



TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

The Township of Amaranth Council met in the Council Chambers of the municipal office, Laurel, Ontario on October 19, 2011, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT:	Mayor	D. MacIver (with notice)
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7:00 p.m.

1. **OPENING OF MEETING**

Deputy-Mayor Kolodziechuk assumed the Chair in the Mayor's absence and called meeting to order.

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

Resolution # 1

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by J. Aultman

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

Added:

1. Resolution re: Woolwich Dairy Inc. (Concession 2, West Part Lot 1, Parcel 5) - illuminated wall sign
 2. Navitus Plasma Inc. - Dufferin County proposed energy-from-waste facility - Notice of Public Information Centre for the environmental screening, Wednesday, October 26, 2011 @ Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, Shelburne, Ontario from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 3. Amaranth Recreation Hall - Rental Fee
 4. OMAFRA - Training Session on "Community Immigrant Retention in Rural Ontario (CIRRO) - November 3, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. @ Guelph City Hall, Guelph, Ontario
- Carried.**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3.1 **Resolution # 2**

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Besley

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**

5.1 Regular meeting minutes of October 5, 2011

Resolution # 3

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that Council do hereby approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 5 2011 as circulated. **Carried.**

7:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Nothing at this time.

7:15 p.m.

7. **DELEGATIONS**

7.1 **Percy Way - Township representative on the Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority**

7.1.1 NVCA Report

Mr. Way stated the NVCA will be starting budget discussions very shortly and they asked for Council's input on acceptable increase; also reported on grant money that was awarded for upgrading wells and septic systems, and further \$400,000.00. available. Further discussion resulted in Council requesting a 0% increase for 2012 budget.

As Mr. Way also represents the Township on the Grand Valley Public Library Board, he presented his report. The budget process will soon be underway and he will be suggesting a 0% increase; also discussed promoting local authors; along with the santa clause parade scheduled for the evening of November 26, 2011, the theme being "Book Worm".

Council thanked Percy Way for his reports.

8:00 p.m.

8. **PUBLIC MEETING**

Resolution # 4

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by H. Foster

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

1. Rezoning Application Z2-11 & Consent B7-11 Van der Pas (Owner) & Weston Consulting Group Inc.c/o Alan Young (Applicant) West Part Lot 6, Concession 10
Proposed Rezoning: to prohibit the use of any existing buildings for the purpose of housing livestock
Proposed Severance: for the creation of a new lot for an agriculture-related commercial use. **Carried.**

8.1 **Rezoning Application Z2-11 & Consent B7-11 Van der Pas (Owner) & Weston Consulting Group Inc. c/o Alan Young (Applicant). West Part Lot 6,**

Concession 10

Proposed Rezoning: to prohibit the use of any existing buildings for the purpose of housing livestock

Proposed Severance: for the creation of a new lot for an agriculture-related commercial use

Mr. Van der Pas (Owner), was in attendance. Also Mr. Alan Young, Weston Consulting Group Inc., Mr. Joost Heersche, Huber & Heersche, Mr. Sean Colville, Colville Consulting Inc. and Mr. Lee Hill, Sutton Group-Professional Realty Inc., all representing the applicant.

Township Planner Christine Gervais presented application for proposed rezoning to prohibit the use of any existing buildings for the purpose of housing livestock and proposed severance for the creation of a new lot for an agriculture-related commercial use, noting that originally the applicant had also applied for an Official Plan Amendment, for which a consultation meeting had been held with the proponents, the municipality, and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. However, the Application for an Official Plan Amendment has since been withdrawn, and the rationale provided by the applicant's solicitor, Mr. Heersche, indicates they no longer require an Official Plan Amendment as the consent can be justified as a farm consolidation. Ms. Gervais feels however, that this is not consistent with the application that was circulated, and based on the application before Council and the public, an Official Plan Amendment is still required, and if the applicant wishes to proceed with a farm consolidation, he would need to re-apply with a new consent application. Ms. Gervais continued with power point presentation of the consent applications, showing the proposed severance and site conditions, noting that the Official Plan designation of the subject land is Agricultural and the zoning under Zoning By-law 2-2009 is also Agricultural and Agricultural Exception Sixty-Seven.

Comments:

No written comments have been received as yet.

Joost Heersche, Solicitor for Mr. Van Der Pas, addressed Council and introduced those representing the applicant, as well as prospective purchasers, the McPhersons, being multi-generational farmers, who own other lands in the area. Mr. Heersche feels the Ministry fully supported a farm consolidation application and that the application can be treated as such without reapplying, and that they meet all the requirements of the Official Plan and the intent of the Official Plan, and that it is open to Council to take a liberal interpretation of the Township Official Plan and Provincial Policy Statement, noting tax benefits to the municipality.

