



TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

The Township of Amaranth Council met in the Council Chambers of the municipal office, Laurel, Ontario on March 23, 2011, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor (Acting Chair)	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

ABSENT:

Mayor	D. MacIver	(with notice)
Deputy-Mayor	W. Kolodziechuk	(with notice)

7:00 p.m.

1. **OPENING OF MEETING**

Councillor Aultman assumed Chair in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and called meeting to order.

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

Resolution # 1

Moved by H. Foster - Seconded by B. Besley

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

Added:

1. Grand River Conservation Authority - GRCA Member - Group 1
2. Tile Drain Loan - Concession 3, Part Lot 6 (Gordon Wayne Speers)
3. AMO - Emerging Fire Services Issues - Mandatory Retirement
4. NDACT - Highland Company Mega Quarry Application / NDACT Newsletter (dated March 2011) & Information Session - Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon @ Shelburne Legion, Shelburne
5. Memorandum from James Spratley with respect to Rezoning Application Z6-10 under agenda item # 11.3 - Planning Matters
6. Rail Line

Carried.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3.1 **Resolution # 2**

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by H. Foster

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 9, 2011

Resolution # 3

Moved by H. Foster - Seconded by B. Besley

Resolved that Council do hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 9, 2011 as circulated. **Carried.**

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Nothing at this time.

7. **DELEGATIONS**

Nothing at this time.

8. **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Nothing at this time.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matters were received and/or dealt with.

9.1 **2010 Council Remuneration & Expenses**

The following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 4

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by H. Foster

Resolved that Council Remuneration and Expenses for 2010 be adopted in accordance with the Municipal Act. **Carried.**

9.2 **Grand Valley Wind Farms Inc.**

9.2.1 Road Agreement

An amended agreement is required, therefore matter to be brought back to a future meeting of Council. Council also requested clarification with respect to transformers and setbacks, etc. Matter deferred.

9.3 **Orangeville, Mono and Amaranth Tier Three Water Budget and Local Area Risk Assessment - Update**

Tier Three meeting held earlier in day in Orangeville. Comments pending from Township Consultant. Matter deferred.

9.4 **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 Doug Price reported on various matters related to roads and equipment.

10.2 **Landfill Site**

10.2.1 Update

The brush pile at the landfill site is now gone. Also, public information meeting being held by the proposed purchasers of the landfill site on April 12, 2011 at the Amaranth Recreation Hall, and will be advertised in local newspapers accordingly.

10.3 **Tenders**

10.3.1 Gravel Hauling

10.3.2 Gravel Crushing

10.3.3 Dust Control

10.3.4 Grass Cutting

The following tenders were opened and reviewed.

Gravel Hauling - There were 4 tenders received.

Jim Brown Trucking	\$2.54 per metric tonne (taxes incl.)
Donegan's Haulage Limited	\$2.94 per metric tonne (taxes incl.)
Dalton R. Lowe and Sons Construction	\$3.33 per metric tonne (taxes incl.)
Ralph MacDonald Construction	\$2.47 per metric tonne (taxes incl.)

Resolution # 5

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by H. Foster

Resolved that Council do hereby award gravel hauling tender to MacDonald Construction in the amount of \$2.19 per metric tonne, plus applicable taxes, for the loading and hauling of approximately 60,000 metric tonnes of "A" gravel (Pit # 1 - 20,000 & Pit # 2 - 40,000) **Carried.**

Gravel Crushing - There were 3 tenders received.

Donegan's Haulage Limited	\$1.86 per metric tonne (taxes incl.)
Joe Kerr Limited	\$2.08 per metric tonne (taxes incl.)
Dalton R. Lowe and Sons Const.	\$1.96 per metric tonne (taxes inc.)

Resolution # 6

Moved by H. Foster - Seconded by B. Besley

Resolved that Council do hereby award gravel crushing tender to Donegan's Haulage in the amount of \$1.65 per metric tonne, plus applicable taxes, for the crushing of approximately 60,000 metric tonnes, crushed to 5/8 (Pit # 1 - 20,000 & Pit # 2 - 40,000) **Carried.**

Grass Cutting Tender - Only 1 tender received.

