

The Council of the Township of East Garafraxa held their regular meeting of council at the Administration Office, Laurel ON at 2:00 p.m. on May 11, 2010. Councillors Tom Nevills, Allan Boynton, Fran Pinkney and Deputy Mayor Guy Gardhouse were in attendance, with Mayor Allen Taylor presiding. Karen Canivet, Deputy-Clerk; and David Menary, Director of Public Works were also in attendance.

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

1 AGENDA

1.1 Added items: The following were received and/or dealt with:

- 1.1.1 County of Dufferin - Trip to Madison PA June 16 to tour facility being arranged. Council will respond directly if available to attend.
- 1.1.2 County of Dufferin News Release - 25th Anniversary of Grand Valley Tornado
- 1.1.3 OPA - Agricultural Land Restrictions for Solar PV - dealt with under Planning
- 1.1.4 Wind Turbines and Health: A Review of Evidence from Ontario's Public Health Agency report was provided by Mayor Taylor. Report notes that health concerns are valid and must be addressed. Motion regarding Province conducting studies carried.

2 MINUTES

- 2.1 Council Minutes April 27, 2010 approved as circulated.
- 2.2 Business Arising from Minutes - none at this time.

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST WITH REASONS

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

4 DELEGATIONS

Mayor Taylor vacated the chair and Deputy Mayor Gardhouse assumed the chair for the following matter.

- 4.1 2:00 p.m.
Trevor Lewis, County Engineer; Ed Crewson, Chair, Community Development Committee and Warden Taylor attended to determine what terms Council would be willing to agree to, to use the proposed thermal treatment plant. Mr. Crewson indicated that a triple majority vote at County Council would be required for the County to assume responsibility for waste management. They will be attending all Dufferin Municipalities, and that the Town of Shelburne passed a motion to commit their waste to the County upon the opening of the gasification facility, subject to lower tier municipalities retaining ownership of current landfill sites, at a targeted tipping fee of \$75 to \$80 per tonne; and targeted revenue of \$0.12 per KW for energy generation. He asked that East Garafraxa pass a similar motion, with their conditions for assumption. Council indicated they would not be interested in changing the level of service that they provide to their residents and would like a meeting with the public prior to County assumption of waste authority. Discussion ensued regarding the composting program and inefficiencies of the program. Council indicated that collection of compost in the rural areas did not make economic sense and impacted the environment with respect to carbon emissions and would like the County to review the program. Council also indicated they required more information ie., feasibility study, financial risk analysis; proposed operational plan. Mr. Crewson stated that he would ensure that all reports and information be provided as requested and noted that the County would like finalized during this term of Council.
- 4.2 2:20 p.m. Sandhill Disposal, John Devins and Craig Nelson attended to discuss waste collection. Council indicated they are concerned with one truck collecting garbage and recycling and a second truck collecting compost, and wanted to discuss ways to improve the program; however, Sandhill indicated that completion of the Township in one day currently is difficult, and that additional trucks would be required in order to address Council's proposal. Discussion regarding alternate plans should the border close and Mr. Devins indicated they do have alternative arrangements should that happen. Council indicated that future negotiations will include a different collection day.

5 PUBLIC MEETINGS

5.1 None at this time.

6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 New Municipal Facility update

6.1.1 Discussion on type of building; need for architect; project manager, building inspections, engineers ensued. Council will review architect proposals.

6.2 Other - Nothing at this time.

7 COUNTY COUNCIL BUSINESS

The following were received and/or dealt with:

7.1 County agenda May 13, 2010

7.2 County Minutes April 8, 2010

7.3 Media Release - Paramedics Saving Lives

7.4 Museum Events

7.5 Other

7.5.1 Mayor Taylor reported on various County matters, including tree cutting By-Law and rail line status.

8 ROADS DEPARTMENT

The following were received and/or dealt with:

8.1 Director of Public works report

8.2 Township Gravel Pit update - Burnsidies are preparing to drill wells shortly.

8.3 Other

8.3.1 Various storm water management ponds and catch basin issues were reviewed and staff instructed accordingly.

8.3.2 Garbage receptacle at Brookhaven Park to be removed due to mis-use..

8.3.3 Marsville Park being prepared for new playground equipment.

9 PLANNING AND BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

The following was received and/or dealt with:

9.1 Development updates - none at this time.

9.2 County of Wellington Official Plan Public Meeting May 17, 2010 - received

9.3 Woodrill

9.3.1 Application to amend Site Plan - motion and by-law to amend Schedule B to site plan

9.3.2 Woodrill Map

9.4 Other

9.4.1 Christine Gervais provided information on Ontario Power Authority (Added Item 1.1.3) which indicates that ground mounted solar PV projects greater than 100 kilowatts cannot be located on lands comprised of CLI Class 1 or 2; specialty crop areas within the meaning of the 2005 Provincial Policy Statement; Class 3 soils have a 500 MW cap; and lands containing multiple CLI classifications must include a site specific soil study. These criteria do not apply to lands zoned for non-agricultural purposes.

9.4.2 Councillor Nevills attended a site visit by Grand River Conservation Authority regarding Consent Application B 3/10, Concession 11, West Part Lot 1. Their comments will be forthcoming.

9.4.3 Councillor Nevills indicated that the Belwood Wind Group will be contacting office for an appointment to attend a Council meeting

9.4.4 Discussion regarding content of Public Meeting for Official Plan Conformity and Growth Plan. The background planning report circulated previously from Wellings Planning Consultants containing information with respect to the Planning Act requirements and process will be provided to Council.

10 COMMITTEES

The following were received and/or dealt with:

10.1 Grand Valley Community Centre Minutes April 12, 2010

10.2 POA Revenue March 2010

10.3 Dufferin Municipal Officers Association

10.3.1 Minutes

10.3.2 MMAH Presentation

10.3.3 Health and Safety Report

- 10.4 Fergus Recruitment News - Doctor has been chosen
- 10.5 Source Water Protection -
 - 10.5.1 Minutes April 1, 2010
 - 10.5.2 Agenda May 6, 2010 - Christine Gervais attended the May 6 Source Water Protection meeting, at which representative Dave Parker raised concern with respect to the changes to the Well Head Protection areas, on the Marsville map and also potential threats identified. One public meeting will be held for Grand Valley, Waldemar and Marsville.
 - 10.5.3 East Garafraxa report - Council noted error on page 7 with respect to road name.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

The following was received and/or dealt with:

- 11.1 Joyce Savoline MPP re HST
- 11.2 Town of Tecumseh re AMO President
- 11.3 MPAC2009 Annual Report (Full Report in Office)
- 11.4 Hydro One
 - 11.4.1 Notice in Papers
 - 11.4.2 Biodiversity Initiative Workshop
- 11.5 Town of Mono re accessibility funding
- 11.6 Dufferin Trails and Active Master Plan - will be discussed at County Council.
- 11.7 Rural Broadband News - discussion regarding broadband service in the Township and status of Everus expansion of service now that Xplornet has acquired the company. Staff to investigate further.
- 11.8 NDACT re People Power Gathering May 29

12 NEW BUSINESS

- 12.1 Bill 16 re Transfer of OHIP
 - 12.1.1 Resolution County of Dufferin
 - 12.1.2 Breaking News - Government withdraws OHIP transfer
- 12.2 2010 Draft Budget was provided to Council for comments and review, to be further considered at May 25th Council Meeting.
- 12.3 Other - nothing at this time.

13 BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

- 13.1 None at this time

14 BY-LAWS

- 14.1 Confirming Bylaw 15-2010 passed.

15 LEGAL PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL

- 15.1 Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of land by the municipality
- 15.2 Litigation or Potential Litigation

Closed Meeting held and staff instructed accordingly.

16 BULLETINS AND INFORMATION

The following were received and/or dealt with:

- 16.1 AMO
 - 16.1.1 Bills Introduced
 - 16.1.2 Toronto Sun - Turbines Just a lot of hot air?
- 16.2 Other

17 ADJOURNMENT

- 17.1 Motion to adjourn.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOVED BY BOYNTON, SECONDED BY NEVILLS

THAT the agenda be amended by adding the following:

- 1 County of Dufferin - Trip to Madison PA June 16
- 2 County of Dufferin News Release - 25th Anniversary of Grand Valley Tornado
- 3 OPA - Agricultural Land Restrictions for Solar PV
- 4 Wind Turbines and Health: A Review of Evidence from Ontario's Public Health Agency

CARRIED.

MOVED BY GARDHOUSE, SECONDED BY PINKNEY

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY PINKNEY, SECONDED BY GARDHOUSE

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held April 27, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY BOYNTON, SECONDED BY NEVILLS

THAT Council do now enter closed meeting for the following reasons: 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; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY PINKNEY, SECONDED BY GARDHOUSE

THAT Council now rise and report from closed meeting and resume regular business.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY NEVILLS, SECONDED BY BOYNTON

THAT leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the replacement of Schedule B to Site Plan agreement with Woodrill Farms authorized by By-law 32-2006, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 14-2010.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY BOYNTON, SECONDED BY NEVILLS

THAT WHEREAS the Township of East Garafraxa held Public Meetings in 2008 and 2009 in consultation with the residents of the Township of East Garafraxa regarding "The Township of East Garafraxa Utilities and Renewable Energy Planning Study";

AND WHEREAS Council adopted Official Plan Amendment Number three (3) to the Official Plan January 27, 2009 which included responsible objectives and policies for renewable energy projects;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario proclaimed into force the Renewable Energy provisions of the Environmental Protection Act September 24, 2009, thereby removing local control over renewable energy projects;

AND WHEREAS there continues to be concern regarding the public health and safety aspect of large scale wind projects as identified in the "Wind Turbines and Health: A Review of Evidence" from Ontario's Public Health Agency and new projects have been proposed in our area, including the Belwood Wind Project;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of East Garafraxa calls for the Province to conduct scientific research on the public health and safety aspect of low frequency noise and electrical and electromagnetic disturbances caused by wind turbines, prior to approving any further projects.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY GARDHOUSE, SECONDED BY BOYNTON

THAT leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the May 11, 2010 regular meeting of the Council of the Township of East Garafraxa and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 15-2010. **CARRIED.**

MOVED BY NEVILLS, SECONDED BY BOYNTON

THAT Council now adjourn to meet again May 25, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Marsville Community Hall, Marsville, ON or at the call of the Mayor. **CARRIED.**

Allen Taylor

Head of Council

Karen Canivet

Clerk