



# TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 5, 2018**

**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, Deputy Clerk D. Mittelholtz, Director of Public Works J. Molenhuis, Director of Facilities and Recreation Services S. Nancekivell, Director of Development Services H. O'Kafka, Fire Chief R. Leeson, Director of Finance P. Kelly, Curator/Director of Castle Kilbride T. Loch, Manager of Accounting A. Romany

- 1. MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**
- 2. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**
- 3. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor L. Armstrong asked those in attendance to think of the Pfenning family during this time and the loss of Andreas.

- 4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- 5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

None declared.

**6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS****6.1 Council Meeting Minutes February 26, 2018****Resolution No. 2018-037****Moved by: M. Murray****Seconded by: A. Junker**

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

Council Meeting February 26, 2018.

CARRIED.

**7. PUBLIC MEETINGS****8. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS****8.1 Kate Daley, Plan Manager, Climate Action Waterloo Region  
Reducing Emissions, Enriching Lives**

Ms. Daley introduced herself and Climate Action Waterloo Region to Council. She advised that Climate Action Waterloo Region is a partnership of REEP Green Solutions and Sustainable Waterloo Region along with their municipal partners, the Region of Waterloo and the Cities of Kitchener, Waterloo, and Cambridge. She advised Council of the 2020 target for greenhouse gas emissions to be six percent lower than 2010 levels and that the proposed target for 2050 is eighty percent lower than 2010 levels. She noted that this is an ambitious target but that it is consistent with the expressed wants of the community and consistent with long-term emission reduction targets for several other municipalities in Ontario. She further noted that the eighty percent reduction target is consistent with scientific consensus on Climate Change and targets set provincially, federally and internationally. She stated that the plan starts with approval of the target emission reduction, then the creation of an Action Plan to meet the target. She expressed that to meet the target, significant changes would be required on a macro level and in the market place. She concluded her presentation by stating that the next steps include a presentation to the Regional and City Councils in April and May followed by a public presentation of the new targets in June.

In response to Councillor J. Gerber, Ms. K. Daley clarified that 2010 is used as the base year as there is no data available locally from 1990 regarding greenhouse gas emissions

but that data collected on emissions province wide indicates very little change from 1990 to 2010.

Ms. K. Daley concurred with Councillor J. Gerber that significant technological changes can be expected over the next few years that will impact emissions and the ability to achieve the target reductions.

Ms. K. Daley clarified for Councillor B. Fisher that the data collected does not separate the potential impact of electric vehicles. She further advised that the Climate Action Waterloo Region website has resources to help extrapolate additional data on such shifts in the market place.

Further to Councillor P. Roe's comments on the high percentage of rural homes heated with carbon burning fuel, Ms. K. Daley advised that new homes are expected to have net neutral emissions in the future. She stated that existing homes are not expected to have any emissions related requirements but that retrofitting options are available with the potential for rebate programs.

Councillor A. Junker spoke about his experience with geothermal heating and noted that it requires sufficient space and additional education to the public about available options. He commented on the need to make geothermal more attractive by finding alternatives to power the system other than with electricity. He noted his support of the aggressive target and suggested that additional promotion is needed for mass transit.

Mayor L. Armstrong noted that Grand River transit is exploring a route to Ayr and a possible door-to-door program for transit to Wellesley. He suggested an increase in lobbying efforts to the province for using the money allocated to High Speed Rail to improve GO Transit and lessen the gridlock on the 401 between the Region of Waterloo and Toronto. He suggested further that a provincial commitment to fully fund the LRT Phase II would support the goals of Climate Action Waterloo Region.

## **9. REPORTS**

### **9.1 CAO**

#### **9.1.1 REPORT NO. CAO 2018-01**

#### **2018 Municipal Work Program**

### **Resolution No. 2018-038**

**Moved by: J. Gerber****Seconded by: B. Fisher**

THAT the 2018 Municipal Work Program, as per the report dated March 5, 2018, prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer, be endorsed.

CARRIED.

The Chief Administrative Officer highlighted the report.

The Curator/Director of Castle Kilbride confirmed for Councillor B. Fisher that phase two of the Arts and Culture Master Plan will be starting shortly to gain more input from the public.

The Director of Finance clarified for Councillor B. Fisher that no additional information on the status of the Discover Your Wilmot program is expected until the Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation has completed their strategic plan.

