

## TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH

The Township of Amaranth Council met in the Council Chambers of the municipal office on January 7, 2009, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:	Mayor	D. MacIver
	Deputy-Mayor	W. Kolodziechuk
	Councillor	J. Aultman
	Councillor	P. Way
	Councillor	B. Cowie
	CAO/Clerk-Treasurer	S. Stone
	Director of Public Works	D. Price
	Planner	C. Gervais
	Deputy-Clerk	C. Doherty

1. **Opening of Meeting**

Mayor MacIver 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 P. Way

**Resolved** that the following items be hereby added to / deleted from the agenda.

Added:

1. Letter from Township Resident (7<sup>th</sup> Line)  
Thanking Amaranth's Road Department for the excellent attention to winter roads.
2. Township of Essa  
Resolution - NVCA Draft Budget / Municipal Levy

**Carried.**

3. **Approval of Agenda**

3.1 **Resolution # 2**

Moved by P. Way - Seconded by B. Cowie

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

4. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

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

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Regular Council Meeting - December 3, 2008

5.1 **Resolution # 3**

Moved by W. Kolodziechuk - Seconded by J.Aultman

**Resolved** that Council do hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held December 3, 2008 as printed and amended. **Carried.**

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

6. **Public Question Period**

Nothing at this time.

**10:15 a.m.**

7. **Delegations**

Nothing at this time.

**11:00 p.m.**

8. **Public Meeting**

8.1 Nothing at this time.

9. **Unfinished Business**

The following matters were received and/or dealt with.

9.1 **Building Maintenance Report**

9.1.1 Update

Building maintenance was discussed, list of items to be addressed reviewed, and staff was instructed accordingly.

9.2 **Fire Permit By-law**

Proposed bylaw reviewed, and discussion resulted in by-law to be revisited later in the meeting, under Item # 16 - By-laws.

9.3 **Township Policies / Job Descriptions**

Matter to be brought back to next meeting of Council.

9.4 **Adopt-A-Road Program**

Cost and liability issues, along with insurance and legal implications were discussed. It was agreed that more information is required, therefore staff instructed to investigate further and bring back to next meeting of Council.

9.5 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

10. **Road Business**

The following matters were received and/or dealt with.

10.1 **Director of Public Works Report**

10.1.1 Report

Director of Public Works Doug Price reported on various issues concerning the Township roadways, and water issues experienced during December thaw.

Council thanked the Director of Public Works and the road crew for the great job they are doing on the Township roads.

10.2 **Landfill Site**  
10.2.1 Update

Operations at the landfill site were reviewed and it was agreed that the hours be reduced on Wednesdays, and new hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon effective March, 2009.

Staff instructed to post on website, newsletter and advertise.

The following resolution was set forth, with recorded vote.

**Resolution # 4**

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Cowie

**Resolved** that the Township change the landfill hours on Wednesdays from current times of 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon effective March 4, 2009, as per staff recommendation due to the decline in usage. **Carried.**

Recorded Vote:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy-Mayor Kolodziechuk	x		
Councillor Jane Aultman	x		
Councillor William Cowie	x		
Councillor Percy Way	x		
Mayor MacIver	x		

10.3 **Bridge Inspection Report**

10.3.1 K. Smart Associates Ltd. Report 2008

Reviewed and discussed. Engineering proposal to be obtained for 2009 in order that the Township be in a good position for funding opportunities in the future. Also, 2009 budget needs to reflect maintenance required for bridges, with 2 bridges needing to be replaced over next 5 years.

10.4 **Bridge Construction**

10.4.1 Update

New bridge has experienced a wash-out during the December thaw, and requires repair. Staff instructed to contact engineer accordingly.

10.5 **Other**

Date proposed by COMRIF for bridge announcement is February 6, 2009.

Council agree to date and suggested a time of 10:00 a.m. Staff to confirm.

