And further that a revised Procedural By-Law be brought to the Council meeting of May 12th for approval.

Motion Carried

Report #9

Report from Pamela Malott regarding Parks Advisory Committee Vacancies.

Moved by R. White
Seconded by R. Fryer

That the report from Pamela Malott, dated April 20, 2008 regarding Parks Advisory Committee Vacancies be received;

That Council recommend the filling of the Parks Advisory Committee vacancies with the following persons;

Lay Persons (4)

1. Tom Beneteau
2. Whit Tucker
3. Dante Pagliaroli
4. George Beckett

Horticultural Committee Representation

1. Paulette Drouillard
2. Cathy Bishop (alternate)

And further that the term of the appointments be until December 31st, 2008 with the option to re-appoint for an additional two year period.

Motion Carried

Report #10

Report from Carol Bendo regarding request to waive fees for the use of Toddy Jones Park by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and the Lighthouse Baptist Church for picnics.

Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the report from Carol Bendo, dated April 17, 2008 regarding request to waive fees for the use of Toddy Jones Park be received;

That the Town of Amherstburg waive the \$75 fee for both the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Picnic and the Lighthouse Church Picnic to be held at Toddy Jones Park.

Motion Carried

Report #11

Report from Carol Bendo regarding the staff appointment of a Facilitator, Tourism and Special Events.

The recruitment process for the Facilitator, Tourism and Special Events has been completed. We are pleased to announce that Anne Rota is the successful incumbent effective May 5, 2008.

Moved by R. White
Seconded by R. Pillon

That the report from Carol Bendo, dated April 18, 2008 regarding staff appointment of a Facilitator, Tourism and Special Events be received.

Motion Carried

Report #12

Report from Frank Pizzuto regarding a New Fountain in the Navy Yard Park.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by R. Fryer

That the report from Frank Pizzuto, dated April 22, 2008 regarding a New Fountain in the Navy Yard Park be received;

That the Town of Amherstburg approve the placement of a fountain in Navy Yard Park at no cost to the Town;

And further that the Town approve the moving of one locust tree to facilitate the placement of the Fountain.

Motion Carried

Report #13

Report from Lou Zarlenga regarding Road Restoration and the Use of Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investments.

Moved by R. White
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Bailey

That the report from Lou Zarlenga, dated April 22, 2008, regarding Road Restoration and the Use of Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investments be received;

And further that Council authorize option B: That Maple, Elm, Ramsey and Bathurst Streets be totally reconstructed including new sidewalks, curb and gutter, base and asphalt. All streets are in poor condition and require major adjustments and new catch basins. The cost of this total reconstruction would equal \$511,000.

Motion Carried

Discussion

R. White – Options presented are all very viable. Reason for supporting option B is that all of these streets are in poor condition the other options would only be half done. Felt that with the interest with the Provincial and Federal government in continuing to support the municipality in the future we can complete Concession #3 all at once and have it done right.

J. Sutton – Along the Concession #3 option he wants to see it placed high on our priority list, not with this funding but certainly with the 2009 budget discussions. It makes sense that when we are repairing roads we should complete them once. He supports option B but would like Council to make some definitive plans to include Concession #3 in the 2009 budget deliberations.

R. Pillon – Option D should have been on the list. Concession #9 is a gravel road and needs to be completed. To date we have not had a delegation put pressure on us and maybe this Council needs that. Now we're fortunate enough to get a chunk of the money from the Province and we can do that road now. There is a federal business on that road too - the Trap Shoot Gun Club. Concession #3 is a \$900,000 price tag and for us to budget that all in one year would be pretty hefty and pull from all other projects. A good option is to consider Concession #9 on and tar chip it since that would not take the full amount.