Councillor P. Roe expressed his concerns for the surface treatment of the Wilmot Line and his ongoing requests to have its standing on the Ten Year Capital Forecast advanced. He noted that traffic counts on the Wilmot Line are performed on a regular basis. He indicated that the traffic counts completed in 2009 showed the Wilmot Line as having higher volume than other roads that are being hard-surfaced sooner.

Mayor L. Armstrong reminded Council of the EA process required by the Region prior to consideration of hard-surfacing in the Environmentally Sensitive Landscape area.

The Director of Public Works confirmed the process that is required for hard-surfacing and the need for the collection of traffic count data to maintain a reliable Asset Management Plan and evaluate placement within the Ten Year Capital Forecast.

Councillor P. Roe advised that the City of Waterloo conducts traffic counts on the Wilmot Line every two years.

The Manager of Accounting confirmed for Councillor A. Junker that the Nith Valley EcoBoosters were contacted about anti-idling, that signage has been obtained and that locations for the signage have been identified.

The Director of Facilities and Recreation Services confirmed for Councillor A. Junker that some lighting fixtures in Township parks and parking lots are on the streetlighting grid

and were included in the LED program. He noted that budgeting information is being gathered to consider conversions at other locations.

In response to Councillor B. Fisher's request, the Director of Facilities and Recreation Services advised that the extension of the greenspace at the Beck Street lot will need to be further investigated as other works are being planned to improve drainage on the property.

The Director of Facilities and Recreation Services clarified for Councillor B. Fisher that the replacement of the Sir Adam Beck Park sign was not included on the Work Program as it is a minor capital item but is scheduled for 2018.

The Director of Facilities and Recreation Services confirmed for Councillor J. Gerber that he will be in attendance at the meeting taking place on March 9 at Waterloo-Oxford District Public School to discuss the potential artificial turf sports field project. Councillor J. Gerber expressed his hope for the project to be approved by the School Board.

The Director of Facilities and Recreation Services confirmed for Councillor P. Roe that minor capital items are scheduled for the parks in St. Agatha and Petersburg and were identified in the Operating Budget.

In response to Councillor P. Roe's inquiry regarding pavement on the Petersburg Park parking lot, The Director of Facilities and Recreation Services confirmed that the Township undertook the reclaimed asphalt from the Notre Dame Drive project from the Region of Waterloo to resurface the Petersburg Park parking lot.

The Director of Facilities and Recreation Services confirmed for Mayor L. Armstrong that the driveway portion of the parking lot was part of the works completed by the Region.

The Manager of Accounting confirmed for Councillor B. Fisher that the number of participants in eBilling for taxes is lower than the number using the service for water bills. He further noted that offering a contest as an incentive for registering for eBilling is something that may be explored as the rate of registration slows down.

## **9.2 CLERKS – no reports**

## **9.3 FINANCE – no reports**

## **9.4 PUBLIC WORKS – no reports**

**9.5 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES****9.5.1 REPORT NO. DS 2018-07****Delegation of Planning Approvals – Part Lot Control****Resolution No. 2018-039****Moved by: P. Roe****Seconded by: M. Murray**

THAT Report DS 2018-07 be received for information.

CARRIED.

The Director of Development Services highlighted the report.

**9.6 FACILITIES AND RECREATION SERVICES – no reports****9.7 FIRE – no reports****9.8 CASTLE KILBRIDE – no reports****10. CORRESPONDENCE****11. BY-LAWS****12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS****13. QUESTIONS/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

13.1 Councillor A. Junker reminded Council that the New Dundee pancake breakfast will be taking place on Sunday, March 11, 2018.

13.2 Councillor A. Junker advised Council on the success of the annual Heritage Day that took place on Saturday, February 24, 2018. He noted that several organizations are invited to take part in Heritage Day which helps to contribute to the success of the day. One organization reached out to Councillor A. Junker to express their appreciation of the event and for being asked to participate.

**14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**15.1 By-law No. 2018-13**

**Resolution No. 2018-040**

**Moved by: A. Junker**

**Seconded by: M. Murray**

THAT By-law No. 2018-13 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meeting held on March 5, 2018 be introduced, read a first, second, and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

**16. ADJOURNMENT (8:51 P.M.)**

**Resolution No. 2018-041**

**Moved by: B. Fisher**

**Seconded by: P. Roe**

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

CARRIED.

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Mayor

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Clerk