



TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, January 13, 2010

The Township of Amaranth Council met in the Council Chambers of the municipal office, Laurel, Ontario on January 13, 2010 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
	Township Planner	C. Gervais
	Deputy-Clerk	C. Doherty

1. **OPENING OF MEETING**

Mayor MacIver called meeting to order.

2. **LATE SUBMISSIONS** (to be in the office prior to the meeting)

Resolution # 1

Moved by P. Way - Seconded by B. Cowie

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

Added

1. Toronto Star Newspaper Article re: ARB Ruling on Wind Power Noise
 2. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing re: Twp. of ELGV – OPA # 1 (DEEP)
 3. NDACT – The North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Task Force re: Community in Crisis Public Meeting on Jan. 16/10 from 10:00 a.m. to noon
 4. Power Saving Blitz sponsored by Hydro One & Ontario Power Authority
 5. Grand Valley & District Community Centre Board re: Minutes of Dec.14/09
 6. Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC)/Accessibility Coordinator re: CAO’s Report & Resolution from Twp. of Mulmur, Resolution from Twp. of East Garafraxa
 7. County of Dufferin – Amaranth Emergency Numbers on County Road 10 & Menary Drive
 8. County of Dufferin – Assumption of Waste Authority / Resolution by Twp. of Melancthon & Twp. of Mulmur & Twp. of East Garafraxa
 9. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – Third Party Review / Resolutions by Twp. of Mulmur & Twp. of Oro-Mendonte
 10. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – Resignation letter from board member Mel Coutanche
 11. Waldemar Orange Hall (Waldemar) re: Letter requesting reduction of taxes
 12. EDC – Resolution re: Marketing Dufferin
- Carried.**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Resolution # 2

Moved by W. Kolodziechuk - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that Council do hereby approve the agenda as amended.
Carried.

4. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST WITH REASONS**

Can be declared now or at anytime during the meeting.
None declared at this time.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. Regular meeting minutes of December 9, 2009

Resolution # 3

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

Resolved that Council do hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held December 9, 2009, as circulated. **Carried.**

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

10:00 A.M. TO 10:15 A.M.

Nothing at this time.

7. **DELEGATIONS**

10:15 P.M.

7.1. **PowerPlay Presentation** re: Program to support and enhance children's sports and recreation facilities – Terry Bateman – Customer Operation Manager, Hydro One

Mr. Bateman – Customer Operation Manager for Hydro One made cheque presentation to Council Members prior to meeting commencement and photo taken accordingly.

10:30 A.M.

7.2. **GRCA Delegation** re: Enforcement – Joe Farwell, Fred Natolochny, Liz Yerex, Mike Renchko & Nancy Davy

Delegation from GRCA included Nancy Davy, Fred Natolochny, Liz Yerex, Mike Renchko. Tom Nevills, GRCA Board representative for Amaranth and four other municipalities also attended.

Nancy Davy addressed Council, with a power point presentation on GRCA regulations (May/06). Discussions ensued with respect to regulated areas and activities, compliance policy, enforcement, mapping, communication, changes and solutions.

Lack of adequate staffing, overlapping legislation, jurisdictional gridlock, 6 month limitation, peat extraction, hazardous waste, budget issues, right of entry on property, permits, etc. were also questioned and discussed in detail. All agreed changes are needed in the system with respect to enforcement and that the GRCA are committed to making changes to improve the overall process.

11:30 A.M.**7.3. Trans Alta Delegation (CHD) re: Introduction – John Forster & Jason Edworthy**

It is noted that in the gallery were the following members of the public with interest in this delegation – Paul Thompson, Theresa Kidd and Cheryl Whitworth.