R. Fryer – All 3 options have merit. Along with the one Councillor Pillon mentioned. Option A question – Is allowing for Phase 2, 3 and 4 full restoration and a new base asphalt from sidewalk to sidewalk. Does this not include Maple and Elm Streets to begin with? L. Zarlenga responded that this option includes eradicating the gravel shoulders and would include existing sidewalks, not new sidewalks and not include curb and gutter. It is a worthwhile project but you would still only be doing half the job. The recommendation to go with Option B is also due to receiving Council direction previously to complete an area only once so we do not need to go back. Also looked at option D but it is not on the report because it would cost well over a half a million dollars.

Deputy Mayor Bailey – Accepted the rationale for Option B. Questioned Option A – Anything budgeted this year or will it be in 2009? Is this simply restoring the area? L. Zarlenga replied that the funds available are \$250,000 in contingency funds and the contract value for portions of the road. To complete sidewalk to sidewalk that would be an additional \$500,000.

Mayor Hurst – Commended Council on this decision. Noted that there are many worthy projects in our community that need to be done. He will still pursue the senior level of government for more funding of infrastructure. He understood the needs Councillor Pillon and Councillor Fryer want to address. However, County Road 20 should not be paid for by Amherstburg. This is a County Road and pressure needs to be placed on the County to complete this work. We need to be able to look at the rural areas and evaluate them in a particular budget year. People want service and Council will try to address their needs.

Report #14

Report from Lou Zarlenga regarding the Amherstburg Water Conservation Program 2008 Participation in the Children's Water Festival.

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. Fryer

That the report from Lou Zarlenga, dated April 18, 2008 regarding the Amherstburg Water Conservation Program 2008 Participation in the Children's Water Festival be received;

And further that Council sponsor the 2008 Children's Water Festival as part of the 2008 Amherstburg Water Conservation Program.

Motion Carried

Report #15

Report from Lou Zarlenga regarding the 2007 Summary Report for the Amherstburg Water System.

Pursuant to Section 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 of the Safe Drinking Water Act an Annual Summary Report for large and small municipal water systems is required.

Moved by R. White
Seconded by R. Pillon

That the report from Lou Zarlenga, dated April 18, 2008 regarding the 2007 Summary Report for the Amherstburg Water System for compliance reporting be received;

And further that Council confirms that they have reviewed this report.

Motion Carried

Report #16

Report from Lou Zarlenga regarding a request to install Autistic Child Area Signage on Ryan Street.

Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the report from Lou Zarlenga, dated April 21, 2008 regarding a request to install Autistic Child Area Signage on Ryan Street A be received;

And further that Council authorize the installation of two "Autistic Child Area" signs surrounding the subject property being 143 Ryan Street.

Motion Carried

Report # 17 (Report # 1 Supplemental Agenda)

A report from Pamela Malott concerning the Town application for the LAS Energy Audit being successful and the necessity of appointing a member of Council to serve on the Committee.

Moved by R. White
Seconded by R. Fryer

That the report from Pamela Malott, dated April 28, 2008 regarding the LAS Energy Audit be received, and further that Councillor Rosa White be named to sit on the Committee.

Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Reports

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by R. White

That the report by Carol Bendo, dated April 18, 2008 regarding 2008 Summer Students be received.

Consent Correspondence

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. Pillon

That the following correspondence be received:

- 1-6. Six letters of support from municipalities in Ontario for Amherstburg's resolution on Lead Testing. (Listing of the municipalities is attached. Individual resolutions of support may be viewed at the Clerk's office upon request.)
7. From the Corporation of the County of Essex, dated April 11 2008, regarding a notice of a public meeting on the proposed official plan amendment with respect to renewable energy systems policies.
8. From the Amherstburg Bingo Palace Sponsor's Association, dated April 9, 2008, regarding notification of the last day of operation as May 3, 2008 for the Bingo Palace.
9. From the Ministry of Finance, dated March 31, 2008 regarding Proposed Bill 35-Investing in Ontario Act 2008.
10. From the House of Shalom Youth Centre, dated March 2008, regarding the Amherstburg Community Cup Golf Tournament.
11. From the Town of Amherstburg Fire Department, dated April 14, 2008, regarding the Fire Department's Retirement and Awards Banquet.
12. From the Ontario Power Authority, dated April 10, 2008, regarding the 2007 Annual Report.
13. From the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, dated April 10, 2008, regarding Building Canada.
14. From the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated April 16, 2008, regarding a Member's Advisory on "Largest Ever Survey on Municipal Issues Shows Canadians Want Federal Support for Cities and Communities".