11. **Planning**

The following matters were received and/or dealt with:

11.1 **Township of Amaranth Official Plan & Zoning By-law** (approx. 2:00 p.m.)  
11.1.1 Planning Report & Final Draft - Glenn Wellings - Planning Consultant and Jeff Wilker - Township Solicitor to attend.

Township Solicitor, Jeff Wilker, and Township Planning Consultant, Glenn Wellings were in attendance and met with Council in Closed Session at approximately 1:30 p.m. (See Section 15)

11.2 **Ontario Municipal Board**

11.2.1 Lundy Hearing - File # PL081210 - Con. 2, East Part Lot 9 / January 22/09 @ 10:30 a.m.

Township Planner Christine Gervais is preparing for the hearing being held at the Amaranth municipal offices on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. Township Solicitor Al Burton will be in attendance representing the Township.

11.3 **R.J. Burnside & Associates**

11.3.1 Development Updates

Council provided update in Closed Session with respect to Hamount/Valleygrove OMB Hearing.

11.4 **Growth Management Study - Phase 1 & 2 Consolidated Report - Draft**

11.4.1 Comments by January 8, 2009

No comments at this time. Matter being presented to County Council on January 8, 2009, with Joint Councils Meeting scheduled for January 22, 2009.

11.5 **Township of East Luther Grand Valley**

11.5.1 Notice of Public Meeting - OPA 1-08, Z1-08, Con. 14, North Part Lot 32 - Proposed Eco-Energy Park

Township Planner to investigate as no details were provided. Deputy-Mayor Kolodziechuk and Councillor Aultman to attend Public Meeting and staff to prepare comments.

11.6 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

12. **By-Law Enforcement**

Nothing at this time.

13. **Committee Reports**

All matters read, received and/or dealt with.

13.1 **County of Dufferin**

13.1.1 Council In Brief - December 11, 2008

13.1.2 Agenda / Addendum (December 11/08) & Minutes (November 13/08)

13.1.3 Public Works Committee Minutes - November 25/08

13.2 **Source Water Protection**

13.2.1 Grand River Source Protection Authority - Minutes of November 17/08

13.2.2 Credit Valley Source Protection Authority - Minutes of November 14/08

13.3 **Amaranth Recreation Committee**

13.3.1 Update

Amaranth Recreation Coordinator Kevin Ewen to meet with staff next week to discuss 2009 recreational events.

13.4 **Economic Development Committee**

13.4.1 Update

Councillor Aultman reported on the committee's initiatives and focus for 2009, which includes the annual Canada Day celebrations and a travelling promotional booth.

13.5 **Police Services Boards**

13.5.1 Township of Amaranth PSB - Minutes of October 2/08

13.5.2 Joint Meeting of PSB - Minutes of October 3/08

Councillor Aultman noted that the minutes of the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 PSB meeting contained a typo with respect to the year 2008, as opposed to 2007. PSB secretary to correct error.

13.6 **Dufferin Municipal Officers Association**

13.6.1 Minutes of October 24/08

CAO updated Council on the Aboriginal consultation session held at the December DMOA meeting, which was very informative. Staff are investigating the appropriate contacts in order to establish a consultation process.

13.7 **Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority**

13.7.1 Township of Adjala-Tosoronto - Resolution re: NVCA 2009 Preliminary Budget

13.7.2 2009 NVCA Draft Budget and Municipal Levy

13.7.3 NVCA Meeting Highlights - November 28/08

Staff to contact representatives of the NVCA to attend the next meeting of Council to review and discuss 2009 draft budget prior to passing, and the following resolution was set forth.

**Resolution # 5**

Moved by P. Way - Seconded by B. Cowie

**Resolved** that Council do hereby support the resolution of the Township of Essa, dated December 17/08, with respect to the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority revisiting their 2009 budget levy of 6.1% and reduce the overall percentage to under 3%;

And Further that representatives from the NVCA be invited to attend an upcoming meeting of Amaranth Council to present and discuss budget prior to passing.

