

## **EAST GARAFRAXA TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES**

**September 23,2008**

The Council of the Township of East Garafraxa held their regular meeting of Council in the Administration Office, Laurel, Ontario on September 23,2008 at 2:00 p.m. Councillors Fran Pinkney, Tom Nevills, and Deputy Mayor Guy Gardhouse were in attendance. Councillor Boynton was absent with notice, and Mayor Taylor arrived late, with notice. Susan M. Stone, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer; Christine Gervais, Planner and Dave Menary, Director of Public Works were also in attendance.

### **OPENING OF MEETING**

Deputy Mayor Gardhouse assumed the chair in the Mayor's absence and brought the meeting to order.

### **1 AGENDA**

- 1.1 Added Items to agenda by motion:
  - 1.1.1 Property Matter - Brookhaven Crescent (Closed session)
  - 1.1.2 Town of Halton Hills resolution re Communications with Premier
  - 1.1.3 City of Owen Sound resolution re Tax Exemption for Police Services
  - 1.1.4 Sam Greenwood - 2:30 p.m. Delegation
- 1.2 Approval of Agenda as amended.

### **2 MINUTES**

- 2.1 Council Minutes of September 9, 2008 approved as circulated.
- 2.2 Business arising from minutes:
  - 2.2.1 Update provided on status of water system for the Marsville Hall. Also, painting of doors and trim discussed.

### **3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST WITH REASONS**

Can be declared at any time during the meeting. None declared at this time.

### **4 DELEGATIONS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- 4.1 2:30 p.m. Sam Greenwood attended to discuss the extension of the 18<sup>th</sup> Line to the north to accommodate entrance for new house at north end of his property. Mr. Greenwood indicated concerns with respect to some of the terms of the agreement to be entered into in order that construction can occur. Discussion ensued, and staff instructed to make amendments to the agreement, and matter to be brought back to the next meeting of Council.
- 4.2 3:00 p.m. Sue Snider attended on behalf of the Dufferin Accessibility Committee to provide input on the draft Township Accessibility Plan. She visited the Marsville Community Hall and found that the building is not accessible to the public re stairs, washrooms, difficulties for sight impaired, etc; therefore would not be appropriate for council meetings to be held there, as they must be open to all sectors of the public and access should not be restricted. Discussion ensued regarding use of the facility for limited meetings for specific purposes that non-accessibility could be noted. Request for Dufferin Accessibility to conduct a full audit of Marsville Community Hall. Input from the Building Department will be required. Township Accessibility Plan deferred pending audit report.

## **5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following was received/dealt with:

- 5.1 Visioning Exercise September 24, 2008
  - 5.1.1 Workshop Guide - Developing a Growth Vision
  - 5.1.2 Growth Visioning Session
- 5.2 Utilities Study - Update (Public Meeting Oct. 28/08) - amendments to be made pursuant to comments from Township Solicitor and staff.
- 5.3 Town of Milton Deposit/return system on aluminum and plastic drink containers (10.8.1) - motion passed.
- 5.4 Town of Owen Sound exemption of Provincial Sales Tax (10.9) - motion passed.
- 5.5 Building Canada Fund-Communities Component - defer until next council meeting.
  - 5.5.1 AMO Alert 08/040 Application Site
  - 5.5.2 Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs
  - 5.5.3 Infrastructure Canada - no details yet on criteria re spending and reporting.
- 5.6 Hydro One Bruce to Milton Reinforcement
  - 5.6.1 Draft Environmental Assessment
  - 5.6.2 Public Information Sessions October 9, 2008
- 5.7 Marsville Hall update - CAO reported that water treatment system now in place, and Hall can now be re-opened to the public. Phone, internet, and photocopier costs still pending. Hall sign to be replaced, also "Welcome to East Garafraxa" signs to be considered.
- 5.8 Other - Nothing at this time.

Mayor Taylor arrived at 4:55 p.m. and assumed the Chair.

## **6 COUNTY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

The following were received:

- 6.1 Press Release - John Oosterhof, Chair of Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus
- 6.2 Council in Brief September 11, 2008
- 6.3 Annual Emergency Management Training and Exercise Event October 21, 2008
- 6.4 Broadband Phase 2 Update
- 6.5 Other - Mayor Taylor reported on County compost programme. Discussion regarding Emergency Management Communications Officer.

## **7 COMMITTEES**

The following were received and/or dealt with:

- 7.1 Dufferin Headwaters Pilot Project Final Report
- 7.2 Town of Caledon - July 2008 POA Revenue
- 7.3 Dufferin Municipal Officers Association Minutes August 14, 1008; June 20, 2008
  - 7.3.1 Town of Mono resolution re Tax Phase In program
  - 7.3.2 Township of Amaranth resolution re Tax Phase In program
- 7.4 Grand Valley and District Community Centre Minutes September 8, 2008
- 7.5 CVC - Rae Horst, request for environmental funding from Province and Federal Government
- 7.6 Town of Erin; John Brennan - acknowledgment to Rae Horst
- 7.7 GRCA - POLIS Presentation
- 7.8 GRCA Minutes September 2008
- 7.9 Grand River Conservation Authority - Lake Erie Region Source Protection Terms of Reference
- 7.10 Other - Nothing at this time.

**8 ROADS DEPARTMENT:**

The following were received and/or dealt with:

- 8.1 Bridge Update - Plaques - Both COMRIF plaque and Township plaque to be placed on Bridge 9
- 8.2 18<sup>th</sup> Line agreement re Road Construction - dealt with under Delegations.
- 8.3 Other - Nothing at this time.

