

AMHERSTBURG MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009
At 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela Malott, Chief Administrative Officer
Paul Beneteau, Treasurer
Carol Bendo, Manager of Human Resources
Lory Bratt, Planning Coordinator
Dave Carpenter, Manager of Information Technology
Ron Dzombak, Manager of Recreational Services
Ivano Fregonese, Supervisor of Budget Services
Anna Graham, Deputy CBO
Cindy Hazael-Gietz, Deputy-Clerk
Jackie Hubbs, Manager of Development Services
Richard Murray, Fire Chief
Lou Zarlenga, Manager of Public Services

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Stephen Brown, Chief Building Official (medical)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Wayne Hurst.

PRAYER

Deputy-Clerk, Cindy Hazael-Gietz said prayer.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Bailey declared a conflict with Report # 3 - Ranta Marina RFQ due to his involvement in the Real Estate Industry.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Councillor Fryer
Seconded by Councillor Sutton

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

1. Public Budget Session meeting held at 2:00 pm on Monday, December 15, 2008;
2. In-Camera meeting held at 4:00 pm on Monday, December 15, 2008;
3. Public Meeting regarding Business Licencing held at 6:00 pm on Monday, December 15, 2008; and
4. Council Meeting held at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 15, 2008.

Moved by Councillor Pillon
Seconded by Councillor Fryer

That Report # 2 from the regular Council Meeting Minutes of Dec. 15th be removed and be adopted separately.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Pillon
Seconded by Councillor Fryer

That the budget as approved to be rejected;

And further that Council revisit the budget.

Discussion:

Mayor Hurst indicated that the budget has been moved and supported at the meeting of this Council on Dec 15th and if the motion is to separate the Budget Report for passing is one thing but to introduce the motion to reject the budget is another issue.

Councillor Pillon indicated that the minutes have not been adopted and he believes that under parliamentary rules, this Council could reconsider the approval.

Mayor Hurst stated that when adopting minutes, errors and omissions are considered, however to reconsider the adoption of the budget document at this point is something Council will have to deal with.

Councillor Sutton indicated that this motion is contrary to what Council has already done and further that the original mover and supporter would have to make such a motion.

Councillor Renaud stated that Council has deliberated the budget over a series of nine meetings and has significantly reduced the tax implication. Councillor Renaud further stated that a lot of hard work has gone into this process and the he would not support the motion.

Motion Lost

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor White

That Report # 2 be included in the regular Council Meeting Minutes of Dec 15th

And further that the minutes be adopted as written including the action taken on report #2.

Motion Carried (on the last motion)

Motion Carried (on the first motion)

DELEGATIONS

Delegation # 1

Mr. Luke Adam addressed Council regarding the removal or demolition of the old Bob-lo Boardwalk adjacent to the Town of Amherstburg. Mr. Adam stated his concerns regarding what he viewed as the ill-repair and inadequate security with respect to the site. Mr. Adam indicated that the boardwalk is becoming an eyesore and stated the need for maintenance and trimming of brush, etc. Mr. Adams stated his main concern is for the welfare of children that he has seen playing on the boardwalk as well as fishermen that have been seen fishing on the structure. Mr. Adam has been in contact with the Captain at the Amherstburg base of the Canadian Coast Guard as well as Town Hall Development Services Department with respect to the issue.

Mayor Hurst asked for comments from the Development Services Department.

Jackie Hubbs, Manager of Development Services indicated that Town Staff have inspected the site and found the facility to be secured with a padlock and chains.

Mayor Hurst asked for comments from Cindy Prince, representative of Boblo Island Developments.

Cindy Prince thanked Council for this opportunity and stated that she was not aware until today that enquires have been made regarding the site. Ms. Prince stated that Boblo Island has not yet determined the long term possibility of using this site for future development and therefore it is their preference to keep it available as we develop the Island.

Ms. Prince indicated that Boblo Island Development will dispatch workers to the site to address any security issues as well as tidy up the area.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor White

That the delegation by Mr. Luke Adam be received.

Motion Carried

Delegation # 2

Mr. Don Soulliere addressed Council regarding snow removal, winter carnival and youth programming in the Town of Amherstburg.

Mr. Soulliere discussed the need for sufficient snow removal on sidewalks in Amherstburg and discussed the possibility of obtaining vehicles similar to those used in Kingsville and Leamington. Mr. Soulliere voiced his concern for senior citizens and the difficulty they face in clearing their sidewalks of snow.

