



TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 23, 2017

Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor L. Armstrong, Councillors A. Junker, P. Roe, B. Fisher, J. Gerber and M. Murray

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer G. Whittington, Director Clerk's Services B. McLeod, Deputy Clerk D. Mittelholtz, Director of Public Works J. Molenhuis, Director of Facilities and Recreation Services S. Nancekivell, Director of Development Services H. O'Krafka, Fire Chief R. Leeson, Director of Finance P. Kelly, Curator/Director of Castle Kilbride T. Loch, Manager of Planning/EDO A. Martin

1. **MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**
2. **MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**
3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**
4. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
5. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

None disclosed.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 Council Meeting Minutes September 25, 2017.

Resolution No. 2017-164

Moved by: A. Junker

Seconded by: B. Fisher

THAT the minutes of the following meeting be adopted as presented:

Council Meeting September 25, 2017.

CARRIED.

7. PUBLIC MEETINGS

7.1 REPORT NO. DS 2017-20

Proposed OPA 9 – Conformity Review (2017)

**Proposed OPA 10 – Settlement Boundary Rationalization
Review**

Resolution No. 2017-165

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: J. Gerber

That Report DS 2017-20 be received for information.

CARRIED.

Mayor L. Armstrong declared the public meeting open, advising that this is a Public Meeting held in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act to hear input on Proposed Official Plan Amendment #9 which is a Conformity Review (2017) to bring the Township Official Plan into conformity with the new Regional Official Plan and Provincial Planning Policies, and Proposed Official Plan Amendment #10 a Settlement Boundary Rationalization Review. He advised that Council would hear all interested people who wish to speak.

Mayor L. Armstrong advised that persons attending as delegations at this meeting are required to leave their names and addresses which will become part of the public record

and advised that this information may be posted on the Township's official website along with email addresses, if provided.

The Director of Development and the Manager of Planning/EDO highlighted the report.

Mayor L. Armstrong asked if there were questions of a technical nature from Council. There were none.

Registered Delegations

Justin Hanson, 254 Laschinger Blvd

Mr. Hanson thanked Council for the opportunity to speak on this matter and advised them that he is representing several neighbours in the Laschinger Boulevard area. He noted their concern for the change of designation for parcel number 30 from agriculture to residential. He noted that the parcel is currently an active organic farm on prime agricultural land. He spoke about the promotion and protection of such lands in accordance with the provincial standards and priorities, and in the text of the Regional and Township Official Plans. He stated that if expansion is needed, these lands should be avoided where possible. He also addressed their concerns with traffic which he described as already being a concern and that additional residential development in the area would over-tax Waterloo Street and potentially cause people to by-pass the arterial roads through residential areas. He expressed concerns by the merging together of New Hamburg and Baden which could cause the loss of the country/small-town feel most residents are attracted to. He quoted the Township's Vision and Mission Statements and stated that this proposed change undermines that vision.

Stewart Snyder, 2919 Bleams Road

Mr. Snyder advised Council that he has spoken with staff regarding the proposed changes, specifically with regards to the property he owns in Baden, Master Feeds. He stated his endorsement of the change and using the property for infilling as it is a sound practice for adding higher density housing. He requested that the silos be preserved where possible, as they are a historical feature in Baden. He concurred with Mr Hanson's desire to protect farmland as he used to farm the field that Mr Hanson's house is built on.

Douglas Stewart, 410 Albert St in Waterloo

Mr. Stewart advised Council that he is addressing them on behalf of NH Properties Inc., one of the owners affected by the proposed changes. He stated that the proposed changes are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, the Regional Official Plan and Provincial priorities. He noted how each of these documents have certain common elements including the balancing of infilling with the preservation of agricultural land. He provided Council with a map of parcel 30, which is owned by his clients, and highlighted a small portion of the lands which was excluded from the re-designation. He suggested that this portion be included within the urban boundary suggesting that it may be an ideal location for a storm water management pond. He requested that staff's recommendations for the Official Plan be endorsed and that this portion be included. He noted that the process for the lands to become residential would be lengthy and that process should begin now. He advised that consultation with the public would be a part of the process and that concern would be addressed during that process.