**9 PLANNING AND BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT MATTERS:**

The following matters were received and/or dealt with:

- 9.1 OMB Decision re Grand Valley Wind Farms
- 9.2 Consent application B2/08 - Vizi - Decision - Letter of withdrawal received. Consent denied. Applicants have re-applied.
- 9.3 Township of East Luther Grand Valley Notice of Passing of a Zoning By-Law re MDS reduction
- 9.4 Ministry of Municipal Affairs re Robinson Business Park
- 9.5 Notice of Commencement of Environmental Screening and Public Open House - Sept.25/08
- 9.6 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Growing the Greenbelt
- 9.7 Other - Councillor Nevills discussed Polis presentation, and suggested consideration should be given when reviewing subdivisions.

**10 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following were received and/or dealt with:

- 10.1 Ministry of Natural Resources - Strategy for Preventing and Managing Human-Wildlife Conflicts
- 10.2 Ministry of Environment - Amendment to Marsville Water Supply C of A
- 10.3 Resolutions other Municipalities:
  - 10.3.1 Town of Innisfil - Ontario Energy Board Order
  - 10.3.2 Township of Elizabeth Kitley/City of Brockville Payment in Lieu agreement
  - 10.3.3 City of Orillia - Continued Use of Coal Generation in Ontario
  - 10.3.4 Town of Fort Erie - Hospital Improvement Plan/Health Care System
- 10.4 Centre for Business and Economic Development - Invitation Oct. 2/08
- 10.5 Other - nothing at this time.

**11 BILLS AND ACCOUNTS**

- 11.1 Roads and General
- 11.2 Other

**12 BY-LAWS**

The following by-laws were adopted:

- 12.1 Confirming By-Law
- 12.2 Others

**13 LEGAL, PROPERTY and PERSONNEL**

- 13.1 Closed Session - Report Concession 12, West Part Lot 20
- 13.2 Other - Orton Park update; Grand Valley Medical Dental Centre property update; Wellington Dufferin Guelph Health Board staff negotiations update.

Closed session held and staff instructed accordingly.

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

14.1 Other - nothing at this time.

**15 BULLETINS AND INFORMATION**

The following were received:

15.1 AMO

15.1.1 Alert 08/038 Federal Gas Tax and Federal Public Transit Fund

15.1.2 Alert 08/039 Federal Gas Tax Communications Process

15.1.3 FYI 08-013 Local Government October 19-25th, 2008

15.2 Other - nothing at this time.

**16 ADJOURNMENT**

16.1 Council adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**MOVED BY NEVILLS, SECONDED BY PINKNEY**

THAT the agenda be amended by adding the following:

- 1. Property Matter - Brookhaven Crescent (Closed Session)
- 2. Town of Halton Hills resolution re communications with Premier
- 3. City of Owen Sound resolution re Tax exemption for Police Services
- 4. Sam Greenwood - 2:30 Delegation

**CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY PINKNEY, SECONDED BY NEVILLS**

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY PINKEY, SECONDED BY NEVILLS**

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held September 9, 2008 be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY GARDHOUSE, SECONDED BY PINKNEY**

THAT Council of the Township of East Garafraxa support the motion of the Council of the Corporation of the city of Owen Sound with respect to their request for exemption of Provincial Sales Tax. **CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY GARDHOUSE, SECONDED BY PINKNEY**

THAT Council of the Township of East Garafraxa support the motion of the Council of the corporation of the Town of Milton with respect to the deposit/return system on aluminum and plastic drink containers.

**CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY NEVILLS, SECONDED BY PINKNEY**

THAT Council of the Township of East Garafraxa support the motion of the Town of Halton Hills with respect to authorizing communication with Premier Dalton McGuinty and the Attorney General to request appointment of persons to conduct a Provincial Public inquiry into the challenges facing municipalities from implementation of Provincial Growth legislation. **CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY NEVILLS, SECONDED BY GARDHOUSE**

THAT Council of the Township of East Garafraxa support the motion of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound with respect to their endorsement of resolution 2008-03 from the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police regarding the exemption of sales tax for Ontario Police Service purchases. **CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY NEVILLS, SECONDED BY PINKNEY**

THAT Consent Application B2/08 by Tibor and Jolan Vizi for consent to sever approximately 1.48 hectares from East Part Lot 5, Concession 17 be denied; Reasons: Does not meet Official Plan Policies.

**MOVED BY NEVILLS, SECONDED BY PINKNEY**

THAT Bills and Accounts in the amount of:

Roads \$237,782.97

General \$699,356.70 be paid.

**CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY NEVILLS, SECONDED BY GARDHOUSE**

Council do now enter closed session for the following reasons:

Security of the property of the Municipality or Local Board; Personal Matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or Local Board Employees; Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Municipality or local board; Labour relations or Employee Negotiations; Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before Administrative Tribunals affecting the Municipality or Local Board. **CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY GARDHOUSE, SECONDED BY PINKNEY**

THAT Council now rise and report from Closed Session and resume regular business.

**CARRIED.**

Staff instructed accordingly pursuant to Closed Session.

**MOVED BY NEVILLS, SECONDED BY PINKNEY**

THAT leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the September 23,2008 regular meeting of the Council of the Township of East Garafraxa and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 33-2008. **CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY PINKNEY, SECONDED BY NEVILLS**

THAT Council now adjourn to meet again October 14, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Administration Offices, Laurel ON or at the call of the Mayor. **CARRIED.**

*Allen Taylor*

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HEAD OF COUNCIL

*Susan M. Stone*

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CLERK