Mr. Soulliere indicated that he would like to see more recreation opportunities in the winter months and suggested a Winter Carnival similar to the one held in Quebec in the month of February. Mr. Soulliere stated that such an event would bring economic development and Tourism to Amherstburg.

Mr. Soulliere discussed possibility of expanding the sledding and tobogganing opportunities within the Town and suggested supplementing the current hill with snow from the arena. Mr. Soulliere indicated that more children's programming is necessary within the Town.

Mayor Hurst thanked Mr. Soulliere for his suggestions and further stated that clearing sidewalks of snow is important however, there are costs associated with this service.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Sutton

That the delegation by Mr. Don Soulliere be received.

Discussion:

Councillor Pillon asked the Manager of Public Works if the Town had request a quote on a vehicle to clean snow from sidewalks. Mr. Zarlenga indicated that the Town had purchased a small backhoe for this purpose and further that the sidewalks adjacent to municipal property, Town Parks and on sections of County Rd 20 are being cleared of Snow. Mr. Zarlenga indicated that a report did go to Council which provided costs associated with doing all sidewalks in Town and Council decided at that time to implement the current program. Mr. Zarlenga stated that a report will come to Council on January 26th with respect to Winter Snow Removal on Sidewalks.

Councillor Fryer thanked Mr Soulliere for his ideas regarding the winter carnival and suggested that he speak with our Tourism and Special Events Coordinator, Anne Rota.

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation # 1

Dave Carpenter, Manager of Information Technology, and Nick Renaud, Desk Top Support Specialist made a presentation to Council regarding the new design for the Town of Amherstburg website. Mr. Carpenter advised Council that the goals of this new website are to attract visitors, business and development and provide a more organized layout.

Mr. Carpenter stated that the IT Department has been working with Wired Solutions to provide a more accessible website which includes alternative text, proper labels on input boxes, high contrast and colors, accessible navigation, and the ability to appear in alternate browsers. Mr. Carpenter indicated that the new Website can be displayed in a simple format while providing a basic easy to use interface.

Nick Renaud provided Council with a quick tour of the website and highlighted specific areas including the Residents Area, Visitor Area, Business Area and Town Hall. Mr. Carpenter indicated that a fresh look will be maintained by changing out the photography contained on the site enabling administration to show a current reflection of the community.

Mr. Carpenter explained the Business Directory that has been included in the site and stated that this is a searchable directory which has been compiled by the Town's Tourism and IT Departments. Mr. Carpenter stated that a few local businesses have been invited to participate in a trial 'Premium Listing' option where by the business works with Wired Solutions to market their company through the Town of Amherstburg Web Page. There will be a fee for this service and a further report will come to Council with the details of this option. Mr. Carpenter did say that Town staff would not work on the logo, rather the web design firm would be conducting this work directly and the Town is merely recovering the associated costs of this work through the fee structure.

Mr. Carpenter provided details regarding the Report a Problem, Job Posting and Itinerary options that are all available through our web page.

Pamela Malott commended the IT Department and Staff for their work and stated that it was a tremendous amount of work from Administration. Ms. Malott stated that the dozens of meetings, hours of labor populating all of these areas and training of staff provided by the IT Department has resulted in an excellent product that deserves our respect.

Moved by Councillor Sutton
Seconded by Councillor White

That the presentation by Mr. Dave Carpenter and Nick Renaud be received.

Discussion:

Councillor Pillon asked which staff member is responsible for the Report a Problem submissions. Mr. Carpenter indicated that currently the Public Works Office Manager will be monitoring this area, however in the future other clerical staff may be involved with this function.

Councillor Fryer asked if there is ability to track who is going on the website and from where. Mr. Carpenter stated that the Town is using Google Analytics which will provide very detailed, factual information that can be reported to Council.

Councillor Fryer enquired about the size of the website and it's limitations for holding information. Mr. Carpenter indicated that there are no size restrictions or limitations.

Councillor Sutton congratulated administration on the great work that has produced a site that will do a better job of promoting economic interest and tourism.

Councillor White thanked all of those who had a hand in the creation of the new site and further stated that the products shows the passion, pride and know how of the staff. Councillor White stated that a lot has been accomplished and considers this one of many goals met that allows us to showcase Amherstburg.

Deputy Mayor Bailey extended his appreciation and thanks to the entire staff who has had a role in putting this page together. Deputy Mayor Bailey asked if a link to an Accessibility Page could be provided in order to showcase accessibility issues. Mr. Carpenter stated that we have not yet added committee pages but that addition would be easily done.

