

**Minutes of an Amherstburg Municipal Council – Special
Public Meeting Held on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.
in Council Chambers**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Hurst
Deputy Mayor Ron Sutherland
Councillor Carolyn Davies
Councillor Bart DiPasquale
Councillor Robert (Bob) Pillon
Councillor Diane Pouget
Councillor John Sutton

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela Malott, Chief Administrative Officer
Brenda Percy, Manager of Council & Leg. Services/Clerk
Richard Wyma, Essex Region Conservation Authority

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

PRESENTATION

Richard Wyma, Essex Region Conservation Authority presented the ERCA 2010 Annual Report. A copy of an overview of the meeting is attached and forms an addendum to these minutes.

Councillor Davies moved, Councillor DiPasquale seconded:

That the presentation be received.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

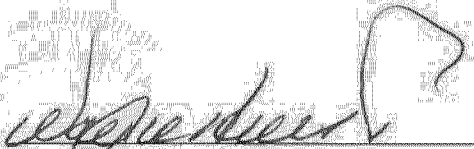
ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Pillon moved, Councillor Davies seconded:

That Council rise and adjourn at 6:31 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried



MAYOR - WAYNE HURST



CLERK - BRENDA M. PERCY



YOUR CONTRIBUTION

TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

YOUR WATER: Clean and safe for drinking and recreation

- Completed 1 rock chutes, 2 buffer strips, 3 septic system upgrades in 2010, with at least 1 soil erosion control structure, 2 buffer strips and 2 septic upgrades planned for 2011. Additional project opportunities may be identified in the coming weeks.
- Through the Drinking Water Source Protection program, fully funded by the Province at a cost of about \$700,000 in 2011, an Amended/Updated Assessment Report will be completed, identifying threats to source water with-in 'Intake Protection Zones' (IPZ) and Vulnerable Aquifers. This will include the Amherstburg water treatment plant which serves most of Amherstburg. Source Protection Plan policies will also be drafted, which in the case of Amherstburg will likely involve primarily 'soft policies' such as contingency plans, education, and incentives, as most of the potential future 'significant threats' are already addressed through the municipality's existing land use planning measures.
- Surface water quality monitoring will continue, including tributary watersheds and near shore areas in Amherstburg, along with a ground water monitoring station, as part of a regional system.
- ERCA will seek funding for a Microbial Source Tracking Study for the Holiday Beach area and other beaches in the Region.

YOUR LEGACY: Restoring lands, waters and watersheds/protecting natural areas and heritage

- Restored 12 acres to forest habitat at 3 sites in 2010. In 2011, restoration of 16 acres at 3 sites is confirmed. Additional project opportunities for 2011 may be identified in the coming weeks.
- Restoration of 1 wetland at a privately owned property is planned for 2011.
- In 2010, two community tree plantings, two school yard naturalization projects and one creek cleanup was completed. An additional community planting and school yard naturalization project, as well as one creek cleanup are confirmed for 2011. Additional project opportunities may be identified for fall 2011 in the coming period.

YOUR SAFETY: Protecting people, shoreline and property

- ERCA will be completing the Willow Beach Dyke Study to determine the repairs required for the Willow Beach Dyke (total cost estimated at \$45,000)
- Working with the Town of Amherstburg to develop a regional Climate Station Strategy to ensure we have accurate, and accessible real time information
- Reviewed 46 Planning Act applications in 2010 including consents, minor variances, site plan control and Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendments. A similar level of activity is expected in 2011.
- Progressed the Big Creek Watershed Plan, including substantial completion of 3 related technical studies. Plan completion is expected in 2011.





YOUR CONTRIBUTION

TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

YOUR TOMORROW: Learning about our environment

- Will continue to provide Conservation and Heritage Field Studies and classroom based Conservation Education programs. In 2010 almost 400 students participated in these hands-on programs meeting teaching objectives of the Ontario curriculum and learning the importance of protecting our environment. In total, 184 students from 3 schools in Amherstburg participated in our programs.
- As well, we will continue to participate in region-wide events and community outreach and communication initiatives to engage the public in conservation issues and initiatives
- We will be completing a Youth Engagement Strategy, in partnership with Leadership Windsor-Essex, to connect youth with our natural and cultural heritage; identify opportunities and encourage participation in conservation activities as users, workers, volunteers or supporters; build leadership in youth to engage others; foster the next generation of environmental stewards with a deeper respect and awareness of local conservation issues

YOUR WELL-BEING: Places to be more active and healthy

- Provide 20 publicly accessible conservation areas, protecting 4000 acres of land and maintaining 78 kilometres of trail, four public swimming beaches, the only publicly owned campground and the only living museum in Windsor Essex Region for your residents
- Exploring the acquisition of the CASO line, which would provide a trail linkage to Leamington's existing abandoned rail corridor to make connections with Chatham/Kent, Lakeshore, Essex and Tecumseh.
- Development of a Trails brochure (through funding partners) to highlight regional and municipal trails, including those in the Town of Amherstburg.
- Complete redevelopment of the front entrance of Holiday Beach Conservation Area in the fall of 2010 to service the community and visitors from abroad. This infrastructure project, which includes a new automated gate system and parking facilities was an investment of over \$400,000 in the Town of Amherstburg.

