

TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH

February 6, 2008

The Township of Amaranth Council met in the Council Chambers of the municipal office on the above mentioned date commencing at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Deputy-Mayor	W. Kolodziechuk
Councillor	J. Aultman
Councillor	B. Cowie
Councillor	P. Way
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer	S. Stone
Director of Public Works	D. Price
Planner	T. Atkinson

ABSENT:

Mayor	D. MacIver (with notice)
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1. **Opening of Meeting**

Mayor Don MacIver was absent due to his attendance at the World Climate Change Conference in Geneva. Deputy-Mayor Kolodziechuk assumed the Chair in his absence, and opened the meeting.

2. **Late Submissions** (to be in the office prior to the meeting)

2.1 **Resolution # 1**

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that the following items be hereby added to the agenda.

Added:

1. Township of East Luther Grand Valley
Resolution - 2008 Grand Valley Library Board Budget

Deleted:

1. Al Burton - Township Solicitor will not be attending the closed meeting under
Item # 7.2 - Delegations. **Carried.**

3. **Approval of Agenda**

3.1 **Resolution # 2**

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that Council approve the agenda as circulated. **Carried.**

4. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

Can be declared at any time during the meeting. None declared at this time.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Council Meeting - January 23, 2008

5.1 **Resolution # 3**

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that Council do hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 23, 2008 as printed and circulated. **Carried.**

10: 00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

6. **Public Question Period**

Nothing at this time.

7. **Delegations**

10:15 a.m.

7.1 **Nadine Collins & Shann Leighton - Grand Valley Library Board**
2008 Budget

Shann Leighton unable to attend. Nadine Collins & Chris Gazo, representatives of the Grand Valley Library Board, presented the annual report and 2008 budget. Approximately 3% increase to the 2008 budget. Chili Round-Up for Friends of the Library fund raiser is scheduled for February 15/08, with Jane Aultman and Percy Way among the judges. Also mentioned was the fact that Shann Leighton has been with the library for 30 years and a recognition event is set for April 17, 2008. Further discussion led to the following resolution being set forth.

Resolution # 4

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B.Cowie

Resolved that Council do hereby approve the Grand Valley Public Library Budget for 2008 in the amount of \$191,774.00; Amaranth's share being \$48,136.00. **Carried.**

1:30 p.m.

7.2 **A.I Burton - Township Solicitor (Closed Meeting)**
By-law Enforcement Matters

Al Burton - Township Solicitor - Mr. Burton's attendance was deleted from the agenda under Item # 2 - Late Submissions.

8. **Public Meeting**

Nothing at this time.

9. **Unfinished Business**

9.1 **Water Issues**

- 9.1.1 Fernbrook Springs Bottled Water Company Ltd. - Permit To Take Water
- 9.1.2 Letter of support from Twp. of East Luther Grand Valley to Amaranth's motion
- 9.1.3 Wilson Associates Consulting Hydrogeologists - Proposed Well Interference Complaint Protocol Condition 4.6
- 9.1.4 Premier of Ontario Dalton McGuinty - Referring matter to Minister of Agriculture - Leona Dombrowsky concerning drought situation

Councillor Way reported that the NVCA had no input into the re-issuance of a Permit To Take Water for Fernbrook Springs Bottled Water Company, and have requested information from the MOE, which has not been received as yet. Amaranth staff to follow up on this information and offer any support necessary on behalf of the NVCA. Also, Item 9.1.3 Protocol - Subsection 1- Qualified Hydrogeological Consultant - staff instructed to write to advise that "Independent" should be added.

9.2 **Ministry of the Environment**

- 9.2.1 Waldemar Well Supply - Inspection Summary Rating Record (Reporting Year 2006-2007) & (2007 - 2008)

Item received and the Township Water System Operator, Joe Miedema commended for his work on the Waldemar Water System.

9.3 **2008 Resolution**
 9.3.1 Meals & Accommodation

The following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 5

Moved by P. Way - Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that Council authorize the Treasurer to pay for meals and accommodation as may be required during the regular course of business for 2008. **Carried.**

9.4 **Site Alteration By-law (Draft)**

Draft by-law was provided with comments. Matter to be brought back to next meeting of Council.