Councillor Renaud thanked administration for their work and commented that the site is easier to read and much improved.

Mayor Hurst stated that the effort by Administration is much appreciated and acknowledged the significant role that Special Events plays in the website development. Mayor Hurst indicated that he was impressed with the many unique features and suggested that we incorporate our agri-business in the web site as well.

Motion Carried

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Report # 1

A report by Pamela Malott regarding the Development Services Manager position at the Town of Amherstburg Municipality was discussed. Ms. Malott indicated that the position has been vacant since February of 2008 and stated that Ms. Hubbs' start date was January 6th, 2009. Ms. Malott introduced Jackie Hubbs and stated that she bring much expertise and knowledge to the role.

Mayor Hurst welcomed Ms. Hubbs to Amherstburg.

Moved by Councillor Sutton
Seconded by Councillor Pillon

That the report by Pamela Malott dated January 7, 2009 regarding the Development Services Manager position at the Town of Amherstburg Municipality be received.

Motion Carried

Report # 2 deferred

A report by Pamela Malott regarding an Agreement with the Greater Essex County District School Board on the remediation of Wigle Field and Larry Bauer Baseball Field Development and By-Law 2009-03 was deferred.

Deputy Mayor Bailey vacated seat.

Report # 3

A report by Cindy Hazael-Gietz regarding the awarding of the Marina RFQ was discussed.

Moved by Councillor Sutton
Seconded by Councillor White

That the report by Cindy Hazael-Gietz dated January 5, 2009 regarding the awarding of the Marina RFQ be received;

That Council accept the low tender submitted by Deerbrook 1st Realty as the Real Estate Representative in the sale of Ranta Marina;

And further that Council direct Administration to send correspondence to Deerbrook 1st Realty regarding their successful submission.

Discussion:

Councillor Fryer indicated that he would not support the sale of the property right now due to the economic environment we find ourselves in. Councillor Fryer suggested that Council wait for the economy to rebound prior to placing the property for sale. Councillor Pillon asked that administration ensure that all pertinent information relating to the Marina property be given to the Real Estate Agent including information on the brine wells.

Councillor Sutton indicated that in-action is not an option and that is precisely why we are looking at \$1 million dollars deficit. Councillor Sutton further stated that putting the property up for sale does not mean that we accept the first low ball offer and further that Council cannot sit back and let the debt continue to build.

A recorded vote was requested :

Councillor	Yea	Nea
Deputy Mayor Bailey declared conflict		
Councillor Fryer		X
Councillor Pillon	X	
Councillor Renaud	X	
Councillor Sutton	X	
Councillor White	X	
Mayor Hurst	X	

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Bailey returned to his seat.

Report # 4

A report by Cindy Hazael-Gietz regarding the Closed Meeting Investigator for 2008 was discussed.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Pillon

That the report by Cindy Hazael-Gietz, dated January 2, 2009 regarding the Closed Meeting Investigator for 2008 be received.

Discussion:

Councillor Fryer enquired about the costs associated with LAS if there were to be an investigation. The Deputy Clerk responded that the costs would be \$1,250.00 per day fee plus expenses incurred.

Motion Carried

Report # 5

A report by Cindy Hazael-Gietz regarding an update for the Amherstburg Recreation Committee member composition was discussed.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Renaud

That the report by Cindy Hazael-Gietz, dated January 2, 2009 regarding an update for the Amherstburg Recreation Committee member composition be received;

And further that Council appoint residents to the Recreation Advisory Committee as outlined in this staff report.

Motion Carried

Report #6

A report by Lory Bratt regarding an amendment to the Interim Control By-Law was discussed.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Sutton

That the report by Lory Bratt dated January 5, 2009 regarding an amendment to the Interim Control By-Law be received;

And further that **By-Law 2009-04** being a by-law to amend by-law 2008-03 to extend the period of time that Interim Control Zoning will be in effect respecting certain lands bounded by and abutting Sandwich Street North, Texas Road and Brunner Avenue be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Motion Carried

Report # 7

A report by Anne Graham regarding Final 2008 Building Permit Activities was discussed.

Moved by Councillor Pillon
Seconded by Councillor White

That the report by Anne Graham dated January 7, 2009 regarding Final 2008 Building Permit Activities be received.