Alan Young, Planner for Mr. Van der Pas, also addressed Council stating from the outset this application was for a farm consolidation; however did consider the section of the Official Plan regarding no severances of secondary dwellings and therefore submitted an Official Plan Amendment. However, on further review, they feel it was unnecessary and have withdrawn the application for amendment, as they feel the application meets the intent of the Official Plan, and that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs encouraged them to treat this as a farm consolidation. He did note that the Ministry's main concern was related to the secondary dwelling, which they suggested should be removed or converted to a non-residential use; however, the applicant does not wish to comply with this suggestion, and they feel that the secondary dwelling is not addressed by the Provincial Policy Statement.

Members of the public in attendance made comment.

Scott McPherson, prospective purchaser of the farmland, stated that his family have farmed and owned property in the area for generations, and are interested in purchasing this property in order to add it to their existing farm operation.

Discussion included exiting severance from the north/west corner of property, location of barn, MDS calculations, and opportunity for another severance if this is a farm consolidation and the secondary dwelling becomes a principal dwelling.

There were no other members of the public in attendance to support or oppose the application.

Council thanked everyone for attending and matter be brought back to the November 2nd, 2011 meeting.

Resolution # 7

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Besley

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

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matters were received and/or dealt with.

9.1 **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:

Acting Director of Public Works Ben Ryzebol reported on various matters pertaining to the road department.

Cement contractor to come Friday to pour cement for shop floor; all plough harnesses are ready to go, shop cleaned, gravel from back of shop to be utilized at landfill site; grading is ongoing; gravel being applied to the 10th Line; speed and stop signs are ordered for the Mono-Amaranth Townline; and advertisement for part-time staff has been placed.

10.2 **Landfill Site**

10.2.1 Update

Issue with office door to be addressed.

10.3 **Tire Quotes**

Four (4) quotations were received and opened from the following:

McKee Tire

Wellington North Tire Sales

Deckers Tire Service

Fred's Tire Discount Auto Centre

The following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 6

Moved by H. Foster - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that Council do hereby accept quotation for four (4) Michelin Snow Plus tires for Grader 59, from McKee Tire, in the amount of \$ 7,962.64 plus HST. **Carried.**

10.6 **Other**

Locates being obtained for installation of stop signs in Waldemar and on Mono

Amaranth Townline. Staff following up on installation of flashing light at 30 Sideroad/Mono Amaranth Townline intersection by developer.

11. **PLANNING**

The following matters were received and/or dealt with:

11.1 **Development Updates**

Ms. Gervais, Township Planner discussed site plan application and rezoning for proposed sport water park, noting that it appears a building permit is not required for the tower bases, however, municipal approval is required. Also, towers to be powered by a generator and may require Ministry of the Environment approval. Township Engineer's comments have been received and will be provided to applicant, along with planning staff comments. Discussion ensued regarding the Business Plan presented by the applicant, and provided to Council at their last meeting. It was noted that the Business Plan does not project customer base, there was no mention of start or end date for activities, no parking or traffic study, and matters such as lighting, noise, washroom facilities, signage, promotions, and special events have not been addressed.

Therefore, Council are not satisfied with proposal and Township Planner to forward comments and concerns to the applicants accordingly.

Also discussed were Foreign Express plans which are being reviewed; Centurian Homes, which is awaiting Draft Approval by the Ministry, and enquiries by prospective developer of the Acchione lands located in Waldemar, for which servicing discussions needed with the Ministry.

11.2 **Rezoning Z6-10 & Site Plan Application SPA5-10 (Gilmor/Spratley) Concession 1, Lot 22**

11.2.1 To rezone front part of property to allow a residential dwelling and accessory building uses within the area currently zoned Environmental Protection

Matter continues to be deferred, pending outcome of appeal process with NVCA.

11.3 **Other**

Late Submission # 16.1 - Resolution re: Woolwich Dairy Inc. (Concession 2, West Part Lot 1, Parcel 5)

To increase size of wall sign that was previously approved by Council.

The following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 7

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by H. Foster

Resolved that notwithstanding resolution passed September 14, 2011, with respect to an illuminated wall sign for Woolwich Dairy Inc. (Concession 2, West Part Lot 1, Parcel 5), an illuminated wall sign of 18.36 square metres is hereby approved. **Carried.**

Township Sign By-law was also discussed. Amendments are being reviewed and discussion ensued regarding the use of portable signs as permanent signage. Matter to be reviewed in conjunction with other amendments to be made to Sign Bylaw.

Planning Approval Authority discussed and Council in favour of applying to the Ministry jointly with the Township of East Garafraxa for Planning Approval Authority, and staff instructed to contact Township Solicitor accordingly.

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 County of Dufferin Community Services - Invitation to the Building Blocks Forum - Monday, November 14/11 @ Horizons Event Centre, Mono Plaza

13.1.2 County of Dufferin Committee of the Whole - October 13, 2011 & Council Agenda - October 13, 2011

13.2 **Source Water Protection**

13.2.1 Notice of Pre-Consultation - Draft Policy Document

Comments due back by January 13, 2012. Staff will report back to council accordingly.

13.3 **Amaranth Building Committee**

13.3.1 Update

Councillor Besley reported that a tour of the public works shop identified various issues to be addressed, also suggestion that there be a Fall and Spring road tour. Office and administration building were also discussed, as well as picnic shelter, and matters that will need to be addressed in the 2012 budget.

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

13.4.1 Update

13.4.2 Dufferin. Biz Overview: Year 1 and 2

13.4.3 Snap Dufferin - Note of Thanks

Councillor Aultman reported the wrap-up dinner for the farmer's market vendors went well, with approximately 33 in attendance, noting that vendors were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. A note of thanks was also received from SNAP Dufferin. An overview of Dufferin.Biz was given.

The next meeting of the EDC will be in November 2011, where egg grading station will be on the agenda. It was also noted that the equine industry are looking for a representative for the Greater Dufferin Chamber of Commerce Economic Development initiative, and it was suggested that Councillor Foster be considered.

Councillor Aultman will be attending the Orangeville EDC Breakfast tomorrow, along with a tour of the Blue Mountain Plastics with Deputy-Mayor Kolodziechuk.

Councillor Besley noted that the Food Stock event last Sunday in Melancthon was a big success, and brought awareness and focus on agriculture.

Staff to send letter of congratulations to the organizers of the event.

Councillor Foster reported on the DFA Food Road Map Committee being formed and Mark Ostrowski to bring information to the next EDC meeting.

13.5 **Amaranth Police Services Board**

The Joint Police Services Board meeting, hosted by the East Luther Grand Valley Police Services Board, is set for October 21, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Valley Community Centre. Mayor MacIver and Deputy Clerk Cathy Doherty, Secretary of the Amaranth PSB, to attend.

13.6 **Grand Valley Community Centre**

13.6.21 Santa Clause Parade Committee - Request donation

The following resolution was set forth.

Resolution # 8

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by J.Aultman

Resolved that Council do hereby support the request by the Grand Valley Community Centre Santa Clause Parade Committee for financial support in the amount of \$100.00. **Carried.**

13.7 **Grand Valley Agricultural Society**

13.7.1 Certificate of Appreciation for Amaranth's Support of Fall Fair

13.8 **Grand Valley Public Library**

13.8.1 Minutes of October 12, September 14, June 8, May 11/11 & Operating Budget 2011

13.9 **Shelburne & District Fire Board**

13.9.1 2010 Annual Report

13.9.2 Township of Melancthon - Motion of support re: Steering Committee & new fire truck and fire hall extension

13.10 **Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority**

13..10.1 E-Newsletter - October 2011

13.11 **Grand River Conservation Authority**

13.11.1 Minutes of Meeting - September 23/11

13.12 **Other**

Emergency Management Mandatory Annual Exercise

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer reported on exercise which was held on October 18, 2011.

14. **GENERAL BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE**

All matters read, received and dealt with.

14.1 **Alternative Energy**

14.1.1 Stantec Consulting / wpd Canada - Whittington Wind Project - Final Notice of Public Meeting regarding Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project for December 13/11 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Amaranth Recreation Hall, 374028 6th Line, Amaranth Township

14.1.2 wpd Canada - wind articles (Oct. 2-10)

14.1.3 Township of Melancthon - Resolution re: cap on number of industrial wind turbines that any one municipality can have constructed

New draft reports have been received from wpd Canada and will be reviewed by staff and Township Engineer, and discussed with Council prior to next Public Meeting to be held December 13, 2011.

Township of Melancthon resolution with respect to cap on industrial wind turbines, to be supported at the next meeting of Council.

- 14.2 **Township of Mulmur**
 14.2.1 Resolution - Support of DFA re: trespass damage from recreational vehicles
- 14.3 **Greenbelt Foundation**
 14.3.1 Global Greenbelts Conference - Overview & Proceedings
- 14.4 **OPP Crime Stoppers**
 14.4.1 13th Annual Gala Dinner & Silent Auction - November 5, 2011 at Nottawasaga Resort, Alliston
- 14.5 **Orangeville Chorus - Sweet Adeline International**
 14.5.1 Request for donation to assist in competition in Denver
- 14.6 **Workforce Planning Board**
 14.6 Workforce Focus - September 2011
- 14.7 **A.M.O**
 14.7.1 Watch File - October 13, 2 011
- 14.8 **Other**

 Nothing at this time.
15. **BY-LAWS**
- 15.1 **Tile Drainage By-law 58-2011**

Resolution # 9

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that leave be given to introduce a by-law in respect of which money is borrowed under the Tile Drainage Act imposing special annual drainage rates upon certain lands; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Numbered 58-2011. **Carried.**
- 15.2 **Road Widening By-law**
 15.2.1 Concession 1, East Half Lot 25 (Angus)

Resolution # 10

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by H. Foster

Resolved that leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the acquisition of land for road widening purposes, being East Half Lot 25, Concession 1, more particularly described as Part 3, Registered Plan 7R-6045; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Numbered 59-2011. **Carried.**
- 15.3 **Other**

Councillor Besley declared pecuniary interest under Item # 15.3 - By-laws
Other re:
By-law # 60-2011 Road Widening - Part Lot 31, Concession 3, and vacated his seat and the council chambers.

- 15.3.1 **Road Widening By-law**
Concession 3, Part Lot 31

Resolution # 11

Moved by H. Foster - 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 31, Concession 3, more particularly described as Part 3, Registered Plan 7R-6023; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Numbered 60-2011. **Carried.**

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

16. **LATE SUBMISSIONS**

All matters read, received and/or dealt with.

- 16.1 **Resolution re: Woolwich Dairy Inc.** (Concession 2, West Part Lot 1, Parcel 5)
16.1.1 Illuminated wall sign

Dealt with under Planning Item # 11.3 - Other

- 16.2 **Navitus Plasma Inc. Dufferin County Proposed Energy-from-Waste Facility**
16.2.1 Notice of Public Information Centre for the environmental screening -
Wednesday, October 26, 2011 @ Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex,
Shelburne, Ont. from 4:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m.

- 16.3 **Amaranth Recreation Hall**
16.3.1 Rental Fee

Request for reduced rental rate discussed and declined.

- 16.4 **OMAFRA**
16.4.1 Training session on "Community Immigrant Retention in Rural Ontario"
(CIRRO) November 3, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. @ Guelph City Hall,
Guelph, Ont.

Councillor Aultman will be attending. Staff to send information to both Mark Ostrowski and Winston Uytenbogaart, EDC members.

17. **ACCOUNTS**

- 17.1 **General Accounts**

Resolution # 12

Moved by H. Foster - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that General bills and accounts in the amount of \$ 973,019.99 for period of September 10, 2011 to October 14, 2011 be approved for payment. **Carried.**

- 17.2 **Road Accounts**

Resolution # 13

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Besley

Resolved that Road Department bills and accounts in the amount of \$ 165,187.07 for the period of September 10, 2011 to October 14, 2011 be approved for payment. **Carried.**

17.3 **Recreation Accounts**

Nothing at this time.

18. **BUDGET**

Nothing at this time.

19. **NEW BUSINESS**

The following were received and/or dealt with:

19.1 **Run Dufferin**

19.1.1 Chase the Tornado 10k Run - Sunday, May 27, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Staff to send letter advising that same conditions as last year with respect to the event to apply.

19.2 **Other**

Bulletin Board in Waldemar has been erected and in use.

Councillor Foster declared pecuniary interest under Closed Meeting - Item # 20.1 Personal Matters, and vacated her seat and left the meeting when matter raised in Closed Meeting.

20. **CLOSED MEETING**

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

20.2 **A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board**

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

Resolution # 14 (approximately 9:50 p.m.)

Moved by H. Foster - 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 municipal or local board employees.

A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

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

Resolution # 15 (approximately 10:20 p.m.)

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Besley

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

Staff instructed in accordance with Closed Meeting discussions..

21. **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

21.1 **Resolution # 16**

Moved by J. Aultman - 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 October 19, 2011 and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and Numbered 61-2011.

Carried.

22. **ADJOURNMENT**

22.1 **Resolution # 17** (approximately 10.25 p.m.)

Moved by B. Besley - Seconded by J. Aultman

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on November 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting of Council, or at the call of the Mayor. **Carried.**

CLERK

HEAD OF COUNCIL