



TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

The Township of Amaranth Council met in the Council Chambers of the municipal office, Laurel, Ontario on April 6, 2011, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:	Mayor	D. MacIver
	Deputy-Mayor	W. Kolodziechuk
	Councillor	J. Aultman
	Councillor	B. Besley
	Councillor	H. Foster
	CAO/Clerk-Treasurer	S. Stone
	Director of Public Works	D. Price
	Planner	C. Gervais (Planning Matters)
	Deputy-Clerk	C. Doherty

10:00 a.m.

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 W. Kolodziechuk - Seconded by H. Foster

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

Added:

1. County of Dufferin Public Works - 2011 Capital Projects
2. Amaranth Soil Management Facility Inc. Media Information
3. Amaranth Canine Count
4. OPA # 4 - Draft Decision/Ministry modifications (Growth Plan & Greenbelt Conformity)
5. Dufferin County Building Department Summary 2010
6. Credit Valley Conservation - Appointment
7. Town of Shelburne Resolution - The Highland Companies
8. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority - 2011 Municipal Levy
9. CDRC - Personnel (Closed Matter)

Carried.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3.1 **Resolution # 2**

Moved by H. Foster - 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 minutes of Council meeting March 23, 2011.

Resolution # 3

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that Council do hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 23, 2011 as circulated. **Carried.**

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Nothing at this time.

7. **DELEGATIONS**

10:15 a.m.

7.1 **Council Members - Township of Melancthon**

7.1.1 Update on The Highland Companies Quarry Application

In attendance to address Council were Mayor Bill Hill, Nancy Malek and Darren White.

Mayor Hill gave overview of The Highland Companies presentation, stating that 3000 acres will be used for the aggregate operation and blasting will take place every day, except for Sundays and statutory holidays, and this operation will be the largest of its kind in Canada and second largest in North America.

The application is deemed complete by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the deadline for comments to be received is April 26, 2011. However, given the scope of the proposal and the number of reports that require review, it is Melancthon's hope to extend the time period for comments and ask that Amaranth Council support their request to the MNR for a 120 day extension. Further discussion resulted in the following resolution.

Resolution # 4

Moved by H. Foster - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

Resolved that the Council of the Township of Amaranth do hereby support the resolution of the Township of Melancthon (dated March 24.11) concerning the application of The Highland Companies for a Class A, Category 2 licence for a dolostone quarry, located in Melancthon Township.

And that the Minister of Natural Resources authorize a 120 day extension of the date for final comments until August 26, 2011. **Carried.**

10:30 a.m.

7.2 **Wayne Wilson - Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority**

7.2.1 Presentation on NVCA services and programs

Mr. Wilson addressed Council, providing a program overview with respect to NVCA services, programs and mandate.

Mr. Wilson gave details on such matters as forestry, flood & erosion, hazard prevention, environmental education and outreach, conservation land management, stewardship, engineering & technical services, planning and regulations.

Late Submission - Item # 16.8 - Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority - 2011 Municipal Levy brought forward at this time.

The 2011 budget was also reviewed and discussed.

It was noted that Amaranth's portion was 1.77% and Amaranth representative on the Board, did not vote in favour of the budget; however budget was passed by Board.

The following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 5

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Besley

Resolved that Council do hereby support the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority 2011 Municipal Levy/Budget in the amount of \$1,859,066.26; Amaranth's share being \$4,233.09. **Carried.**

11:00 a.m.

7.3

Jason Edworthy - TransAlta

7.3.1

Update on Wind Turbine Noise Abatement Program

Mr. Edworthy, along with Lindsey Moen, Senior Community Relations Advisor, Hilary McMeekin, Manager, Community Relations, and Brian Tripp, Manager Environmental Services, Eastern Canada presented to Council an update on the wind turbine noise abatement program. They advised that monitoring continues on a field trip basis, at random times and places, and a few incidents have resulted in noise control measure which has resulted in 5 Amaranth wind turbines being shut down for 12 hours/day. They also confirmed that they are no longer monitoring around the transformer substation site as they remain compliant. Noise protocol discussed, and they explained that they log all calls and forward to MOE, but protocol did not envision immediate response, that they do not call back in all cases. Council voiced concern with respect to efficiency, impact to farmers, noise protocol, voice mail messages, complaints and call backs, etc. Overall capacity and output were discussed, along with low frequency noise, vibration, health effects, and expansion plans. Mr. Edworthy indicated he would forward information regarding overall capacity, output, and number of houses that equates to, also study conducted on low frequency noise in Alberta, though, he confirmed that no similar study was done with respect to transformers. Council thanked the delegation for attending and their update.