Mayor L. Armstrong asked if anyone wished to address Council on this matter.

Sean Smith, 246 Laschinger Boulevard

Mr. Smith advised that Mr. Hanson explained the concerns of his neighbours well but that he wished to expand on the very serious traffic concerns he has for the area, which he feels will only become worse with new development. He noted that the residential area in question only has one main exit/access to Waterloo Street. He spoke of the potential safety concerns for children walking in the area.

Michael Bender, 105 Michael Myers Road

Mr. Bender advised Council of an area of land north of the GRCA area which is in the early stages of a grassland habitat. He expressed concerns with this area being developed and the potential destruction of an important eco-system. He questioned how this designation will impact future generations when developers will develop the land to its maximum profit generation abilities. He concluded his presentation by stating that development of the area at the expense of grasslands is not what he moved to Wilmot for.

Laurie McDonald, 56 Beechim Drive

Ms. McDonald requested that staff explain the brown coloured section of the New Dundee map and what it signifies.

The Manager of Planning/EDO advised that the section in question is currently designated as residential but due to servicing constraints, the land cannot be developed at required densities. He further explained that the area will be removed from the residential designation and be designated as agricultural land outside of the settlement area.

Marcia Schmidt, 1617 Erb's Road

Ms. Schmidt noted that she looked at the proposed Plan and noted that the proposed changes seemed to protect agriculture and the environment. She suggested Council review a report she submitted on wetlands relative to another matter as it may provide further context for keeping wetlands outside of settlement areas.

Jim Groothuis, 48 Hastings Court

Mr. Groothuis expressed his concern for the designation of parcel 45 near Gingerich Road and how an industrial designation may cause negative affects on traffic congestion for Gingerich Road. He would like the lands to be kept as agricultural. He further noted his concerns that the Noise By-law exempts industrial business and that depending on the industrial businesses constructed on this area, could create a lot of noise for the area.

Mayor L. Armstrong clarified that the types of industrial businesses that can be developed on the lands would be subject to the zone change process which provides for public consultation.

The Director of Development Services clarified that there is no net loss of agriculture through any of the proposed changes.

Mayor L. Armstrong asked twice if anyone else wished to address Council on this matter, and in the absence of any comments declared the public meeting to be closed.

Councillor J. Gerber thanked the public for their interest in this matter and noted his appreciation for the engagement that has taken place. He further noted that he understand the balancing act that must occur when proposing such changes.

The Director of Development Services noted that the proposed changes do not include an expansion of the settlement area boundaries, rather there is a net gain of agricultural lands.

The Director of Development Services confirmed for Councillor P. Roe that the section of land discussed by Mr. Stewart will be addressed in a future report.

8. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

8.1 Jim Rodger, Createscape Waterloo Region

Sir Robert Borden...Is Coming to Baden

The Prime Ministers Path

Mr. Rodger thanked Council for allowing him to provide them with an update on the newest statue being unveiled on the Prime Ministers Path. He announced that the unveiling will be on November 6, 2017 at 5:00 pm. He noted that the unveiling of the Sir Robert Borden statue in the days leading up to Remembrance Day is timely given his leadership of Canada during the First World War. He spoke of Sir Robert Borden's many achievements as a Prime Minister and in life outside of National politics. He advised Council that the statue created by British Columbia sculptor Nathan Scott is entitled "The Confident Patriot" and is currently on route to Baden.

Councillor B. Fisher thanked Mr. Rodger for his presentation and expressed his appreciation for having another statue along the Prime Ministers Path. He inquired about the educational component to the project. Mr. Rodger advised that lesson plans and educational material have been prepared to provide information on each statue.

Mayor L. Armstrong noted that he has received favourable comments on the project from around the Region.

In response to Councillor P. Roe, Mr. Rodger advised that plans have been made to continue the project into 2018 but that all future components are dependent on fundraising and the artist's schedules.