9.5 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

10. **Road Business**

10.1 **Director of Public Works Report**

10.1.1 Report

Director of Public Works updated Council with respect to road matters.

10.2 **Bridge Inspections**

10.2.1 Quotes

Two quotes were received and opened, and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution # 6

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by P. Way

Resolved that Council do hereby accept quote from bridge inspection for 2008 from K. Smart Associates Limited in the amount of \$6,600.00 plus GST. **Carried.**

10.3 **Municipal Infrastructure Funding**

10.3.1 Proposals

Director of Public Works, Doug Price, provided Council with proposed paving projects and costs. Application for funding under the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) program to be sent by February 15th deadline.

10.4 **6th Line, Amaranth**

10.4.1 Complaint

Staff instructed to write complainants, thanking them for relaying their concerns and comments with respect to volume of school buses on the 6th Line and the condition of the road way, and to request clarification of the buses using the roadway, other than those from 6th Line properties. Also noted that road condition complaints generally are forwarded to bus line operators who contact municipality if situation warrants.

10.5 **Viking Cives - Equipment for new truck**

10.5.1 Update

Director of Public Works, Doug Price updated Council on the progress of the installation of equipment for the new truck, which is going well, and changes as requested have been provided. Staff to follow up.

10.6 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

11. **Planning**

The following matters were received and/or dealt with.

11.1 **R.J. Burnside & Associates**

11.1.1 Notice of Public Information Centre # 2 - Increased Capacity of the Town of Shelburne's Water Treatment Plant Class Environmental Assessment Study - February 7, 2008 - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Shelburne Town Hall

Received as information.

11.2 **Other**

Director of Planning, Tracey Atkinson, updated Council on Growth Plan conformity process, noting that Steering Committee meeting regarding RFP's on February 11th, for which Province funding \$100,000.

Township Planner also discussed MDS issues and proposed changes by OMAFRA.

12. **By-Law Enforcement**

Nothing to report at this time.

13. **Committee Reports**

All matters read, received and dealt with.

13.1 **Source Water Protection**

13.1.1 Source Water Protection Committee - Letter re: Notice of Commencement (Preparation of Terms of Reference in the CTC Source Protection Region)

13.2 **Township of Amaranth Economic Development Committee & Sustainability Advisory Committee**

13.2.1 Minutes - January 2008

Councillor Aultman reported on the EDC activities and advised Council that a recommendation will be brought to the next meeting of Council, with respect to the Amaranth flag contest. The Business Directory has 24 responses to date, and will be available on the website.

13.3 **Upper Grand Watershed Committee**

13.3.1 Agenda - January 2008 & Minutes - October 2007

Councillor Way reported on the GRCA, noting that even with additional Provincial grant monies being contributed to the GRCA, the budget is still showing a 7% increase. It was agreed a motion will be passed under Item 13.7.

13.4 **Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex**

13.4.1 Minutes - October 2007

Councillor Cowie to follow up on circulation of minutes.

13.5 **Grand Valley & District Fire Board**

13.5.1 Resolution - Bill 130

15.5.2 2008 Budget & Resolution

Councillor Aultman reported. Overall increase to the Operating budget of 4.49% and a larger increase to the capital portion, due to a 10 year forecast for replacement of equipment.

Further discussion led to the follow resolution.

Resolution # 7

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that Council do hereby approve the Grand Valley & District Fire Board budget for 2008, in the amount of \$266,970.00; Amaranth's share being \$67,305.29. **Carried.**

- 13.6 **Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority**
- 13.6.1 Budget Meeting - February 8, 2008
- 13.6.2 Highlights from meetings of January 11, 2008
- 13.6.3 Nottawasaga News - January 2008

Councillor Way to attend the February 8th, 2008 NVCA budget meeting.
Staff instructed to follow up with NVCA regarding legislation on private wells.

- 13.7 **Grand River Conservation Authority**
- 13.7.1 Invitation to Annual General Meeting - February 29, 2008 @ 9:30 a.m. - Administration Centre, Cambridge

Invitation to Annual General Meeting received.
Also motion of non-support was passed with respect to the GRCA 2008 budget.

