



TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 26, 2018

Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

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

Regrets: Councillor P. Roe

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer G. Whittington, Deputy Clerk D. Mittelholtz, Director of Public Works J. Molenhuis, Director of Development Services H. O'Krafka, Fire Chief R. Leeson, Director of Finance P. Kelly, Financial Analyst J. Vincent

- 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 February 12, 2018

Resolution No. 2018-028

Moved by: A. Junker

Seconded by: B. Fisher

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

Council Meeting February 12, 2018.

CARRIED.

7. PUBLIC MEETINGS

8. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

8.1 Grants to Groups Funding Presentations

Mayor L. Armstrong and the Financial Analyst presented to the following recipients
Municipal Grant Funding cheques:

- Wilmot Agricultural Society
- Wilmot Seniors Woodworking
- Wilmot Terry Fox Run
- Community Care Concepts
- Wilmot Family Resources Centre Inc.
- Nith Valley Ecoboosters
- New Hamburg Concert Band
- Interfaith Community Counselling Centre
- Wilmot Horticultural Society
- New Hamburg Firebirds
- Waterloo Oxford District Secondary School
- School Safety Patrollers

9. REPORTS

9.1 CAO – no reports

9.2 CLERKS – no reports

9.3 FINANCE – no reports

9.4 PUBLIC WORKS

9.4.1 REPORT NO. PW-2018-02

2017 Annual and Summary Water Distribution Report

ATTACHMENT 1 – 2017 Water Usage

ATTACHMENT 2 – 2017 Management Review

Resolution No. 2018-029

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: A. Junker

THAT report PW-2018-02 be received for information purposes.

CARRIED.

The Director of Public Works highlighted the report.

9.5 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.5.1 REPORT NO. DS 2018-04

Development Charges Rebate Program

Fair Housing Plan (2017)

Resolution No. 2018-030

Moved by: J. Gerber

Seconded by: B. Fisher

THAT Report DS 2018-04 be received for information;

THAT Council endorses the participation of the Township of Wilmot in the Development Charges Rebate Program as offered through the Province of Ontario's Fair Housing Plan (2017); and,

THAT Council designates the Housing Service Manager of the Region of Waterloo as program administrator, requests the Housing Service Manager to submit an Expression of Interest to the Ministry of Housing on behalf of the Township of Wilmot, authorizes the Service Manager to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Housing

on the Township's behalf; and targets rebates for development projects with starting market rents not greater than 125% of the Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation's (CHMC) Average Market Rent (AMR) for the Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo CMA.

CARRIED.

The Director of Development Services highlighted the report.

The Director of Development Services confirmed for Councillor A. Junker that multi-unit projects could be allocated funding that is proportionate to the number of units that meet the established criteria up to the amount of funding available in Wilmot.

The Director of Development Services responded to Councillor J. Gerber's inquiry required advance notice of funding eligibility for developers by stating that the amount available for funding in Wilmot is not yet known but are expecting an announcement within the next few months. He further stated that developers will be advised on the amount available, when known, and they will have the ability to plan their projects accordingly, knowing that funding will be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Mayor L. Armstrong advised Council that this topic is on the Agenda for the Community Services Committee at the Region.

9.5.2 REPORT NO. DS 2018-05

Protecting Water for Future Generations

Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring Public Consultation

Resolution No. 2018-031

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: J. Gerber

THAT Report DS 2018-05 be received for information; and,

THAT Report DS 2018-05 be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs as the Township of Wilmot's comment on Protecting Water for Future Generations – Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring Public Consultation.

CARRIED.

The Director of Development Services highlighted the report.

Registered Delegation

Kevin Thomason

Mr. Thomason reiterated for Council the historic works done Regionally to protect the environment and, more specifically, the ground water resources. He spoke of his past experiences in promoting the extension of the Greenbelt to include the Region of Waterloo as an added layer of policy protection above what local governments have established. He emphasized that legislation is required to balance the need for development and growth while protecting natural resources and that all levels of government working together will help to accomplish this.

9.5.3 REPORT NO. DS 2018-06**High Speed Rail Update****Resolution No. 2018-032**

Moved by: B. Fisher

Seconded by: J. Gerber

THAT Report DS 2018-06 be received for information.

CARRIED.

The Director of Development Services highlighted the report.

The Director of Development Services clarified for Councillor A. Junker that the Waterloo Region to London corridor would be subject to a federal Environmental Assessment (EA) study while the Waterloo Region to Toronto corridor would be subject to a provincial EA study. He stated that he does not know the rationale for the different processes and that this was not the approach that was expected for the EA.

9.6 FACILITIES AND RECREATION SERVICES – no reports**9.7 FIRE – no reports****9.8 CASTLE KILBRIDE – no reports****10. CORRESPONDENCE****10.1 Grand River Conservation Authority – Grand Actions, February, 2018**

10.2 Township of East Zorra-Tavistock – Resolution Concerning High Speed Rail

Resolution No. 2018-033

Moved by: J. Gerber

Seconded by: A. Junker

THAT Correspondence Items 10.1 and 10.2 be received for information.