9. REPORTS

9.1 CAO – no reports

9.2 CLERK'S SERVICES – no reports

9.3 FINANCE

9.3.1 REPORT NO. FIN 2017-33

Removal of 1/3 Tax Exemption for Council Remuneration

Resolution No. 2017-166**Moved by: P. Roe****Seconded by: M. Murray**

THAT beginning January 1, 2019, the 1/3 tax free portion of Council remuneration be eliminated in compliance with Federal legislation as outlined in staff report FIN 2017-33.

AND FURTHER, THAT the Council remuneration be adjusted to ensure that net pay after taxes remains consistent, using the lowest marginal tax rate.

CARRIED.

The Director of Finance highlighted the report.

In response to Councillor P. Roe, the Director of Finance confirmed that the effective date for this change in Council Remuneration is January 1, 2019.

9.3.2 REPORT NO. FIN 2017-34**Statement of Operations as of September 30, 2017
(un-audited)****Resolution No. 2017-167****Moved by: A. Junker****Seconded by: P. Roe**

THAT the Statement of Operations as of September 30, 2017 as prepared by the Manager of Accounting, be received for information purposes.

CARRIED.

The Director of Finance highlighted the report.

9.3.3 REPORT NO. FIN 2017-35**Capital Program Review as of September 30, 2017
(un-audited)****Resolution No. 2017-168**

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: A. Junker

THAT the Capital Program Review as of September 30, 2017 as prepared by the Manager of Accounting, be received for information purposes.

CARRIED.

The Director of Finance highlighted the report.

The Director of Public Works advised Councillor B. Fisher that approximately eighty-five percent of the LED street light conversion has been completed and that the contract will remain open into 2018 to finish the remaining portion.

The Director of Finance confirmed for Councillor P. Roe that the project costs associated with municipal drains are incurred by the municipality until it is completed, an actual cost by-law can be prepared and the affected owners are levied their portion of the drainage costs.

9.4 PUBLIC WORKS

9.4.1 REPORT NO. PW-2017-19

Public Works Activity Report July-September

Resolution No. 2017-169

Moved by: P. Roe

Seconded by: J. Gerber

THAT the Public Works Department Activity Reports for the months of July, August and September 2017 be received for information.

CARRIED.

The Director of Public Works highlighted the report.

The Director of Public Works clarified for Councillor J. Gerber that the deployment of the speed signs is based on a three week program. He advised that for the first week, the sign is recording data but not displaying speeds, in the second week the sign is recording and displaying data, and in the third week the sign is only recording data again. He further

advised that the Township collects the data but does not have the resources to manage the data.

9.4.2 REPORT NO. PW-2017-20

Municipal Parking Lot Winter Maintenance – RFT Results

Resolution No. 2017-170

Moved by: A. Junker

Seconded by: M. Murray

THAT RFT 2017-24 Municipal Parking Lots Winter Maintenance be awarded as follows:

Part A to KK&J Snow Removal (New Hamburg) and
Part B, C, D and E to Greenhaze Landscape & Snow Removal (Ayr)

For the period of October 2017- October 2020, with options for renewal in October 2020 and October 2021 for two additional one-year terms.

CARRIED.

The Director of Public Works highlighted the report.

Councillor B. Fisher inquired about the rate differences with Greenhaze for the different locations and the size of the company in relation to expectations for lot maintenance. The Director of Public Works clarified that the different rates would be relative to the resources required to maintain the parking lot and he confirmed that Greenhaze has been contracted with the Township previously with no negative feedback.

The Director of Public Works confirmed for Councillor A. Junker that Greenhaze has previously maintained the sidewalks in Mannheim and New Dundee. Councillor A. Junker added that they provided good service and attended to municipal property early in the day.

9.5 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.5.1 REPORT NO. DS 2017-19

2017 Third Quarter Building Statistics Summary

Resolution No. 2017-171

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: P. Roe

That the 3rd Quarter 2017 Building Statistics Summary be received for information.

CARRIED.

The Director of Development Services highlighted the report.