Resolution # 7

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by H. Foster

Resolved that Council do hereby award the grass cutting tender to Doug McKechnie in the amount of \$12.50 per road km. plus taxes, for the cutting of grass along township roads (approximately 225 km.) **Carried.**

Dust Control Tender - 4 tenders received.

Tenders were received from the following:

Pollard Products \$297.70 per FE tonne (taxes inc.)

Miller Paving \$366.25 per FE tonne (taxes inc.)

Da Lee Dust Control \$367.17 per FE tonne (taxes inc.)

Den Mar Brines \$395.50 per FE tonne (taxes inc.)

No decision was made. Director of Public Works to review and matter to be brought back to the next meeting of Council.

10.4 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

11. **PLANNING**

The following matters were received and/or dealt with:

11.1 **Development Updates**

Township Planner updated Council on Headwaters Racquet Club Site Plan Amendment process, and outstanding requirements with respect to the Township, Fire Department, Building Department and CVC. Matter will be brought back to Council once plans amended to address issues.

11.2 **Township of East Luther Grand Valley**

11.2.1 Notice of Open House & Public Meeting - Official Plan 5 year review
Official Plan Amendment on Agricultural Severance Policies

Township Planner indicated that a 5 year review of the ELGV Official Plan and changes to the Agricultural Severance policy has been initiated, and that a Public Open House and Public Meeting will be held on April 12, 2011 and April 26, 2011. Matter deferred pending further information.

11.3 **Rezoning Z6-10 (Alex & Tania Gilmor & James Spratley) Concession 1 East Part Lot 22, Pcl. 8**

11.3.1 To rezone front part of the property to allow a residential dwelling and an accessory building (shed) use within the currently zoned Environmental Protection

Mr. & Mrs. Gilmor were in attendance, also Mr. Spratley. Township Planner Christine Gervais provided update, stating all reports have now been submitted to the Township and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation, some as recently as March 14, 2011 and March 21, 2011, and that from her preliminary review, there appears to have been no issues identified by the engineers/consultants with respect to the house in the current location; however, she noted that all the investigation seems to focus on concerns for the Gilmor's house and property, and not on the neighbours, and that the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority still needs to review these reports and make comment, prior to any further action on this application being taken.

Mr. Spratley's addressed council on behalf of the applicants, and indicated that

their engineers and consultants have found no issues with the location of the dwelling or with the proposal, and also suggested that the flooding concerns expressed by neighbouring property owners are not related to the house or property development, but likely due to recent road works. Neighbouring property owners, Mr. and Mrs. Wiesner were in attendance and re-stated their concerns, noting that the development took place without the proper approvals from Nottawasaga Conservation Authority, or the issuance of a building permit. Matter deferred pending Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority review and comments and the following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 8

Moved by H. Foster - Seconded by B. Besley

Resolved that Rezoning Application Z6-10 - East part Lot 22, Concession 1, Parcel 8 (Alex & Tania Gilmor/James Spratley) to rezone the front part of the property to allow for a residential dwelling and accessory building (shed) within the area zoned Environmental Protection, be hereby deferred;
Subject to provision of required reports and studies to satisfaction of Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and Township prior to Council's April 20th, 2011 meeting, at which Council decision will be made. **Carried.**

11.4 **OPA # 4**
11.4.1 Request to MMAH

Township Planner, Christine Gervais reviewed staff meeting with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, at which it was learned that a final decision with respect to OPA#4 was to be issued by March 31st, 2011. However, due to outstanding matters to be addressed regarding the Township employment lands, and the Provincial Growth Plan, and the need to see the Ministry modifications prior to them being final, a written request has been forwarded to the Ministry to defer their final decision and that draft modifications be provided to the Township forthwith.

11.5 **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 Addendum to March 10/11 agenda

Councillor Besley reported on the recommendations of the Rail Line Sub-Committee to cease negotiations with Highland Farms; however, this recommendation was not accepted at General Government Services, and the sub-committee was instructed to continue with negotiations.

13.2 **Town of Caledon**

13.2.1 POA - January 2011 cheque for \$1,248.25

13.3 **Source Water Protection**

13.3.1 Lake Erie Source Protection Meeting Minutes - February 3/11

13.3.2 South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection - Information / Invitation to Workshop - May 12/11, Orillia or May 13/11 Innisfil

13.4 **Amaranth Building Committee**

13.4.1 Update

CAO stated the initial application has been submitted with respect to solar panels at the works yard shop and hope to receive reply within the next few weeks. Also, there are issues with the parking lot at the back of the municipal building which will have to be addressed, along with the repairs required to the wall. It is hoped the new blinds for the township offices will be installed next week.

13.5 **Amaranth Economic Development Committee (EDC)**

13.5.1 Update

13.5.2 Minutes - March 9/11

Councillor Aultman reported on the proposed farmers market to be held by the Township at the Municipal facility on Wednesdays, in conjunction with the Township soccer programme. The EDC meeting again tomorrow for further discussion.

13.6 **Grand Valley Sesquicentennial Committee**

13.6.1 150 Anniversary Celebration July 1st to 3rd, 2011 - Request for funding

The following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 9

Moved by H. Foster - Seconded by B. Besley

Resolved that Council do hereby support the request from the Grand Valley Sesquicentennial Committee for funding towards the Grand Valley 150th Sesquicentennial celebrations on July 3rd, 2011 in the amount of \$250.00.
Carried.

13.7. **Grand Valley Public Library**

13.7.1 Minutes - February 9, 2011

13.8 **Orangeville Fire Department**

13.8.1 Fire Services Advisory Committee Meeting - February 9/11

CAO Susan Stone reminded Council that the Orangeville Fire Board agreement expires at the end of 2011, therefore will bring this matter back to the next meeting of Council for further discussion.

13.9 **Shelburne & District Fire Department**

13.9.1 Consolidated Financial Statements - December 31/10

13.10 **Grand River Conservation Authority**

13.10.1 Minutes - March 2011

13.10.2 News Release - Scholarship / Community Conservation Projects / Nominations for GRCA Watershed Awards

13.11 **Credit Valley Conservation**

13.11.1 Minutes - February 18, 2011

13.12 **Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority**

- 13.12.1 Minutes - February 25/11
- 13.12.2 Agenda - March 25/11

13.13 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

14. **GENERAL BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE**

All matters read, received and dealt with.

14.1 **Alternative Energy**

- 14.1.1 Emails from P. Crawley re:
- 14.1.2 Noise Reports - March 1/11 - March 15/11
- 14.1.3 Turbine Noise - March 4/11
- 14.1.4 Article - "Green" Mandates
- 14.1.5 Article - Wind Turbine Syndrome
- 14.1.6 Letter of Objection to the Whittington Wind Project
- 14.1.7 Article - County Rejects Wind Energy Process
- 14.1.8 Article - Turbine Setbacks
- 14.1.9 Letter from Toby Barrett - MPP Haldimand-Norfolk - Amaranth's concerns with wind developments/News Release - Failed McGuinty Energy Experiments

14.2 **Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association**

- 14.2.1 Destination equitation receives Celebrate Ontario Funding

14.3 **Town of Orangeville**

- 14.3.1 Invitation to Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast - April 13/11, Orangeville Fair Grounds
- 14.3.2 Orangeville Sustainability Action Team - Participation in Earth Hour - March 26/11 between 8:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

14.4 **Township of Melancthon**

- 14.4.1 The Highland Companies - Proposed Quarry

CAO confirmed that the Council of the Township of Melancthon will be making a presentation to Amaranth Council on April 6, 2011 with respect to the proposed quarry.

14.5 **Municipality of Clarington**

- 14.5.1 Resolution - Proposal for a Class 3 Solar Project

14.6 **Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration**

- 14.6.1 Nomination for the Newcomer Champion Awards - deadline April 29/11

14.7 **Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs**

- 14.7.1 OSWAP - 3 Application

14.8 **Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing**

- 14.8.1 2011 Central Ontario Municipal Symposium - May 19, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Vaughan, Ontario

14.9 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

15. **BY-LAWS**

- 15.1 **Sign By-law**

A draft amended Sign Bylaw to be brought back to a future meeting of Council.