Motion Carried

Report # 8

A report by Paul Beneteau regarding the 2009 interim tax levy and by-law 2009-01 was discussed.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Sutton

That the report by Paul Beneteau dated January 4, 2009 regarding the 2009 interim tax levy be received;

And further that **By-Law 2009-01** being a by-law to provide for an interim tax rate to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent per month on taxes in default be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Motion Carried

Report # 9

A report by Paul Beneteau regarding Temporary Borrowing and by-law 2009-02 was discussed.

Moved by Councillor Renaud
Seconded by Councillor Fryer

That the report by Paul Beneteau dated January 4, 2009 regarding the temporary borrowing be received;

And further that **By-Law 2009-02** being a by-law to provide for temporary borrowing until the taxes are collected and other revenues are received be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Motion Carried

Report #10

A report by Lou Zarlenga regarding the White Drain Outlet was discussed.

Moved by Councillor Pillon
Seconded by Councillor Fryer

That the report by Lou Zarlenga dated January 6, 2009 regarding the White Drain Outlet be received;

And further that Council concur with the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer and that the Town initially accept the clearing, brushing and grubbing works performed on the White Drain outlet and the one year maintenance period which began September 3, 2008.

Motion Carried

Report #11

A report by Lou Zarlenga regarding and update on Legislated Lead Testing was discussed.

Moved by Councillor Sutton
Seconded by Councillor Renaud

That the report by Lou Zarlenga dated January 5, 2009 regarding an update on Legislated Lead Testing be received.

Discussion:

Councillor Sutton asked for clarification about the testing process. Mr. Zarlenga indicated that due to a return of one of the properties above the 10 micrograms per litre limit, the Town must carry out the next two rounds of sampling.

Councillor Sutton enquired about the letter sent to the province regarding their assistance with this expense.

Pamela Malott indicated that to date, no response has been received.

Deputy Mayor Bailey asked if the reduced testing could begin in 2010 if the results were positive.

Mr. Zarlenga indicated that the Town will be testing in different locations which make the outcome impossible to predict. Mr. Zarlenga did indicate that there are very few areas of Town that have not yet had watermains replaced.

Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Correspondence (22 items)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Renaud

That the following correspondence be received:

1. AMO Notice regarding Non-Refundable Cancellation Fee for Westin Ottawa Hotel Guest Rooms reserved for AGM/Conference August 16-19, 2009;
2. AMO Alert No. 08/060 dated December 10, 2008 advising Public Review Period for Draft Information and Communications Standard Extended to February 6, 2009;
3. AMO Alert No. 08/061 dated December 10, 2008 regarding "Putting Out the Welcome Mat: Why Immigration Matters to Ontario's Municipalities";
4. AMO Alert No. 08/062 dated December 15, 2008 regarding Ontario's Municipal Leadership in Federal Budget Consultations;
5. AMO Alert No. 08/063 dated December 16, 2008 regarding Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Notices for 2009;

6. Ministry of Finance letter dated December 15, 2008 announcing Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF);
7. MPAC letter dated December 12, 2008 regarding Current Value Interpretation;
8. The Corporation of the County of Essex Planning Services letter dated December 18, 2008 regarding Official Plan Amendment No. 8;
9. Ontario Small Urban Municipalities letter dated December 5, 2008 regarding the 56th Annual OSUM Conference and Trade Show;
10. ERCA invitation to Annual General Meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2009;
11. Nestlé Waters Canada letter dated December 3, 2008 regarding bottled water;
12. Greater Kitchener Waterloo Media Release dated December 11, 2008 regarding “Chamber Supports Auto Industry Investment”;
13. Electricity System Operator’s (IESO) 2009 Management Calendar and Ontario Reliability Outlook dated December 10, 2008;
14. Notice of Submission of the Ontario Environmental Assessment dated January 5, 2009 from the Detroit River International Crossing Study;
15. 2009 Draft Budget Estimates dated January 5, 2009 from ERCA;
16. Memo on Power Outages that occurred December 24 and 28, 2008 dated January 7, 2009 from Essex Power Lines;
17. Pasta for the Museum benefit to be held on Sunday, January 18, 2009 for the North American Black Historical Museum invitation;
18. Southshore Broadcasting Community Focus Television letter dated December 15, 2008 regarding Promotional Television Series “Essex Uncorked”;
19. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing News Release dated December 31, 2008 regarding Improved Energy Efficiency Standards for New Homes;
20. AMO letter dated December 4, 2008 providing recommendations for acceleration of Building Canada Fund;
21. Amherstburg Food & Fellowship Mission letter of appreciation dated January 3, 2009 for 2008 can drive donations and
22. Dillon Consulting Limited letter of appreciation dated December 19, 2008 for Helios Solar Star A-1 Official Plan Approval.