Resolution # 8

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by P. Way

Resolved that Whereas Provincial grants received by the Grand River Conservation Authority have been increased;
And Whereas the proposed budget for 2008 has increased by approximately 7% which Council considers an unacceptable increase;
Now Therefore Council do not support the Grand River Conservation Authority's 2008 budget in the amount of \$8,110,000.00;
And Further that this motion be circulated to the GRCA and the Township representative Tom Nevills. **Carried.**

- 13.8 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

- 14. **General Business & Correspondence**

All matters read, received and dealt with.

- 14.1 **O.P.P.**
- 14.1.1 Statutory Holiday on February 18, 2008 - Family Day

- 14.2 **Township of East Luther Grand Valley**
- 14.2.1 Resolution - Loss of Municipal Funding to Provincial Tax Rebate Programs
- 14.2.2 Resolution - Proposed Changes to the Regulator Framework for Non-Agricultural Source Material
- 14.2.3 Resolution - Justices of the Peace Shortage
- 14.2.4 Resolution - GRCA Funding

Councillor Aultman requested that motion supporting additional Provincial funding for conservation authorities be brought to next meeting of Council.

- 14.3 **City of Port Colborne**
- 14.3.1 FCM Report "Danger Ahead the Looming Collapse of Canada's Municipal Infrastructure"

Motion with respect to municipal infrastructure be brought to next meeting of Council.

- 14.4 **Township of Russell**
- 14.4.1 Resolution - Amending formula to calculate municipality debt capacity

- 14.5 **MPAC**
 14.5.1 2007 Market Change Profile - Estimated Growth Report
- 14.6 **A.M.O.**
 14.6.1 Large Urban Symposium - May 12 & 13, 2008 - Windsor, Ont.
 14.6.2 FCM's - Intergovernmental Action on Housing and Homelessness
 14.6.3 EMCP Program - Registration Form
 14.6.4 Commentary in Financial Post
 14.6.5 Pre-Budget Submission
 14.6.6 Head of Council Forum - August 24, 2008 - Effective Leadership Skills

- 14.7 **Other**
 Nothing at this time.

15. **Closed Meeting**

- 15.1 **Legal Matters**
 15.2 **Property Matters**
 15.3 **Personnel Matters**
 15.4 **Education & Training Matters**

Resolution # 9

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by P. Way

Resolved that Council do now go into closed session for the following reason(s):
 Litigation or potential litigation, and Labour relations or employee negotiations.
Carried.

Resolution # 10

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that Council do now rise and report from closed meeting and resume regular business. **Carried.**

The following resolution was passed as a result of Closed Session discussion.

Resolution # 11

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that staff be instructed to forward by-law matter with respect to Concession 2, East Part Lot 7 to Township Solicitor for legal action. **Carried.**

16. **By-laws** (if any)

Nothing at this time.

17. **Late Submissions**

The following were received and/or dealt with elsewhere in meeting.

- 17.1 **Added Item - Township of East Luther Grand Valley** - Resolution - 2008 Grand Valley Library Board Budget.
- 17.2 **Deleted Item - Al Burton** - Township Solicitor
 Not attending closed meeting.

18. **General Accounts and Road Business**

Nothing at this time.

19. **New Business**

19.1 **Thank You Card** from Remo Odorico

Received.

19.2 **2007 Budget Summary / 2008 Preliminary Budget Discussions**

2007 Budget Summary provided, unaudited and further year end entries to be done. Matter to be brought back to Council at their next meeting for further review.

19.3 **Other**

Deputy-Mayor Kolodziechuk reported on the final inspection process with respect to the County Building Department.

20. **Confirming By-law**

Resolution # 12

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by P. Way

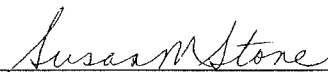
Resolved that leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular meeting of Council of the Township of Amaranth for February 6, 2008; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 10-2008. **Carried.**

20.1 **Adjournment**

Resolution # 13

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on February 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. **Carried.**


CLERK


HEAD OF COUNCIL