11:30 p.m.

7.4

Brian Horner

7.4.1

Solar Panels for Township Works Building

Hydro One Networks, Inc. - Consultation - Amaranth Solar

Brian Horner and Bill Clancy, Fritz Construction, addressed the issue of solar panels for the Township Building. The process was started by a prefit application submitted to Hydro One, requesting hookup to their system, which has been approved. Amaranth is approved for a 100 kw. system into the grid, with a 20 year contract, and it has been determined that the south part of the shop roof would hold approximately 240 panels at 235 watts, costing approximately a\$305,000.00.

Other matters such as additional costs, grants, payback and tendering process were discussed. Should Council wish to proceed, the next step in the process is application to Ontario Power Authority, along with \$500.00 fee.

Mr. Horner and Mr. Clancy offered their support and guidance through the process.

Council thanked Brian Horner and Bill Clancy for their attendance and information.

1:00 p.m.

7.5

Andrew Grunda - Watson & Associates

7.5.1 Water Rate Study

Andrew Grunda addressed Council, presenting the findings of the Amaranth Water Rate Study for Council's consideration and provided a copy of the study dated April 6, 2011.

The study is a requirement of the Clean Water Act and must provide a 10 year financial plan.

The following categories making up the study were reviewed and discussed. Purpose, Legislative Context, Water Rate Calculation, Growth Forecast, Capital Infrastructure, Lifecycle Needs and Funding Plan, Operation Expenditure, 2011-2020 Net Operating Expenditure Forecast, Calculated Water Rates, Annual Residential Water Bill Comparison and Next Steps.

The municipality uses a flat rate fee structure, which is most feasible method in a small water system, where metering may not provide economic benefits expected. It was noted that the draft approval of approximately 75 new lots in Waldemar for proposed new subdivision has been factored into the numbers incrementally over the next 10 years and discussion ensued regarding the requirement that the developer "buy into" the existing system, which had substantial capital upgrades previously, in addition to the upgrades that will be required to be made by the developer to accommodate the proposed development. Matter and study to be further reviewed, and matter to be brought back to the May 4, 2011 Council meeting.

2:00 p.m.7.6 **Yvonne Hurst - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

7.6.1 Councillor Information / Training Session

7.6.2 Municipal Act 101

7.6.3 Council - Staff - Citizens - Roles and Responsibilities

Delegation is unable to attend, therefore matter to be rescheduled to a future council meeting.

8. **PUBLIC MEETING**

Nothing at this time.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matters were received and/or dealt with.

9.1 **Grand Valley Wind Farms Inc.**

9.1.1 Road Agreement (Draft)

Matter deferred pending revised site plan and agreement.

9.2 **Orangeville, Mono and Amaranth Tier Three Water Budget and Local Area Risk Assessment**

Comments

Council to review comments and matter deferred until the April 20, 2011 meeting.

9.3 **Township of East Luther Grand Valley**9.3.1 Open House & Public Meeting - Official Plan 5 year review
Official Plan Amendment on Agricultural Severance Policies

Township Planner indicated the review is related to conformity with Growth Plan.

9.4 **Other**

Late Submission - Item # 16.4 - Matter brought forward at this time.

4. **OPA#4 - Draft Decision / Ministry Modifications (Growth Plan & Greenbelt Conformity)**

A copy was provided to Council and matter deferred to April 20, 2011 meeting, pending planning report from GlennWellings of Wellings Planning Consultants.

10. **ROAD BUSINESS**

The following matters were received and/or dealt with.

10.1 **Director of Public Works Report**

10.1.1 Report

Director Doug Price reported on various matters. All the equipment is in good working order and a new transmission is in the grader, however warranty will soon run out. Staff to contact company regarding warranty extension.

10.2 **Landfill Site**

10.2.1 Update

Open House/public information session being held April 12, 2011 by proponents of soil reconditioning facility, and information to be provided to council accordingly. Council members to be in attendance, though Mayor MacIver will be away for that date.