Discussion:

Councillor White spoke to Item # 17 and requested that Council, Staff and Residents be encouraged to attend this event. Councillor White indicated that The Black Historical Museum is an integral part of this community and the Town needs to market this site to the world.

Councillor Fryer requested that Item # 7 be removed from this list in order that a motion be passed

Remove # 7 MPAC letter dated December 12th in order that a motion of support can be made.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Fryer
Seconded by Councillor Pillon

Whereas a decision of the Assessment Review Board (ARB) in 2008 provided an interpretation of the term “current value”, as defined in the Assessment Act, that is significantly different from the interpretation used by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to assess tenanted commercial properties across the Province;

And whereas it is estimated that this ARB decision could result in the loss of approximately \$25 billion in assessment to municipalities throughout Ontario;

And whereas MPAC and the City of Toronto were granted leave to appeal the ARB decision to the Divisional Court on November 14, 2008, which is expected to result in a lengthy and costly process for all municipalities in Ontario, given their funding relationship with MPAC;

And whereas approximately 14,000 assessment appeals of tenanted commercial properties are on hold, pending a decision on the interpretation of “current value”;

Now therefore be it resolved that The Town of Amherstburg Council petition the Minister of Finance to amend the definition of “current value” as set out in the Assessment Act, to provide a clear interpretation of how the term is to be applied, for assessment purposes, to tenanted commercial properties;

And further that this resolution be circulated to all local MPP’s for their support.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Pillon

That the taxi vehicle licence applications from the following individuals (new drivers) be received and approved subject to compliance with all agencies and regulations:

1. Ronald Authier and
2. Tim Meloche;

Motion Carried

And further that the Business licence application from Dino Parete to operate a car maintenance shop in the name of D.C. Auto Care Mobility be received and approved subject to compliance with all agencies and regulations.

Discussion:

Moved by Councillor Fryer
Seconded by Councillor Renaud

That the Business license application from Dino Parete be deferred until a Report from Administration is brought back to Council regarding zoning issues.

Motion Carried

Consent Other Minutes

Moved by Councillor Sutton
Seconded by Councillor White

That the following minutes be received:

1. Meeting held on November 18, 2008 by the Amherstburg Parks Committee;
2. Meeting held on November 12, 2008 by the Amherstburg Traffic Committee.

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Item #1- Support AMO's position on the Waste Diversion Act and the Blue Box Program Plan Review - AMO Alert 08/064

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by white

That the correspondence from AMO dated December 19, 2008 be received;

That Council supports AMO's position on the Waste Diversion Act (WDA);

That Council supports AMO's position on the Blue Box Program Plan (BBPP) Review;

And further that correspondence indicating same be sent to the Minister of the Environment by January 15, 2009 for the WDA and by February 27, 2009 for the BBPP.

Motion Carried

Item #2- A Call for Action - Go for Health Windsor Essex – An Urgent Green-Light Initiative for Community Health

Moved by Councillor Sutton
Seconded by Councillor Fryer

That Council adopt the A Call for Action report developed by Go for Health Windsor-Essex;

And further that Administration be directed to follow the A Call for Action suggestions when developing policies and practices which support healthier living, specifically those that promote healthy eating, physical activity, and healthy environments and that enforce smoke-free legislation as detailed on pages 20 and 21 of the report.

Motion Carried

Item #3- Request for Disaster Relief - Townships of East Ferris and Bonfield Request

Moved by Councillor Sutton
Seconded by Councillor Fryer

That the letter regarding a request for donations from The Townships of East Ferris and Bonfield, declared a “Disaster Area” by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be received;

And further that Council not agree to donate funds to the fundraising efforts of the Townships.

Motion Carried

Item #4- Beef in the ‘Burg – Rotary Club of Amherstburg

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor White

That the correspondence regarding the 2nd Annual Beef in the ‘Burg to be held on May 30, 2009 from the Rotary Club of Amherstburg be received;

That Council waive the \$150 fee for the use of the entire Toddy Jones Park area on May 30, 2009;

That notice be sent to the Fire and Police Departments regarding the request to close the north end of Dalhousie Street and Fort Malden drive one hour prior to the event for their concurrence;

And further that the Tourism and Special Events Co-ordinator be directed to advise the Rotary Club regarding their request to hang their Banner advertising the event from May 12th through to June 1st, 2009.