Motion Carried

Consent Business Licences

Moved by R. Fryer
Seconded by R. Pillon

That the following business licence applications be received and approved subject to compliance with all agencies and regulations:

Hawker Peddler licence for M&M Auctions to conduct a furniture auction at the Verdi Club.

Motion Carried

Consent Other Minutes

Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the minutes of a Co-An Park meeting held on March 27, 2008 be received.

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Item # 1- Support Resolution for Charitable Tax

Moved by R. White
Seconded by R. Fryer

That the correspondence from the Town of Tecumseh, dated February 29, 2008 regarding a resolution on charitable tax be received;

And further that Council support resolution SCM 02/08 made by the Town of Tecumseh Council regarding Charitable Tax.

Motion Carried

Item # 2- Support Resolution for Provincial Funding

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. White

That the correspondence from Tay Valley Township, dated April 14, 2008 regarding a resolution on provincial funding be received;

And further that Council support the resolution made by the Tay Valley Township Council regarding Provincial Funding.

Motion Carried

Item # 3- Support Resolution for Provincial Funding to Offset Municipal Costs Relating to Compliance with O.Reg. 429/07

Moved by R. White
Seconded by R. Pillon

That the correspondence from the City of Port Colborne, dated March 27, 2008 be received;

That Council support the resolution made by the City of Port Colborne regarding Provincial Funding to Offset Municipal Costs Relating to Compliance with O.Reg. 429/07;

And further that the Amherstburg Accessibility Advisory Committee be provided with a copy of the correspondence and Council's resolution on the matter.

Motion Carried

Item # 4- Support Resolution for Province to Pay a Proportional Share of MPAC Costs Related to Education Property Taxes

Moved by R. Fryer
Seconded by R. White

That the correspondence from the City of Ottawa, dated April 2008, regarding a request to support their resolution be received;

And further that the Council of the Town of Amherstburg support the resolution made by the City of Ottawa regarding the province paying a proportional share of MPAC costs related to education property taxes.

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Listed below is the unfinished business as of April 28, 2008:

Brought Up By:	Item Description:	Due Date
J. Sutton	On County Rd 10 by Anderdon Public School a tree is down and blocking drainage of ditch. (PWD)	ASAP
Mayor Hurst	Update on corner of Texas and 3rd wood blocking drainage.	ASAP
Correspondence	CDL Recyclers Request to Loop 8th Concession Watermain - Lou to report in early 2008 - Lou has sent request to Stantec (PWD)	May 2008
J.Sutton / R. White	Report on potential for Revenue from Fire Inspections and staffing options. (Fire)	May 2008
R. Pillon	Edgewater Beach Lagoons (PWD)	June 2008
Budget Discussions	Changes to Procurement Policy (Treasury)	June 2008
R. Fryer	OPP Costing to come back to Council (Police Services)	June 2008
R. Pillon	On Alma Street: speed limit sign is gone when heading out of Town (PWD)	June 2008
R. Fryer	McCurdy Park has two signs indicating No Dogs and that Dogs must be on leash. There are dogs roaming free. Are dogs allowed in park? (By-Law Enforcement)	June 2008
R. White	Transportation Issue (Administration)	August 2008

Discussion:

R.White- Asked for update on Transportation issue? Is County dealing with this issue? What was the amount put aside for transportation issues in 2008 budget? Mayor advised that there has been some foot dragging and he hopes at the next meeting of County and City of Windsor that this will be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) R.White - Admin directed to come back with report on use of motorized vehicles /ATV/Dirt Bikes on private property.

