

The Council of the Township of East Garafraxa held a Special Meeting of Council in the Marsville Community Hall, on January 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Councillors Fran Pinkney, Tom Nevills, Allan Boynton and Deputy Mayor Guy Gardhouse were in attendance, with Mayor Allen Taylor presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct an additional public meeting to receive further comments regarding the Utilities and Renewable Energy Policies which the Council is considering. Susan M. Stone, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Christine Gervais, Planner, Karen Canivet, Deputy-Clerk, Township Planning Advisory Committee members Neil Hoogendoorn and John Kerr, and Tim Cane of Jones Consulting Group, were also in attendance. There were approximately 30 public in the gallery.

**OPENING OF MEETING**

Mayor Taylor brought the meeting to order.

**1 AGENDA**

Motion to approve.

**2 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST WITH REASONS**

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

**3 DELEGATIONS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS****3.1 Tim Cane, Jones Consulting Group, Utilities and Renewable Energy Policies**

Tim Cane of Jones Consulting Group conducted a power point presentation, reviewing draft policies and summary of public comments received at previous Public Meeting, noting that it is Council's intention to pass the final policies on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

All comments were considered and amendments made if appropriate.

Issues such as underground power lines, moratorium, de-commissioning, future meetings, setbacks, health and safety, hydrogeological requirements and spill/contamination protocols were all addressed.

Hydro One concerns also acknowledged, and natural heritage, including birds and swans, have been addressed by requirement for extra reports; also, a requirement for hydrogeological report has been added.

The next step is to prepare final policies for adoption, which is scheduled for the January 27, 2009 Council meeting, and forward to MMAH for approval.

Members of the public commented on various issues and concerns, and Mr. Cane responded accordingly:

John Black (Dufferin Road 5) - aerodrome set backs - already addressed in policies.

Julian Vines (Belwood) - application process on overall Township basis vs site specific - applications to be looked at as whole project, but applications filed on per property basis, and fees and deposits utilized for peer review by the Township

Carol Davison (Orton) - reinstatement to original condition and timing of that - would be within de-commissioning plan approved by the Township

Trevor Wilson (11<sup>th</sup> Line) - questioned if Trans Canada applications received - no

Jim Davison (Orton) - questioned if RFP for Trans Canada approved - not aware

Doug Gear - transmission lines - underground - what would OMB rule - not an OMB matter

Grant Evans (Orton) - wants to see actual wording but overall pleased with process to date

Julian Vines (Belwood) - de-commissioning still a concern

Russ Hartley (Orton) - agrees with Julian Vines

Gail Hartely (Orton) - OMB concerns

Barb Evans (Orton) - OMB concerns as well

Barb Ashbee (Amaranth) - closest turbine to her property is 450 m. away and due to noise, is causing sleepless nights

Carol Davison (Orton) - wind concerns coalition website should be looked at

Barb Ashbee (Amaranth) - Amaranth resident Helen Fraser has been on W5 speaking out on turbine issues

Trevor Wilson (11<sup>th</sup> Line) - W5 session indicated the distance from turbines in Europe were 800 metres - it was noted that under Ontario MOE guidelines distance requirements are set for 40 db, but new guidelines may impose further distance requirements, and 450m. is minimum in proposed policies, suggested involvement of local MPP

Russ Hartley (Orton) - Agreed that MPP Sylvia Jones should take more interest

Barb Ashbee (Amaranth) - has contacted the Province, requesting that one turbine be shut down 6 hours per night

Peter Grimley (11<sup>th</sup> Line) - tried to focus on matter globally, however has found no justification for wind energy

Mayor Taylor indicated Council's intention of writing to the Province requesting a moratorium with copies of correspondence, and suggested that the public write as well.

Mayor Taylor also cautioned the public that the Province is bringing in the Green Energy Act, which is supposed to streamline the process and in doing so, may eliminate municipal approval.

Outcome of the meeting is as follows:  
Look further into the setbacks, especially noise  
Removal of foundation, de-commissioning  
OPA and/or Zoning By-law process - for all types

Planning Advisory Committee member John Kerr commented that de-commissioning security needs to be based on specific project costs.  
Grant Evans (Orton) - next municipal election do not vote in someone who has an option on a windmill  
Peter Grimley (11<sup>th</sup> Line) - complimented Council on the process, noting that the key issue is moratorium

Council thanked everyone for attending, and indicated that it is their intention to adopt policies at January 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**MOVED BY GARDHOUSE, SECONDED BY NEVILLS**

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY GARDHOUSE, SECONDED BY PINKNEY**

THAT leave be given to introduce a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the January 13, 2009 special meeting of the Council of the Township of East Garafraxa and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 4-2009.

**CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY PINKNEY, SECONDED BY GARDHOUSE**

THAT Council now adjourn to meet again January 27, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Marsville Hall 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