Motion Carried

Item #5- Expansion of Municipal Parking Lot- Betty Dorothy Murray

Moved by Councillor Pillon
Seconded by Councillor Sutton

That the correspondence regarding the expansion of the Municipal Parking Lot at the Corner of Richmond and Ramsay from Betty Dorothy Murray be received;

And further that correspondence regarding Council's decision, once finalized, on the matter be sent to Betty Dorothy Murray.

Motion Carried

Item #6- Lottery Licensing Request for Process Streamlining File No.: P09.GE – The Municipality of Clarington

Moved by Councillor Sutton
Seconded by Councillor White

That the correspondence from the Municipality of Clarington regarding a request to support their resolution on streamlining Lottery Licensing be received;

That Council support Resolution #GPA-698-08;

And further that correspondence regarding this resolution be sent to the Municipality of Clarington.

Motion Carried

Item #7- Resolution – Ontario Egg Farmers

Moved by Councillor Fryer
Seconded by Councillor Renaud

That the correspondence from Ontario Egg Farmers regarding a request for a resolution supporting purchasing locally produced food that in turn contributes to a sustainable environment be received;

And whereas the Town of Amherstburg supports practices that contribute to the creation of a sustainable environment;

And whereas Ontario egg farmers currently provide our community with fresh, locally produced Grade A eggs which travel from farm to table in 4 to 7 days;

Therefore be it resolved that the current procurement practice of eggs by the Town of Amherstburg, produced by Ontario egg farmers, be identified as the preferred local sustainable procurement practice and that the purchase of all Ontario eggs contributes to the creation of a sustainable environment in which consumers and famers benefit;

And further that correspondence regarding this resolution be sent to the Ontario Egg Farmers organization.

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Listed below are the unfinished business items as of January 12, 2009:

Item #	Brought up By:	Due Date:	Item Description:	Type of Reply
20081027C	R. Fryer	January 2009	Final Coating of Asphalt on Marsh Court, White Crescent & Pettypiece (PWD)	Council Email
20081027D	R. Fryer	January 2009	Status of road between Kingsbridge North and South - Class B Road? (PWD, Dev Services)	Council Report
20081027E	R. Fryer	January 2009	Kingsbridge Park drainage and seeding (PWD)	Council Report
20081027H	R. White	January 2009	Parking on Gore Street adjacent to Town Hall (Traffic Committee)	Council Report
20081124B	R. Pillon/R. Fryer	January 2009	Street Lighting Issue- Report on Options	Council Report
20081124A	Mayor W. Hurst	January 2009	OCWA Report - Completed Sewer Separation Work (PWD)	Council Report
20081006A	R. White /R. Fryer	Spring 2009	Seniors' Survey Results (Clerk's)	Council Report
20080623E	J. Sutton / R. White	TBD	Resident request for Emission of Smoke By-Law (Dev Sev) (Need to wait for litigation to be resolved)	Council Report

Moved by Councillor White
 Seconded by Councillor Fryer

That Item #20081027H be removed from the list of unfinished business items;

And further that the remaining items be received.

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Renaud

That Council direct Administration to report on the cost of Amherstburg using the T.O.D.S. signage on highway 401;

And further that the report include directional signage on secondary roads.

Discussion:

Councillor White indicated that this Council and Administration have decided to move forward and market ourselves as a tourist destination and this requires marketing strategies that encourage easy access and clear direction for Tourist entering the area.

Pamela Malott indicated that a report will be coming forward on the Jan 26th agenda from Carol Bendo regarding T.O.D.S.

Councillor White requested that the report include secondary roads as well.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS

By-Law 2009-01 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax rate to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent per month on taxes in default (See Report #8)

By-Law 2009-02 being a by-law to provide for temporary borrowing until the taxes are collected and other revenues are received (See Report #9)

By-Law 2009-03 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement with the Greater Essex County District School Board for advancement of annual user fees towards remediation of Wigle Field (See Report #2)

By-Law 2009-04 being a by-law to amend by-law 2008-03 to extend the period of time that Interim Control Zoning will be in effect respecting certain lands bounded by and abutting Sandwich Street North, Texas Road and Brunner (See Report #6)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Fryer

By-Law 2009-05 being a By-Law to confirm all resolutions of the Municipal Council be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Motion Carried

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notices of motion were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Renaud
Seconded by Councillor White

That we rise and adjourn at 8:27 P.M.

Motion Carried