- 2) Moved by R. Pillon
 Seconded by J. Sutton

That Council direct Administration to forward correspondence to the County of Essex requesting the County complete the lighting on County Road 20 from Ranta Marina to Malden Road.

Motion Carried

3) R. White- That Council give consideration to a 'Dog Park' in Amherstburg.

BY-LAWS

By-Law 2008-29 being a By-Law to strike taxes from the tax roll and to adjust assessment values on properties (See Report #2)

By-Law 2008-32 being a By-Law to amend Zoning By-Law 1999-52 (See Report #3)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by J. Sutton

By-Law 2008-33 being a By-Law to confirm all resolutions of the Municipal Council be taken as having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Motion Carried

NOTICE OF MOTION


None made.

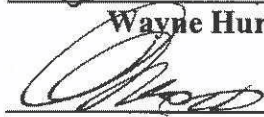
ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. White

That we rise and adjourn at 8:50 P.M.

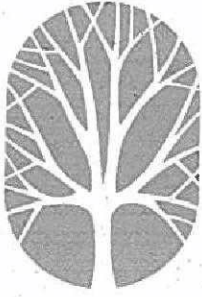
Motion Carried



Wayne Hurst, Mayor


Pamela Malott, Clerk

APRIL 28-08 DELEGATION #1
SUBMITTED BY ALISON BALDWIN



RICHMOND
TERRACE

April 28, 2008

Honourable Mayor Wayne Hurst and Members of Council,

We are writing in support of the opening of the Loretta Rose Tea Chest, newly located on the corner of Dalhousie and Rankin.

The new location will be a wonderful opportunity for our Residents here at Richmond Terrace to enjoy outings with family, friends and staff, this spring and summer, as it will be just a short walk away. While some of us are able to enjoy bus outings within the community, for many of us in wheelchairs, it is more convenient to participate in outings that are within walking distance of our facility.

Outings to the Loretta Rose Tea Chest to enjoy the summer sunshine, along with a cup of tea and treats in the garden, will be a meaningful occasion for all of our Residents to get out and feel like they are respected and contributing members of the community of Amherstburg.

Best Regards,

Members of the Resident Council – Richmond Terrace Long Term Care

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George McNab".

George McNab – Resident

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ethel Saunders".

Ethel Saunders – Resident

AMHERSTBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

268 Dalhousie St., Box 101
Amherstburg, Ontario N9V 2Z3
PHONE: (519) 736-2001 • FAX: (519) 736-9721



4/28/2008

To whom it may concern

The Amherstburg Chamber of Commerce is pleased to endorse the opening of the New Lorette Rose Tea Chest. Specialty shops such as these are a great compliment to our existing offerings in the Down Town core. We would also hope that this will attract other such shops into opening in our town.

The Lorette Rose Tea Chest is a member in good standing with the Chamber of Commerce and Alison Baldwin is active in many community projects that have enhanced our town.

We welcome the opening of the New Loretta Rose Tea Chest

Ray Bezaire
President of the Chamber of Commerce
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Dear Council:

This is a letter in support of the approval and opening of 'The Loretta Rose Tea Chest' at 219 Dalhousie Street, Amherstburg, at the earliest possible time frame to meet with this Spring's tourist trade.

As a business person in the tourist industry, a resident of Amherstburg and an advocate of economic development for tourism in Amherstburg, I urge council to seriously consider granting permission for Alison Baldwin, proprietor of 'Loretta Rose Tea Chest' to have her business at this location.

Amherstburg Council has worked diligently in setting the tone for increased tourism to stimulate economic growth in our business district area and the 'Lorretta Rose Tea Chest' Business Plan location reflects this effort.

Ms. Baldwin's overwhelming business success in 1 short year, out growing her previous smaller, shared space speaks for itself. Tearooms have a well-established history of attracting tourists as a destination and enriching the communities' tourism areas. Tourists will often come to a town using the charm of the tearoom as their initial or departure destination visit, creating a tradition of repeat visits to the community.