Both Mr. Forster (Sr. Communication Relations Advisor) and Mr. Edworthy (Director of Community Relations) for Trans Alta were in attendance. Mr. Edworthy addressed Council, introducing themselves and their company Trans Alta Inc., which is based in Calgary, Alberta, and have recently acquired Canadian Hydro Developers, noting that they are aware of the commitments and agreements presently in place with Amaranth Township and it's residents; and wish to move forward in a proactive way. Mayor MacIver thanked Mr. Edworthy and Mr. Forster for their attendance, and discussion ensued regarding problems and concerns with respect to the transformer and turbines associated with the Canadian Hydro project. The Mayor introduced Township residents, Mr. Paul Thompson, Mrs. Theresa Kidd and Mrs. Cheryl Whitworth, who have been significantly affected by the wind energy project, and forced to leave their homes due to ill health from noise and vibration generated from the transformer. He also noted that other residents were affected similarly by the turbines which resulted in their properties being bought by Canadian Hydro Developers; also that a recent ruling has resulted in a 50% reduction in property assessment due to the transformer station, which impacts the tax base. Council questioned what Trans Alta will do to address these difficulties being experienced by residents. It was also noted that meeting promised by the Ministry of the Environment with Canadian Hydro Developers and residents has not yet occurred, and staff to follow up accordingly. Council expressed their appreciation to the delegation for attending, and look forward to finding solutions and a successful relationship.

8. PUBLIC MEETING

Nothing at this time.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters were received / and or dealt with.

9.1 PSAB/Asset Management**9.1.1. Update**

Final policy deferred pending further discussions with Township auditors and consultants.

9.2. Town of Shelburne**9.2.1. Resolution – Air Cadets winter camp at Fiddleville Park**

Council are in agreement and support the request from the 164 Royal Canadian Squadron regarding winter camping training exercise at Fiddle Park, including the use of the building and grounds, from February 26 to February 28, 2010.

9.3. County Nuisance Coyote By-law**9.3.1. Email from S. Stone (Amaranth/East Garafraxa) to L. Dean (County)****9.3.2. Email from K. McNenly – (Mono) to S. Stone (Amaranth)**

9.4. **County Waste Management – Assumption Request**

9.4.1. Update

Letters received from Township of Melancthon, Township of Mulmur, and Township of East Garafraxa with respect to waste management. Township of Amaranth's comments sent to County of Dufferin in December 2009.

9.5. **Other**

Nothing at this time.

10. **ROAD BUSINESS**

10.1 **Director of Public Works**

10.1.1. Report

Director Doug Price provided his report with respect to road department. Road operations, equipment and sand/salt dome were discussed.

10.2. **Landfill Site**

10.2.1. Update

Tires are being removed and new tire programme is in effect.

10.3. **Other**

Nothing at this time.

11. **PLANNING MATTERS**

The following matters were received / and or dealt with.

11.1. **Canadian Hydro Developers Inc.**

11.1.1. Paulette Crawley – Daily Noise Report – Dec. 1 to Dec. 4/09, Dec.7 to 10/09, Dec. 11 to 14/09, Dec. 16 to Dec. 18/09, Dec. 27/09

11.1.2. Theresa Kidd – Fall Monitoring Report – HGC

11.1.3. Canadian Hydro – Certificate of Approval – Melancthon Wind Plant Noise Complaint Management Protocol

Trans Alta (Calgary based company) are new owners of Canadian Hydro Developers project.

11.2. **Township of East Luther Grand Valley**

11.2.1. Notice of Rezoning Z6-09 – Con. 3, Pt. Lot 26

11.2.2. Notice of Decision – Consent B4-09 – Con. 2, Pt. Lot 14

11.2.3. Notice of Passing of Zoning By-law 2009-45, Con. 2, Pt. Lot 25

11.2.4. Notice of Passing of Zoning By-law 2009-46, Con. 14, Lot 32 – Dufferin Eco Energy Park (DEEP)

Added Item – Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Township of East Luther Grand Valley – OPA # 1 (DEEP)

Also received.

11.3. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing**

11.3.1. Revised Planning Act to comply with Propane Safety Review Panel

11.4. **EBR**

11.4.1. Policies & Procedures for Conservation Authority Plan Review and Permitting Activities

Township Planner Christine Gervais provided comments with respect to fees and collection, noting that it should not be the municipality's responsibility to collect these fees and some provisions being proposed will add to the municipality's workload.