10.3 **Dust Control Tenders (Decision)**

Resolution # 6

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

Resolved that Council do hereby award dust control tender to Pollard Highway Products, in the amount of \$263.45 per F.E. tonne plus applicable taxes, to supply and apply dust control to the Township roads, for approximately 150 flake tonnes, for half (½) Township;

And Further award dust control tender to Da-Lee Dust Control Products, in the amount of \$325.93 per F.E. tonne plus applicable taxes, to supply and apply dust control to Township roads, for approximately 150 flake tonnes, for half (½) Township. **Carried.**

10.4 **Other**

Late Submission # 16.1 & 16.2 - Matters brought forward at this time.

1. **County of Dufferin Public Works - 2011 Capital Projects**
2. **Amaranth Soil Management Facility - Media Information**

Received as information.

11. **PLANNING**

The following matters were received and/or dealt with:

11.1 **Development Updates**

Township Planner noted 2nd Public Meeting for Centurian Homes April 20/11.

11.2 **Township of Melancthon**

11.2.1 Resolution re: The Highland Companies Application under the Aggregate Resources Act

- 11.2.2 The Highland Companies - News Release - Response to job and supplier applications, distributes economic opportunity contact information
- 11.3 **Site Selection Meetings** - U.S. Company - Report
- Township Planner and EDC Chair, Councillor Aultman updated Council on recent site selection meetings that they attended with consultant, to review potential of lands located in Amaranth.
- 11.4 **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 Resolution - Waste Management for Collection of Services & Report dated February 24/11
- 13.1.2 Amendment to By-law 2007-14 - Building Dept. Fees & By-law 2011-19
- 13.1.3 Resolution re: Offer of land donation (Gil Boland)
- 13.2 **Town of Caledon**
- 13.2.1 POA cheque for February 2011
- 13.2 **Amaranth Building Committee**
- 13.2.1 Update
- 13.4 **Amaranth Economic Development Committee (EDC)**
- 13.4.1 Update
- 13.4.2 Minutes of Meeting - March 15/11
- 13.4.3 Amaranth EDC Breakfast - Friday, April 15/11 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Amaranth Recreation Hall - 6th Line & County Road 10
- Councillor Aultman reported on the farmers market and grant monies for promotional material.
- 13.5 **Police Services Board**
- 13.5.1 Amaranth PSB - Year 2010 Reconciled Contract Policing Costs - OPP
- 13.6 **Shelburne Public Library**
- 13.6.1 Board Meeting Minutes - February 15/11
- 13.6.2 Board Budget Meeting Minutes - March 8/11
- 13.6.3 Motion - Paving library parking lot & sharing cost
- Parking lot paving and the 2011 budget be deferred until next meeting of Council on April 20, 2011.
- 13.7 **Orangeville Fire Department**
- 13.7.1 2010 Year End Report
- 13.7.2 Orangeville Fire Advisory Committee

13.8 **Grand Valley & District Fire Board**
13.8.1 2011 Budget

Councillor Aultman reviewed budget, and discussion led to the following resolution.

Resolution # 7

Moved by J.Aultman - Seconded by B. Besley

Resolved that the Council do hereby support the Grand Valley & District Fire Board operating budget for 2011 in the amount of \$381,500.00; Amaranth's share of the operation budget being \$80,305.00 and reserve budget being \$20,125.00 for a total of \$100,430.00. **Carried.**

13.9 **Grand Valley & District Community Centre**
13.9.1 2011 Budget & Resolution

Councillor Aultman reviewed budget, and discussion led to the following resolution.

Resolution # 8

Moved by H. Foster - Seconded by W. Kolodziechuk

Resolved that Council do hereby support the Grand Valley & District Community Centre 2011 budget in the amount of \$381,684.00; Amaranth's share being \$48,623.15. **Carried.**

13.10 **Grand Valley & District Medical & Dental Board**
13.10.1 Minutes of Meeting - March 7/11

13.11 **Upper Grand Watershed Committee**
13.11.1 Minutes - February 24/11

13.12 **Grand River Conservation Authority**
13.12.1 General Membership/Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - March 10/11
13.12.2 GRCA Appointments for Member - Resolution from Township of Melancthon, Township of Southgate, Township of East Garafraxa, Township of East Luther Grand Valley and Township of Amaranth
13.12.3 GRCA Group 1 Member Appointment Meeting - Agenda, Tuesday, April 5/11 @ 2:00 p.m. by conference call

CAO Susan Stone reported that Tom Nevills has been appointed as representative to the Grand River Conservation Authority, pursuant to appointment process administered by GRCA..

13.13 **Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority**
13.13.1 NVCA Highlights - March 25/11

13.14 **Other**

Late Submission # 16.6 - Matter brought forward at this time.

1. **Credit Valley Conservation Authority**
CAO Susan Stone reported that Mayor MacIver has been appointed as representative to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

14. **GENERAL BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE**

All matters read, received and dealt with.

- 14.1 **Alternative Energy**
- 14.1.1 Emails from P. Crawley re:
Noise Reports - March 16/11 to March 29/11
Township of Melancthon - Resolution re: MOE to undertake third party independent study on health of residents near wind turbines
- 14.1.2 MPP Sylvia Jones - Assessment review on Concession 10, East Part Lot 14 (Thompson)
- 14.1.3 Whittington Wind Farm - Municipal Consultation Form & Draft Project Description Report
- 14.2 **Hydro One Networks**
- 14.2.1 Update on Hydro One's Bruce to Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project
- 14.3 **Dufferin Child & Family Services**
- 14.3.1 Invitation to attend upcoming workshops on child and youth mental health April 28/11, May 5/11, May 17/11, May 19/11 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 655 Riddell Road, Orangeville
- 14.4 **AMO**
- 14.4.1 2011 Federal Budget Tabled
- 14.4.2 Provincial Budget to be tabled on March 29/11
- 14.4.3 2009 OMPF Final Reconciliation Allocation & Revised Notices
- 14.5 **Other**
- Nothing at this time.
15. **BY-LAWS**
- 15.1 **Other**
16. **LATE SUBMISSIONS**
- All matters read, received and/or dealt with.
- 16.1 **County of Dufferin Public Works - 2011 Capital Projects**
Matter dealt with earlier in the meeting under Item #10.4
- 16.2 **Amaranth Soil Management Facility Inc. Media Information**
Matter dealt with earlier in the meeting under Item # 10.4
- 16.3 **Amaranth Canine Count**
The following resolution was set forth.
- Resolution # 9**
- Moved by B.Besley - Seconded by J. Aultman
- Resolved** that Council of the Township of Amaranth do hereby appoint Pando Stepanis to conduct a canine count for the Township; and that payment for his services be in the amount of \$7.00 per dog and \$0.50 per km. for mileage.
Carried.
- 16.4 **OPA # 4 - Draft Decision / Ministry Modifications (Growth Plan & Greenbelt conformity)**
- Matter dealt with earlier in the meeting under Item # 9.4
- 16.5 **Dufferin County Building Department Summary 2010**
- 16.6 **Credit Valley Conservation - Appointment**

Matter deal with earlier in the meeting under Item # 13.14

16.7 **Town of Shelburne Resolution - The Highland Companies**

16.8 **Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority - 2011 Municipal Levy**
Matter dealt with earlier under Item # 7.2

16.9 **Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex - Closed Session**
Matter dealt with later in the meeting under Item # 20.

17. **ACCOUNTS**

Nothing at this time.

18. **BUDGET**

18.1 **Preliminary Draft 2011 Budget**

Budget meeting schedule for April 13, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

19. **NEW BUSINESS**

The following were received and/or dealt with:

19.1 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

20. **CLOSED MEETING**

20.1 **Litigation or Potential Litigation**

20.2 **Advice that is subject to Solicitor-Client privilege**

20.3 **Personal matters about identifiable individual(s), including municipal or local board employees**

Resolution # 10 (approximately 5:00 p.m.)

Moved by W. Kolodziechuk - Seconded by H. Foster

Resolved that Council move into 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 municipal or local board employees.

Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. **Carried.**

Resolution # 11 (approximately 5:40 p.m.)

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by J. Aultman

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

Staff instructed in accordance with Closed Meeting discussions and the following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 12

Moved by W.. Kolodziechuk - Seconded by H. Foster

Resolved that given the late filings by Foreign Express of the documentation

received yesterday (April 5/11) Council agrees to a period of 2 weeks to allow them to provide all required final documentation prior to April 20, 2011 Council meeting. **Carried.**

21. **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

21.1 **Resolution # 13**

Moved by W. Kolodziechuk - Seconded by H. Foster

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 April 6, 2011 and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Numbered 19 -2011. **Carried.**

22. **ADJOURNMENT**

22.1 **Resolution # 14**

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by J.Aultman

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on April 13, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. for budget meeting and April 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for regular meeting, or at the call of the Mayor. **Carried.**

SUSAN M. STONE

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CLERK

HEAD OF COUNCIL