**Carried.**

13.8 **Grand River Conservation Authority**

13.8.1 Minutes of December 2008

13.9 **Credit Valley Conservation**

13.9.1 Board of Directors' Meeting - Minutes of November 14/08

13.10 **Grand Valley & District Community Centre**

13.10.1 Resolution 2008 -12-05 re: Infrastructure Grants

13.10.2 Draft Minutes - December 8, 2008

Deputy-Mayor Kolodziechuk reported on the repairs at the community centre and the need for funding.

13.11 **Shelburne Public Library Board**

13.11.1 Minutes - November 18, 2008

13.12 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

Council adjourned for lunch and reconvened at approximately 1:10 p.m.

14. **General Business & Correspondence**

All matters read, received and dealt with.

14.1 **Big Brother Big Sister**

14.1.1 Bowl for Kids Sake 2009

14.2 **Township of South Stormont**

14.2.1 Resolution - Provincial Animal Welfare Act, 2008

14.3 **Municipal Responsibilities Seminar (Nov.19/08)**

14.3.1 Questions & Comments from seminar - submitted by Councillor Aultman

14.4 **A.M.O.**

14.4.1 Extension on Public Review Period for Information & Communications Standard

14.4.2 Position on the Waste Diversion Act and Blue Box Program

14.5 **Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing**

14.5.1 2008 Municipal Performance Measurement Program

14.6 **David Tilson, MP**

14.6.1 Government's Speech from the Throne

14.7 **Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**

14.7.1 Current Value Interpretation

14.7.2 Eligible Increase for Assessment Phase-In

14.7.3 2008 Assessment Update

14.8 **United Counties of Stormon, Dundas and Glengarry**

14.8.1 Resolution - Minister of Community and Social Services

14.9 **Town of Mono**

14.9.1 Proposed Tow Truck By-law

14.9.2 Resolution re: Hospital Growth Funding

14.10 **Safe Communities of The Hill Country**

14.10.1 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chef's Creation Dinner

14.11 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

15. **Closed Meeting**

15.1 **Jeff Wilker - Township Solicitor**

Official Plan and Zoning By-law - Solicitor's advice

Litigation/Potential Litigation Update

The following matters were deal with during Closed Session: Township Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw OMB Hearing; scrap yard issues; Hamount/Valleygrove OMB Hearing; Canadian Hydro agreements; small claims court matter; Pullen Well.

**Resolution # 6** (approximately 1:30 p.m.)Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by P. Way**Resolved** that Council move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason(s):

Litigation or potential litigation

Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

**Carried.****Resolution # 7** (approximately 4:15 p.m.)Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk**Resolved** that Council do now rise and report from closed meeting, and resume regular business. **Carried.**

The following resulted from the closed meeting session.

Glenn Wellings - Township Planning Consultant, reviewed planning report dated December 23, 2008 with respect to Official Plan Amendment and new Zoning Bylaw for the Township. He noted that there have been three Public Meetings to date and explained the approach with respect to Edelbrock/Laurel lands, Hamount/Valleygrove and Canadian Hydro Developers; also, noted that the report requires amending with respect to the Edelbrock lands being only those adjacent to Laurel not subject to the new Zoning By-law, the Official Plan Amendment to be Number 3, as opposed to Number 2 referenced, and the new Zoning Bylaw to be numbered 02-2009, as opposed to 01-2009 as referenced. Questions and comments from Council were discussed and it was agreed to receive the report, and the following resolutions were passed.

**Resolution # 8**Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk**Resolved** that the report of Wellings Planning Consultants Inc., dated December 23, 2008 be received;

And Further that Township of Amaranth Council adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 3 (OPA3), and forward same to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for approval;

And Further that Township of Amaranth Council give the new comprehensive Township Zoning By-law 02-2009 (2009 Zoning By-law) two readings;

And Further that Township of Amaranth Council, in consideration of the provisions of Sections 17 and 34 (17) of the Planning Act, determine that no further notice is required. **Carried.****Resolution # 9**Moved by P. Way - Seconded by B. Cowie**Resolved** that leave be given to introduce a by-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment Number 3 to the Official Plan for the Township of Amaranth, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 and 21 of the Planning Act, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Numbered 01-2009.**Carried.**

**Resolution # 10**

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by P. Way

**Resolved** that leave be given to introduce a by-law to adopt the Zoning By-law for the Township of Amaranth, in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act, as amended; and that it be given first and second readings and Numbered 02-2009. **Carried.**

16. **By-laws** (if any)16.1 **Resolution # 11**

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by P. Way

**Resolved** that leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Township of Amaranth Council, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Numbered 03-2009. **Carried.**

16.2 **Resolution # 12**

Moved by P. Way - Seconded by B. Cowie

**Resolved** that leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for the levy and collection of rates or levies required for the Township of Amaranth for the interim levy for the year 2009 and for the mailing of notices demanding payment of taxes for the interim levy, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Numbered 04-2009. **Carried.**

16.3 **Resolution # 13**

Moved by W. Kolodziechuk - Seconded by J. Aultman

**Resolved** that leave be given to introduce a by-law to regulate the setting of fires and prevent the spreading of fires and establish a fire permit system; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Number 05-2009. **Carried.**

16.4 **Resolution # 14**

Moved by W. Kolodziechuk - Seconded by J. Aultman

**Resolved** that leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the acquisition of land for road widening purposes, being part Lot 16, Concession 2, Parts 2 and 3, on RP7R-5738 (Lundy); and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Numbered 06-2009. **Carried.**

17. **Late Submissions**

All matters read, received and dealt with.

17.1 **Letter from Township Resident (7<sup>th</sup> Line)**

Thanking Amaranth's Road Department for the excellent attention to winter roads

17.2 **Township of Essa**

Resolution - NVCA Draft Budget / Municipal Levy

Dealt with under Committee Reports, Item #13.7 - Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

18. **General Accounts and Road Accounts**

Nothing at this time.

19. **Budget Report**

19.1 **Ministry of Finance**

19.1.1 2009 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocation

Matter discussed, and it was noted that this is not new funding, but funding that the Township has been receiving for a number of years to offset the cost of Provincial downloading, also that the amount will be reduced in 2010 by approximately \$80,000. Staff instructed to prepare motion for next meeting expressing disappointment and objection to the reduction of funding, and ask that the Ministry reconsider; as this is a fundamental requirement for our budget.

20. **New Business**

All matters read, received and dealt with.

20.1 **Tile Drainage Loan**

20.1.1 Concession 2, West Half Lot 16

**Resolution # 15**

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by P. Way

**Resolved** that Tile Drain Loan application for Concession 1, West Half Lot 16 (John Worley) be approved, subject to the availability of funds. **Carried.**

20.2 **OGRA/ROMA 2009 Combined Conference**

20.2.1 February 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Deputy-Mayor Kolodziechuk will be attending conference, representing County of Dufferin Council.

Township of Amaranth CAO Susan Stone and Director of Public Works Doug Price will be attending in addition to Councillor Cowie and Councillor Way (both to confirm).

20.3 **Ministry of the Environment**

20.3.1 Waldemar Well Inspection Report - 2008/2009

20.4 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

21. **Confirming By-law**

21.1 **Resolution # 16**

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

**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 January 7, 2009 and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Numbered 07-2009. **Carried.**

January 7, 2009

22.        **Adjournment**        (approx. 5:10 p.m.)

22.1       **Resolution # 17**

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

**Resolved** that Council do now adjourn to meet again on January 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. **Carried.**

*Susan M. Stone*  
CLERK

*Don MacIver*  
HEAD OF COUNCIL