15.2 **Procedural By-law**

A draft amended Procedural Bylaw to brought back to a future meeting of Council.

15.3 **Tariff of Fees By-law**

15.3.1 Notice of Intention to Amend Tariff of Fees By-law # 24-2007, as amended

The following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 10

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by H. Foster

Resolved that leave be given to introduce a by-law to amend By-law #24-2007 as amended which provides for establishing Tariff of Fees for fire department services, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Numbered 17-2011. **Carried.**

15.4 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

16. **LATE SUBMISSIONS**

All matters read, received and/or dealt with.

16.1 **Grand River Conservation Authority - GRCA Member - Group 1**

Township Deputy-Mayor Walter Kolodziechuk to attend meeting to be called by the GRCA for the purpose of appointing a joint member to the GRCA Board for the Townships of Amaranth, East Garafraxa, East Luther Grand Valley, Melancthon and Southgate.

Credit Valley Conservation member appointment also discussed and if a member is not agreed upon to represent the Townships of Amaranth and East Garafraxa, and the Town of Mono, a similar meeting may be required.

16.2 **Tile Drain Loan - Concession 3, Part Lot 6 (Gordon Wayne Speers)**

The following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 11

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by H. Foster

Resolved that tile drainage loan application for Concession 3, Part Lot 6 (Gordon Wayne Speers) be approved, subject to the availability of funds. **Carried.**

16.3 **A.M.O. - Emerging Fire Services Issues - Mandatory Retirement**

16.4 **NDACT - Highland Company Mega Quarry Application / NDACT Newsletter (dated March 2011) & Information Session - Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon @ Shelburne Legion, Shelburne**

16.5 **Memorandum from James Spratley with respect to Rezoning Application Z6-10 under agenda item # 11.3 - Planning Matters**

Dealt with earlier in the meeting under Planning - Item # 11.3

16.6 **Rail Line**

Dealt with under Committees.

17. **ACCOUNTS**

17.1 **General Accounts**

Resolution # 12

Moved by H. Foster - Seconded by B. Besley

Resolved that General bills and accounts in the amount in the amount of \$245,934.52 for the period of February 11th, 2011 to March 16th, 2011 be approved for payment. **Carried.**

17.2 **Road Accounts**

Resolution # 13

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by H. Foster

Resolved that Road Department bills and accounts in the amount of \$110,725.93 for the period of February 11, 2011 to March 16th, 2011 be approved for payment. **Carried.**

18. **BUDGET**

18.1 CAO handed out a copy of the 2010 budget review for Council. A preliminary draft budget to be provided at the April 6th Council meeting, and budget meeting set accordingly.

19. **NEW BUSINESS**

The following were received and/or dealt with:

19.1 **Tile Drain Loan Application**

19.1.1 Concession 3, West Part Lot 11 (Sylvestre)

The following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 14

Moved by H. Foster - Seconded by B. Besley

Resolved that Tile Drainage Loan application for Concession 3, West part Lot 11 (Elena & Luc Sylvestre) be approved, subject to the availability of funds. **Carried.**

19.2 **Council Meeting Schedule**

Discussion regarding summer meeting schedule resulted in agreement that there will be regular meeting dates for the months of April, May, and June, but for the months of July, August and September, there will only be one meeting per month as follows:

July 20, 2011	(day mtg.)
August 17, 2011	(day mtg.)
September 14, 2011	(day mtg.)

Regular meeting schedule will resume October, 2011.

19.3 **Other**

Nothing at this time.

20. **CLOSED MEETING**

Nothing at this time.

21. **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

21.1 **Resolution # 15**

Moved by H. Foster - Seconded by B. Besley

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 23, 2011 and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Numbered 18 -2011. **Carried.**

22. **ADJOURNMENT** (approximately 9:10 p.m.)

22.1 **Resolution # 16**

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by H. Foster

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on April 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. for regular meeting, or at the call of the Mayor. **Carried.**

SUSAN M. STONE

CLERK

DON MACIVER

HEAD OF COUNCIL