9.6 FACILITIES AND RECREATION SERVICES – no reports

9.7 FIRE

9.7.1 REPORT NO. FD 2017-07

Quarterly Activity Report

Resolution No. 2017-172

Moved by: A. Junker

Seconded by: B. Fisher

THAT the Fire Department Activity Report for the third quarter of 2017 be received for information purposes.

CARRIED.

The Fire Chief highlighted the report.

9.8 CASTLE KILBRIDE

9.8.1 REPORT NO. CK2017-06

Quarterly Activity Report – July, August & September 2017

Resolution No. 2017-173

Moved by: B. Fisher

Seconded by: J. Gerber

THAT the Castle Kilbride Activity Report for the months of July, August and September be received for information purposes.

CARRIED.

The Curator/Director of Castle Kilbride highlighted the report.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Grand River Conservation Authority – GRCA Current, October, 2017 Resolution No. 2017-174

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: J. Gerber

THAT Correspondence Item 10.1 be received for information.

CARRIED.

11. BY-LAWS

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

13. QUESTIONS/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 13.1 Councillor J. Gerber commented that the new all-way stops installed throughout the Township may benefit from the addition of flashing signal lights. He also questioned the location for the installation of the stop signs at Sanhills Road and Erb's Road which seem to be too far into the intersection.

Councillor P. Roe noted that he witnessed the first accident he had ever seen at Sandhills Road and Erb's Road after the installation of the all-way stop.

Councillor A. Junker concurred that flashing signal lights would benefit the intersections and questioned what rationale is used in determining when they are used. He noted that when he had previously inquired about flashing signals, that the cost was reported as being relatively low.

Mayor L. Armstrong concurred with the statements made by Council and advised that he will make inquiries with Regional staff.

- 13.2 Councillor J. Gerber requested that Township staff be considered for providing support services to the Wilmot Healthy Communities Coalition.

Mayor L. Armstrong directed staff to review this need and their ability to provide support.

- 13.3 Councillor B. Fisher expressed his appreciation to the Region for replacing the asphalt on the boulevard in front of the Baden Library.
- 13.4 Councillor B. Fisher requested that Mayor L. Armstrong speak with Regional staff concerning the pooling that occurs at the Foundry Street Bridge during heavy rain.

Mayor L. Armstrong advised that he can speak with Regional staff but noted that signage has been installed at the location to advise drivers of the potential for pooling.

- 13.5 The Director of Public Works noted to Councillor B. Fisher that he received information from Grand River Transit concerning ridership for Route 77 late last week but that he has not had sufficient time to review it in detail. The Director stated that he will follow-up with Council on this matter.
- 13.6 Councillor A. Junker announced that the Wilmot Healthy Communities Coalition will be working with Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School to provide a joint coffee house event. The date for the event has not been set but will take place in the fall.
- 13.7 Councillor P. Roe expressed his appreciation for the works completed by Public Works in repairing the asphalt along the shoulder of the Wilmot Line. He inquired whether Mayor L. Armstrong has made progress with the Region concerning rationale for having the gravel portion of the Wilmot Line tar and chipped.

Mayor L. Armstrong noted that a special Environmental Assessment needs to be completed due to the Environmentally Sensitive Landscape designation in the area.

Councillor P. Roe clarified that the requirement is for a Statement of Environmental Impact, which has no specific criteria for what would be considered admissible. He requested that Mayor L. Armstrong address this matter at Regional Council.

- 13.8 Mayor L. Armstrong requested that members of Council and staff give consideration to any family farms they may know of that may qualify for the Canada 150 Farm Family Recognition Program being offered by the Provincial government. The program will recognize family farms that have been in operation for one-hundred-fifty years in Ontario.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

15.1 By-law No. 2017-47

Resolution No. 2017-175

Moved by: P. Roe

Seconded by: M. Murray

THAT By-law No. 2017-47 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meeting held on October 23, 2017 be introduced, read a first, second, and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

16. ADJOURNMENT (8:36 P.M.)

Resolution No. 2017-176

Moved by: B. Fisher

Seconded by: J. Gerber

THAT we do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk