

TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH

The Township of Amaranth Council met in the Council Chambers of the municipal office, Laurel, Ontario on March 18, 2009, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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

1. **Opening of Meeting**

Mayor MacIver called the meeting to order.

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

2.1 **Resolution # 1**

Moved by W. Kolodziechuk - Seconded by J. Aultman

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

1. Grand Valley & District Fire Board
2009 Budget
2. A.M.O.
Workshops on renewable energy approval process - Bill 150/Green Energy Act
3. Municipality of Grey Highlands
Resolution - Removal of local land use planning controls for renewable energy facilities.

Carried.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

3.1 **Resolution # 2**

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

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 - March 4, 2009

5.1 **Resolution # 3**

Moved by W. Kolodziechuk - Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that Council do hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held March 4, 2009 as circulated. **Carried.**

7:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.6. **Public Question Period**

- 6.1 Mr. Keating addressed Council concerning the application for a wind met tower by Mr. Trimble and IPC, asking if there has been any further action. Mayor MacIver indicated an aerodrome map has been provided, also that matter was deferred to allow time for more information, and letter has been forwarded to the applicants accordingly. Michael Chevalier questioned the process regarding an appeal and the timing, if initiated by the applicant. Written requests for notice of future meetings, and decisions provided to the Clerk. Mayor MacIver also reminded everyone that the Green Energy Act, Bill 150, has been introduced and if the public has any concerns or issues with this Bill, they should notify the Province accordingly.

7:15 p.m.7. **Delegations**

None at this time.

8:00 p.m.8. **Public Meeting****Resolution # 4**

Moved by W. Kolodziechuk - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that Council do now hold a Public Meeting regarding the following:

1. Consent Application B4-09 - Gordon Speers - (Owner) Concession 3, Part Lots 6 & 7

Creation of an agricultural parcel.

Carried.

8.1 **Consent Application B4-09 - Gordon Speers - Con. 3, Pt. Lot 6 & 7**

Creation of an agricultural parcel.

Applicant was in attendance.

Township Planner Christine Gervais presented and reviewed application, stating that different options were discussed with the applicant, and the proposed severance before Council is not an option that was discussed previously with Staff but a proposal brought forward by the applicant.

Purpose of the application is to create an agricultural parcel, the severed parcel to be 49 ha. (121.1 ac) and retained parcel to be 24 ha. (59.3 ac).

The Official Plan designation is Agricultural and Environmental Protection.

Under Zoning By-law 46-88, the lands are zoned Agricultural and Open Space Conservation.

Under Zoning By-law 69-2004, the lands are zoned Agricultural and Environmental Protection.

Also, proposed Zoning By-law 02-2009 shows the lands as Agricultural and Environmental Protection.

There is a building envelope available on the severed portion; however the retained parcel could have issues concerning the use of the farm building, due to the change in parcel size. The Nutrient Management Plan is based on larger parcels, therefore if application is approved, a revised Nutrient Management Plan would be required, and Ms. Gervais suggested that if this application is approved, this be a condition of approval.

Further discussion regarding this matter resulted in concurrence that a new Nutrient Management Plan should only be required if either the severed or retained parcel is conveyed to a new owner, as the current Nutrient Management Plan on the entire property would still apply, while both parcels owned by applicant. Mr. Speers noted even if he does not continue to own both parcels, he would have a rental agreements for the spreading of manure.

Comments/Correspondence:

Grand River Conservation Authority - no objections

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority - no objections

Township Public Works - entrance permit granted and road widening required along the 4th Line. There already is a road widening in place, along 5 Sideroad. There were no members of the public in attendance to support or oppose the application, and no written objections.

Resolution # 5

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that Council do now adjourn Public Meeting as resume regular business. **Carried.**

9. **Unfinished Business**

The following matters were received and/or dealt with.

9.1 **Building Maintenance Report**

9.1.1 Update

Nothing at this time.

9.2 **PSAB/AMP**

9.2.1 Update

Nothing at this time.

9.3 **Shelburne Public Library**

9.3.1 2009 Budget

Councillor Cowie took concerns of Council to the library board, however other municipalities have already approved budget; therefore, no further changes made. Further discussion resulted in the following resolution.

Resolution # 6

Moved by B.Cowie - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

Resolved that Council do hereby adopt the Shelburne Public Library 2009 Budget in the amount of \$286,254.00; Amaranth's share being \$27,224.00. **Carried.**

9.4 **Shelburne Fiddle Park**

9.4.1 Update

Councillor Cowie reported that the site plan provided will be further discussed at upcoming Committee meeting, and that he will report back to next council meeting accordingly.

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

Doug Price updated Council on various issues of the road department. Presently, there are no washouts and they are grading roads. Other matters discussed were crack in the pavement on the road in Waldemar; also, inappropriate signage in Sylvanwoods Subdivision, which has been removed.

10.2 **Opening of Tenders**

10.2.1 2010 Tandem Truck Cab & Chassis

10.2.2 HL3 Asphalt

Tenders were received and opened for 2010 Tandem Truck & Cab Chassis and HL3 Asphalt.

10.2.1 **2010 Tandem Truck Cab & Chassis**

Six tenders were received as follows:

Harper Truck	\$130,899.30	incl. tax
Waycon International	\$121,994.80	“ ”
Mid Ontario	\$147,691.00	“ ”
All Truck International	\$138,617.10	“ ”
Highway Sterling	\$133,481.25	“ ”
Complete Western Star	\$134,470.00	“ ”

Director of Public Works to review tenders to determine if they all meet specifications before decision is made. Matter deferred.

10.2.2 **HL3 Asphalt (Mono Amaranth Townline)**

Four tenders were received as follows:

Murray Group	(unit price \$127.95)	\$315,716.62	incl. tax
Graham Bros.	(unit price \$ 71.50)	\$176,426.25	incl. tax
Greenwood Construction	(unit price \$ 65.38)	\$161,325.15	incl. tax
Miller Paving	(unit price \$ 78.26)	\$193,106.55	incl. tax

The following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 7

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that Council do hereby accept tender from Greenwood Construction Company Limited, for the delivering and placing of approximately 2350 tonnes of HL3 asphalt on Mono-Amaranth Townline, Lots 20, 27, 28, 29, 30 in the amount of \$161,325.15, including taxes, unit price \$65.38 tonne. **Carried.**

10.3 **Landfill Site**

10.3.1 Update

List of garbage not picked up by Sandhill was discussed, and staff to follow up.

10.4 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

1:00 p.m.

11. **Planning**

The following matters were received and/or dealt with:

11.1 **Township of Amaranth New Official Plan & Zoning By-law**

11.1.1 OMB - Decision by Susan de Avellar Schiller - Settlement discussions

11.1.2 Notice - 3rd reading of by-law

11.1.3 OMB Hearing Confirmation - Monday, October 26, 2009 @ 10:30 a.m. - New Official Plan and Zoning By-law (File #PL050096-R050017)

Discussion resulted in the following resolutions.

Resolution # 8

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

Resolved that Council do hereby receive the Decision delivered by Susan de Avellar Schiller of the Ontario Municipal Board, dated March 10, 2009, with respect to Township Zoning By-law 69-2004. **Carried.**

Resolution # 9

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that Whereas Township Zoning By-law 02-2009 was given first and second reading in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act, as amended, on January 7, 2009,
Now Therefore By-law 02-2009 be given third and final reading and be passed. **Carried.**

11.2 **Green Energy Act (Bill 150)**

11.2.1 News Release from Sylvia Jones, MPP / Dufferin-Caledon

11.2.2 Update

Discussion resulted in the following resolution.

Resolution # 10

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

Resolved that Whereas, the Township of Amaranth is concerned that the removal of local land use planning controls for renewable energy facilities will have a detrimental effect on the municipality;
And Whereas, the passage of Bill 150 will limit the ability of the Township to provide meaningful comment and participation in the placement of wind and other renewable energy facilities with the removal of power under the Planning Act;

And Whereas without powers under the Planning Act, the Township will no longer be able to require agreements related to access, landscaping, and securities for renewable energy projects;

And Whereas, the Township will no longer be able to address the needs of the local area in such an agreement.

Therefore be it resolved that, the Township of Amaranth requests that the Province undertake a comprehensive review of the potential health and land use impacts (including property values/compensation) to the general public associated with the placement of all renewable energy facilities; and review the proposal to remove local land use planning controls under the Planning Act through Bill 150. And Further, that the Township of Amaranth requests that the province put a moratorium on all wind projects and related applications pending outcome of the above-noted review. **Carried.**

11.3 **Township of East Luther Grand Valley**

11.3.1 Notice of Public Meeting - Amendment to Official Plan & Zoning By-law re: ORICA Canada Inc. - OP1-09/Z1-09 / Newspaper Article / Site Plan / Application for Amendment to Township Official Plan

11.3.2 Letters from Myrna - Storage of ammonium nitrate in East Luther Grand Valley

The ORICA Canada application to East Luther Grand Valley Township was discussed and it was agreed that Township Planner to review applications, and provide any concerns/comments from Amaranth's perspective for the Public Meeting to be held in East Luther Grand Valley on April 14, 2009. Matter deferred until next council meeting for further discussion.

11.4 **Canadian Hydro Developers**

11.4.1 Letter from Thomson, Rogers (dated March 6/09) re: Development Agreement compliance

11.4.2 Letter from Barbara Ashbee - Noise Issue

11.4.3 Letter from Theresa Kidd - Noise Issue

Noise issues were discussed. Township Solicitor has followed up with MOE, requesting that the concerns be addressed.

11.5 **Development Updates**

11.5.1 Township Planner Christine Gervais and Director of Public Works Doug Price, reported on the ECO Development meeting with the County of Dufferin and the Township of East Luther Grand Valley. Road improvements and ownership discussed. Deputy Mayor Kolodziechuk to follow up on assumption by County, also indoor vs outside design of compost facility.

11.5.2 Township Planner indicated that a Planning Justification Report has been received from Wind Prospects, and is being reviewed by staff and the Township Solicitor.

11.5.3 Application by Hydro One for expansion of a transformer has been received. Staff to follow up regarding site plan agreement and payment of fees, etc.

11.6 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

12. **By-Law Enforcement**

12.1 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

13. **Committee Reports**

All matters read, received and/or dealt with.

13.1 **County of Dufferin**

13.1.1 Consolidated Agenda - March 12/09

13.1.2 County Council Minutes - February 12/09

13.1.3 Community Development Committee Minutes - February 26/09

13.1.4 Public Works Committee Minutes - March 3/09

13.2 **Source Water Protection**

13.2.1 Brochure - Drinking Water Source Protection

13.2.2 Update

Deputy-Mayor Kolodziechuk to attend the Source Water Protection Workshop on April 2/09 at the Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston; also, CAO and Township Planner.

13.3 **Amaranth Recreation Committee**

Amaranth Recreation Coordinator Kevin Ewen is in the process of arranging the registration dates and amending application forms for soccer.

13.4 **Amaranth Economic Development Committee**

Nothing at this time. April 1st meeting to be cancelled re budget meeting conflict.

13.5 **Police Services Board**

Nothing at this time.

13.6 **Orangeville & Area Fire Department**

13.6.1 2008 Annual Report

13.7 **Shelburne and District Fire Department**

13.7.1 Resolution from Township of Melancthon requesting a reduction in the budget increases

13.8 **Shelburne & District Economic Development Committee**

13.8.1 Invitation to attend the 2009 Annual EDC Spring Breakfast & Presentation @ the Town & Country Room - Centre Dufferin Recreation Centre on April 23, 2009 @ 7:00 a.m.

Councillor Aultman expressed her interest in attending the Spring Breakfast and staff instructed to contact other Amaranth EDC members about their attendance.

13.9 **The Upper Grand Trailway**

13.9.1 6th Annual General Meeting - Wednesday, March 25, 2009 @ Library Board Room, Grand Valley Public Library, Grand Valley, Ont. from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Councillor Aultman stated that anyone who wishes to attend are welcome.

13.10 **Grand Valley & District Community Centre**

13.10.1 2009 Budget

13.10.2 Minutes of meeting held February 9, 2009

13.10.3 Resolution from Township of East Luther Grand Valley agrees to share cost of hall rental with Twp. of Amaranth & East Garafraxa, for Weekend to End Breast Cancer fundraiser

Discussion ensued regarding the Grand Valley & District Community Centre budget and overall increase for 2009, which continues to include a deficit amount, and the following resolution was passed.

Resolution # 11

Moved by W. Kolodziechuk - Seconded by J.Aultman

Resolved that Council do hereby approve the Grand Valley & District Community Centre 2009 budget in the amount of \$395,550.00; Amaranth's share being \$44,915.93, comprised of \$24,506.18 for operating, \$12,014.25 for capital, \$4,342.50 for reserve, and \$4,053.00 for 2008 deficit. **Carried.**

13.11 **Grand Valley Library Board**

13.11.1 Resolution from Township of East Luther Grand Valley approving the Grand Valley Library Board budget for 2009

13.12 **Shelburne Public Library Board**

13.12.1 Minutes of meeting held January 21, 2009

13.13 **Credit Valley Conservation**

13.13.1 Minutes of meeting held February 20, 2009

13.14 **Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority**

13.14.1 Newsletter - February 2009

13.15 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

14. **General Business & Correspondence**

All matters read, received and dealt with.

14.1 **Polaris Institute**

14.1.1 Tap water over bottled water

14.2 **Child Find Ontario**

14.2.1 Green Ribbon of Hope Campaign and National Missing Children's Day - May 15, 2009 (proclamation and order form for green ribbons)

The following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 12

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that Whereas over 60,000 children were reported missing last year in Canada and thousands more are the victims of exploitation; and
Whereas children and families in Ontario are victims of this tragedy; and
Whereas increased awareness of the problem is needed to help reduce the incidence of missing children and teenagers, as well as to help locate missing children; and
Whereas this is a community issue, not just a family one; and
Whereas a missing child is everyone's responsibility; and
Whereas this month is set aside to rekindle new hope in the search for all missing children; and
Whereas this month supports National Missing Children's Day on May 25th, and is also Child Find Ontario's 25th year anniversary;
Now Therefore be it known that Council do hereby proclaim the month of May 2009 as Missing Children's month in the Township of Amaranth;
And join Child Find Ontario and all law enforcement agencies in urging citizens in Ontario to remain vigilant in our common desire to protect and nurture the youth of Ontario. **Carried.**

- 14.3 **Hydro One Networks**
 14.3.1 Bruce to Milton Project Update
- 14.4 **Greater Dufferin Home Builder's Association**
 14.4.1 Dinner Meeting - March 17/09 @ 6:30 p.m. Greystones Inn, Broadway, Orangeville
- 14.5 **Ontario Good Roads Association**
 14.5.1 Employment Accessibility Proposed Standards for Consumer Service
- Discussion regarding impact of new standards on the Township. Response regarding comments/concerns to be submitted by May 2009.
- 14.6 **Town of Orangeville**
 14.6.1 Resolution - Earth Hour on March 28/09 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- 14.7 **Township of Mulmur**
 14.7.1 Resolution - Internet Filtering Software on Computers
- 14.8 **City of Cambridge**
 14.8.1 Resolution - Internet Filtering Software on Computers
- 14.9 **Municipality of Middlesex Centre**
 14.9.1 Resolution - Fisheries and Oceans requirements re: Drainage Works & Bridge Reconstruction
- 14.10 **Fisheries and Oceans Canada**
 14.10.1 2009 Class Authorization process for maintenance of Municipal Drains
- 14.11 **Federation of Agriculture - County of Dufferin**
 14.11.1 Resolution - Nuisance recreational vehicle damage to farmer's property
- Discussion resulted in Council referring matter to Amaranth Police Service Board.
- 14.12 **Minister Responsible for Seniors**
 14.12.1 2009 Senior of the Year Award - Nomination deadline April 30/09
- Nomination of Township resident James (Jim) Melen for the 2009 Senior of the Year Award was discussed and the following resolution was set forth.
- Resolution # 13**
- Moved by W. Kolodziechuk - Seconded by B. Cowie
- Resolved** that Whereas the Government of Ontario designates June as senior's month to celebrate the experiences, accomplishments and contributions of seniors across the Province;
 And Whereas municipalities are invited to participate in the 2009 Senior of the Year Awards by nominating an outstanding local senior;
 Now Therefore the Council of the Township of Amaranth do hereby nominate long time resident Jim Melen for this honour, and submit his name and the numerous contributions he has made to the community. **Carried.**
- 14.13 **Other**
- Nothing at this time.
15. **By-Laws**
- Nothing at this time.

16. **Late Submissions**

16.1 **Grand Valley & District Fire Board**

16.1.1 2009 Budget

Councillor Aultman reported that concerns with respect to the budget raised previously by Councillor Way have now been addressed, and that the budget can be approved by the Township. It was also noted that the Fire Chief has tendered his resignation.

The following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 14

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

Resolved that Council do hereby approve the Grand Valley & District Fire Board Budget for 2009, in the amount of \$295,000.00; Amaranth's share being \$75,143.00, comprised of \$54,878.00 for operating, \$14,475.00 for truck reserve, and \$5,790.00 for equipment reserve. **Carried.**

16.2 **A.M.O**

16.2.1 Workshop on renewable energy approvals process - Bill 150/Green Energy Act

Received as information.

16.3 **Municipality of Grey Highlands**

16.3.1 Resolution - Removal of local land use planning controls for renewable energy facilities

Received as information. Also matter discussed under Planning Matters - Item # 11.2 - Green Energy Act (Bill 150) and resolution passed.

17. **General Accounts and Road Accounts**

The following resolutions were set forth.

Resolution # 15

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that Road Department bills and accounts in the amount of \$138,604.32 for the period of February 18, 2009 to March 11, 2009 be approved for payment. **Carried.**

Resolution # 16

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that General bill and account in the amount of \$2,205.00 for snow removal for the period of February 19, 2009 to March 11, 2009, be approved for payment. **Carried.**

Resolution # 17

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

Resolved that General bills and accounts in the amount of \$194,175.75 for the period of February 19, 2009 to March 11, 2009 be approved for payment. **Carried.**

18. **Budget Report**

Meeting for the budget will be April 1st, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.
 Council meeting on that date will commence at 9:00 a.m.
 The Amaranth Economic Development Committee meeting scheduled for April 1st is cancelled and staff to advise EDC members.

19. **New Business**19.1 **YMCA Programs & Services**

Discussed various aspects of the YMCA, and matter deferred.
 Deputy-Treasurer Carey Holmes to attend the next meeting of Council to discuss tour she attended on behalf of Amaranth Township.

19.2 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

20. **Closed Meeting**

20.1 OMB Updates

20.1.1 Personnel Matters

Resolution # 18 (Approx. 8:50 p.m.)

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that Council move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason(s):

Personal matters about identifiable individual(s), including employees

Labour relations or employee negotiations

Litigation or potential litigation

Carried.

Resolution # 19 (Approx. 10:30 p.m.)

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Cowie

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

Staff received instructions during closed meeting with respect to various matters, and the following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 20

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

Resolved that further to satisfactory evaluation, the Public Works Foreman's position be increased \$0.50 per hour. **Carried.**

21. **Confirming By-law**21.1 **Resolution # 21**

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 March 18, 2009 and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Numbered 17-2009. **Carried.**

March 18, 2009

22. **Adjournment**

22.1 **Resolution # 22**

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on April 1, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor. **Carried.**

Susan M. Stone
CLERK

Don MacIver
HEAD OF COUNCIL