Councillor Percy Way declared pecuniary interest on the following item and vacated his chair and council chambers.

11.5. **Foreign Express**
11.5.1. Update

Domenic Alati and Karen Rosenbrock were in attendance and were given leave to address Council. Ms. Rosenbrock provided landscaping and overall site plan layout. Discussion ensued with respect to building placement, berms, fencing, and tree screens. Final drawings to be submitted by February 3rd council meeting, to allow adequate Township review prior to February 17, 2010 Public Meeting.

Councillor Percy Way returned to the council chambers and his seat.

11.6. **Development Updates**

Township Planner addressed the Centurian Homes application which is scheduled for a Public Meeting on February 17/10. Also, Westside Commerce reports have been received, though still waiting on archeological and conceptual reports, all of which shall be circulated to various agencies for comment, and Public Meeting shall be scheduled in due course.

11.7. **Other**

Nothing at this time.

12. **BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT**

12.1. **Other**

Nothing at this time.

13. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following matters were received and / or dealt with.

13.1. **County of Dufferin**

13.1.1. Council In Brief – Dec. 10/09

13.1.2. Motor Vehicle Accidents Fire Call Billing on County roads

13.1.3. Payment for Rescue Calls on County roads

13.1.4. County Building Department Report for 2009

13.2. **Town of Caledon**

13.2.1. POA – Cheque for month – November 2009

13.3. **Source Water Protection**

13.3.1. CVC Source Protection Authority – Minutes of Meeting for Dec. 11, 2009

13.4. **Grand Valley Public Library Board**

13.4.1. Minutes of December 9/09

13.4.2. Ontario Public Library Guidelines Audit Report / Grand Valley Public Library

Staff instructed to send letter of congratulations to Grand Valley Public Library for their accreditation, as they are the only library board to receive 100%.

13.5. **Grand Valley & District Community Centre**

13.5.1. Board Minutes – November 9, 2009

13.6. **Grand River Watershed**

13.6.1. 13th Annual Heritage Day Workshop & Celebration – Feb. 12, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

13.7. **Grand River Conservation Authority**

13.7.1. Minutes – December 2009

- 13.8. **Police Services Board – (OPP) Dufferin County**
- 13.8.1. Joint PSB Meeting Minutes (Draft) – October 23, 2009

Next meeting of the Amaranth PSB is February 18/10 @ 7:00 p.m.

- 13.9. **Economic Development Committee (EDC)**
- 13.9.1. Update
- 13.9.2. Agenda – January 13, 2010 & Minutes – December 9, 2009
- 13.9.3. Collaborative Agreement for Marketing Dufferin Initiative

Councillor Aultman updated Council on EDC matters, and the Collaborative Agreement which will be signed by Mayor MacIver once final agreement received.

- 13.10. **Amaranth Building Committee**
- 13.10.1. Update

CAO Susan Stone reported on the status of proposed office reception area renovations, which have been delayed due to Building Code requirement for fire separation. Building Committee to meet again to follow up, and meeting date to be set.

- 13.11. **DMOA**
- 13.11.1. CEMC/Accessibility Coordinator Recommendation

Resolution # 4

Moved by B. Cowie – Seconded by P. Way

Resolved that the Council of the Township of Amaranth do hereby concur with CAO report, and support the replacement of the CEMC position at the County as a joint duty position of “CEMC Emergency Management and AODA Accessibility Coordinator” for the County and local municipalities; and resolution be forwarded to the County for their consideration. **Carried.**

- 13.12. **Shelburne Public Library Board**
- 13.12.1. Minutes of November 17, 2009

- 13.13. **Shelburne & District Fire Board**
- 13.13.1. Minutes of Meeting for November 3, 2009
- 13.13.2. Minutes of Meeting for December 1, 2009

Councillor Cowie reported, also noted discussions ongoing with respect to ladder truck and fire hall expansion. Funding opportunities also being investigated.

- 13.14. **Credit Valley Conservation**
- 13.14.1. Board of Director’s Meeting Minutes of Dec. 11, 2009
- 13.14.2. Statement of Per Diem and Expenses for CVC Member

- 13.15. **Other**

Added Item - Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Third Party Review / Resolution by Twp. of Mulmur & Twp. of Oro-Medonte
Resignation letter fro Board Member Mel Coutanche

Received.

14. **GENERAL BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The following matters were received and / or dealt with.

- 14.1. **Workforce Planning Board of Waterloo, Wellington, Dufferin**
- 14.1.1. Immigrant Employment by Field of Study

- 14.2. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing**
- 14.2.1. Bill 212 – Municipal Elections Reform

- 14.3. **Orangeville Agricultural Society**
- 14.3.1. Annual General Meeting – January 23, 2010, Orangeville Fairground Facility

- 14.4. **A.M.O.**
- 14.4.1. OMPF Allocations Announcement – Alert # 08/087

- 14.5. **Sylvia Jones, M.P.P. – Dufferin/Caledon**
- 14.5.1. OMPF Allocation for 2010

- 14.6. **Ministry of Finance**
- 14.6.1. OMPF Allocations for 2010

- 14.7. **Township of Adjala – Tosorontio**
- 14.7.1. Resolution – NVCA 3rd Party Review

- 14.8. **Town of Mono**
- 14.8.1. Resolution – YMCA Memorandum of Understanding
- 14.8.2. Resolution – MVA Firecall Billing on County roadways
- 14.8.3. The Good Government Act – Proposed Amendment to the Clean Water Act

- 14.9. **Hydro One**
- 14.9.1. User-friendly website – mapping system

- 14.10. **Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Dufferin & District**
- 14.10.1. Bowl for Kids Sake 2010

- 14.11. **AMCTO**
- 14.11.1. Clerk’s Guide to conducting accessible Elections

- 14.12. **Scouts Canada**
- 14.12.1. Honorary Member of Scouts Canada & National Annual Report

- 14.13. **ROMA/OGRA**
- 14.13.1. 2010 Combined Conference – Feb. 21 – 24, 2010

The following are those attending the conference in February.
 Councillor Jane Aultman; CAO Susan Stone; Director of Public Works Doug Price.
 Councillor Cowie indicated he would be interested in attending the AMO conference later in the year.

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

15. **BY-LAWS**

- 15.1. **Resolution # 5**
- 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 1-2010. **Carried.**

15.2. **Resolution # 6**

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 2010 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 2-2010. **Carried.**

16. **LATE SUBMISSIONS**

The following matters were received and / or dealt with:

16.1. **Toronto Star Newspaper Article** re: ARB Ruling on Wind Power Noise

16.2. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing** re: Twp. of ELGV–OPA#1 (DEEP)

Dealt with under Item # 11.2 – Planning Matters.

16.3. **NDACT – The North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Task Force**
re: Community in Crisis Public Meeting on January 16/10 from 10:00
to noon

16.4. **Power Saving Blitz sponsored by Hydro One & Ontario Power Authority**

Discussion resulted in Council committed to proceed with the upstairs area of the municipal building, to which funding will be applied, and balance of cost will be shared by East Garafraxa Township.

16.5. **Grand Valley & District Community Centre Board** re: Minutes of Dec.14/09

16.6. **Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) / Accessibility Coordinator** re: CAO' report & resolution from Township of Mulmur, Resolution from Twp. of East Garafraxa

Dealt with under Item # 13.11 – Committee Reports

16.7. **County of Dufferin – Amaranth Emergency Numbers** on County Road 10 and Menary Drive

Council concur with request from County of Dufferin to change the emergency address of 285022 County Road 10 to Hornett Lane address.

16.8. **County of Dufferin – Assumption of Waste Authority** / Resolution by Twp. of Melancthon & Twp. of Mulmur & Twp. of East Garafraxa

16.9. **Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – Third Party Review / Review / Resolutions** by Twp. of Mulmur & Twp. of Oro-Medonte

Dealt with under Item # 13.15 – Committee Reports

16.10. **Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – Resignation letter** from board member Mel Coutanche

Dealt with under Item 13.15 – Committee Reports

16.11. **Waldemar Orange Hall (Waldemar)** re: Letter requesting reduction of taxes

Resolution # 7

Moved by J. Aultman – Seconded by P. Way

Resolved that Council do hereby approve the request for refund of 50% of the 2009 taxes in the amount of \$563.80 for the Waldemar Orange Hall. **Carried.**

- 16.12. **EDC – Resolution** re: Marketing Dufferin
Dealt with under Item #13.9 – Committee Reports

17. **ACCOUNTS**

17.1. **General Accounts**

Resolution # 8

Moved by B. Cowie – Seconded by P. Way

Resolved that General Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$ 1,037,911.80 for the period of December 4, 2009 to January 12, 2010, be approved for payment. **Carried.**

17.2. **Road Accounts**

Resolution # 9

Moved by P. Way – Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that Road Department Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$453,499.79 for the period of December 4, 2009 to January 12, 2010, be approved for payment. **Carried.**

Councillor Way declared pecuniary interest on the following item and left council chambers.

17.3. **General Accounts (Snow Removal)**

Resolution # 10

Moved by W. Kolodziechuk – Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that General Bill and Account in the amount of \$ 2,835.00 for snow removal for the period of December 4, 2009 to January 12, 2010, be approved for payment. **Carried.**

Councillor Way returned to the council chambers and resumed his seat.

18. **BUDGET REPORT**

The following motion was set forth.

Resolution # 11

Moved by J. Aultman – Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

Resolved that Council authorizes the Treasurer to pay for meals and accommodation as may be required during the regular course of business for 2010. **Carried.**

19. **NEW BUSINES**

19.1. **2010 Municipal Insurance Proposal Renewal (Jan. 1/10 to Jan. 1/11)**

Discussion resulted in the following resolution.

Resolution # 12

Moved by B. Cowie – Seconded by P. Way

Resolved that Council do hereby accept the 2010 Municipal Insurance proposal renewal, submitted by Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada Inc. (policy period January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2011); in the amount of \$51,014.00 plus any applicable provincial sales tax. **Carried.**

19.2.

The Maples Independent Country School – Brian Logel

Invitation to Council to judge public speaking competition – Feb. 3/10 and Feb.10/10

Discussion resulted in the following resolution.

Resolution # 13

Moved by P. Way – Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that Council do hereby accept the invitation by the Maples Independent Country School, and appoint the following members of Council to assist in judging the public speaking competition as follows:
Amaranth's Lions Club Competition – Wednesday, February 10, 2010
7:00 p.m. - Deputy Mayor Walter Kolodziechuk. **Carried.**

19.3.

Other

Nothing at this time.

20. **CLOSED MEETING**

20.1. Litigation / Potential Litigation

20.2. Personal Matters

Resolution # 14 (approximately 3:40 p.m.)

Moved by P. Way – Seconded by B. Cowie

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;
Litigation or potential litigation.
Carried.

Resolution # 15 (approximately 3:50 p.m.)

Moved by B. Cowie – Seconded by P. Way

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

The following resulted from the closed meeting.

Resolution # 16

Moved by W. Kolodziechuk – Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that the Minutes of Settlement attached as Schedule "A" between George Randall Pullen, Grand Valley Wind Farms Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Amaranth in OMB File No. PL070860 are hereby approved, and that the Township Solicitor is authorized to execute these minutes in a form satisfactory to the Township Solicitor. **Carried.**

21. **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Resolution # 17

Moved by W. Kolodziechuk - Seconded by J. Aultman

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 13, 2010; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Numbered 3-2010. **Carried.**

22. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution # 18 (approximately 3:55 p.m.)

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on February 3, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor. **Carried.**

CLERK

HEAD OF COUNCIL