There are many outstanding shops that reward tourists for their trek to Amherstburg, but Dalhousie Street and it's adjoining business street arteries have a growing number of non tourist attraction store fronts creating a flow gap. Hence, the location of the 'Loretta Rose Tea Chest' at its new location is ideal in it's visibility, ambience and placement to draw tourists the length of the business section in accordance with good tourism strategy.

As a business operator who knows the extended overnight stay by tourists increases the economic growth of a community, I believe the 'Lorretta Rose Tea Chest' will enhance my customers satisfaction by having the tearoom, it's products and services at this new location.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Davies

Proprietor

Bondy House B & B

Amherstburg, ON, N9V 1W5

Valerie Buckie, 42 Rankin Avenue, Amherstburg, ON. N9V 1E6. (519) 736-4779

April 24, 2008

Mayor Hurst and Council
271 Sandwich Street South
Amherstburg, ON
N9V 2A5

Dear Mayor Hurst and Council:

I would like to support Alison Baldwin's business venture, *The Loretta Rose Tea Chest*, a tearoom to be situated on the south east corner of Dalhousie Street and Rankin Avenue, facing the Navy Yard Park.

I live and work in the immediate vicinity of the proposed tearoom and do not consider its presence to pose either a parking hazard or noise problem, but see it as a charming addition to the heritage area of the Town of Amherstburg. I look forward to seeing it up and running and hope that this can be accomplished as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Valerie A. Buckie .

Valerie Buckie

Friday April 25, 2008

RE: Loretta Rose Tea Chest

Dear Honourable Mayor Wayne Hurst and Town Councillors:

Since the spring of 2007 when Loretta Rose Tea Chest in Amherstburg opened, my wife and I, along with our two young daughters have been into the Teahouse for several special occasions. The girls fell in love with the unique shop and look forward to visiting again soon. It would be great to enjoy the fine service and great attitude of the staff as it was enjoyed at the previous location.

The new charming location at 219 Dalhousie with its wrap around porch, white picket fence is most fitting for a Tea House/Gift Shop and would compliment the downtown core. With the many activities planned on Dalhousie Street and through out the Town of Amherstburg, this would most definitely be a drawing card for tourism. Location-Location-Location is everything and the Baldwin Family have certainly picked a beautiful location to expand their business. We hope the Town will do everything possible to assist in the reopening of this great new Amherstburg Hot Spot!!

Sincerely,

Deb and John Gaudette-Amherstburg

Monday, April 28th, 2008

Mr. Mayor, Council and Administration
Town of Amherstburg

On behalf of the DeLuca family, we are becoming extremely frustrated at the pace of municipal bureaucracy.

We have invested with this town over \$6,000.00 in fees relating to the rezoning of our property at 219 Dalhousie Street. In addition, we have spent just over \$60,000.00 to restore this property to its former grandeur. We have also sat through all of the public meetings, and endured endless heartache with public innuendo that was blatantly false.

This particular property should have been grand fathered to begin with. Mr. Hans Koenig operated a jewelry store with watch repair for years. Prior to our purchase, it housed a dog grooming and pet service business.

We are trying very hard to tie this property into the tourist ambiance that abounds on Dalhousie Street. As we continue to read in the local papers the need to expand our festival and tourist base, we cannot understand the procrastination by the town over the past four years.

We are asking you to please move forward quickly to resolve this situation as the tourist season is beginning.

Thank-You
Tito and Cecilia DeLuca

Subj: **Loretta Tea Chest**
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April 27, 2008

To the Mayor and Council,

Last year I enjoyed taking friends from Windsor and Detroit to the Loretta Tea Chest where we would have a fantastic lunch. The friends have asked again when it will be open for business. I told them we would go in May. I understand there is a delay to be able to serve food and tea. I am just writing you to tell you that I am hoping that they will be open as soon as possible. My friends and I are waiting patiently for this lovely tea room to be open to serve their great selection of tea and food. (Their pumpkin tea and salad was delicious)

Sincerely,

Carol Ferguson

Greater Essex County District School Board