CARRIED.

11. BY-LAWS

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

12.1 High Speed Rails Resolution

Resolution No. 2018-034

Moved by: J. Gerber

Seconded by: M. Murray

WHEREAS the Township of Wilmot understands that the proposed Ontario Government High Speed Rail Plan is in the early stages and many details are to be determined through Environmental Assessments yet to be completed;

AND WHEREAS, some urban Ontario Municipalities feel that they may benefit from High Speed Rail;

AND WHEREAS, there is general concern in rural Ontario, and the Township of Wilmot in particular, with respect to the significant loss of Prime Agricultural Land, the potential for dead-ended roads creating increased emergency response time, creating increased school transportation time, the severing of farm businesses, disruption to community cohesion, reducing local resident access to Municipal services, and the health, safety and well-being of our local residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Wilmot does not oppose improved rail service in Southwestern Ontario;

THAT the Township of Wilmot does take the following position on the proposed High Speed Rail Plan going forward;

THAT High Speed Rail is only one viable option to improve transportation in Southwestern Ontario;

THAT the Environmental Assessment must also include other viable options to improve transportation in Southwestern Ontario;

THAT all committees created for the purpose of High Speed Rail also have representation from the Councils and community members/organizations directly affected by this proposed High Speed Rail Plan;

AND THAT, the resolution of this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Transportation, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED.

Councillor J. Gerber introduced the motion and advised that other municipalities in the study area are considering the same motion or have already approved it. He stated that he feels the adoption of the motion would be of benefit in communicating the Township's concerns. He made reference to the staff report on *Protecting Water for Future Generations, Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring Public Consultation* which highlights conflicting recommendations from different Ministries within the province. He stated that the local governments and residents want to be consulted and have alternatives considered. He noted that the earlier staff report on High Speed Rail reinforces the recommendation.

Councillor A. Junker stated that he has been an advocate for integrated passenger transit since the late 1980's as what is currently available is inadequate and has been for a long time. He stated that the rail tracks are owned by the freight companies which places the needs of passenger trains secondary, resulting in slower transit times. He stressed the need for a more modern solution to efficient transit as the needs of the technological triangle grow. He spoke of the economical and environmental impacts of gridlock and how passenger rail along existing corridors is an ideal option for integrated mass transit separate from freight rails. He stressed the need for the EA to examine alternatives. He noted that he spoke to the Provincial Transit Minister who advised that the project is at least two years away from beginning. Councillor A. Junker emphasized that the Township needs to support integrated passenger transit and promote consultation throughout the process. He concluded by stating he will be supporting the motion as it states the Township supports High Speed Rail.

Mayor L. Armstrong stated that he is supporting the motion to emphasize the need for consultation on this matter. He further stated that the Waterloo Region to London corridor is not a problem in terms of gridlock and that the focus needs to be on Waterloo Region to Toronto. He stressed his opinion that the money being proposed for high speed rail would be better spent on improved GO Transit service for Waterloo Region and the completion of the second phase for the Light Rail Transit (LRT). He noted that the province provided full funding for LRT services in Hamilton and Ottawa. He questioned if high speed rail would even be affordable for those who would benefit most from having the service. He suggested using the money as an investment in the existing Waterloo Region to Toronto corridor to lessen traffic and improve safety on the 401 Highway.

13. QUESTIONS/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 13.1 Councillor B. Fisher advised that he has received comments from residents concerned about the ponding that occurs around the Baden postal kiosk.

Mayor L. Armstrong requested staff to investigate the matter.

- 13.2 Councillor A. Junker noted to Council the success of Heritage Day which took place on Saturday, February 24. He said that the attendance was higher than it had been in several years.

- 13.3 Councillor A. Junker commended the performance of staff during the recent flooding event. He inquired if any consideration is being given to water rescue training for Wilmot Firefighters.

Mayor L. Armstrong noted that he had a conversation with the Fire Chief on that matter. The Fire Chief concurred that discussions are taking place with regards to water rescue training but that several factors must be considered prior to determining if and how that service might be implemented.

Mayor L. Armstrong added that water rescue can be either surface water or swift water rescue and they require different levels of training. He suggested that the training could be quite costly to take initially and to maintain. He also commented that, since Wilmot is a volunteer Fire Department, the availability of those trained would be a factor as well. He requested that staff investigate the matter further.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

15.1 By-law No. 2018-12

Resolution No. 2018-035

Moved by: A. Junker

Seconded by: M. Murray

THAT By-law No. 2018-12 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meeting held on February 26, 2018 be introduced, read a first, second, and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2018-036

Moved by: B. Fisher

Seconded by: M. Murray

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

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk