

The Council of the Township of East Garafraxa held their regular meeting of Council at the Administration Office, Laurel at 2:00 p.m. on March 9, 2010. Councillors Tom Nevills, Allan Boynton, Fran Pinkney and Deputy Mayor Guy Gardhouse were in attendance, with Mayor Allen Taylor presiding. Susan M. Stone, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer; Karen Canivet, Deputy-Clerk, Christine Gervais, Planner (for planning matters) and David Menary, Director of Public Works 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. Wind Correspondence

1.1.2. Wind Farm – coming to your area soon

1.1.3. Guelph Mercury – Windfarm Faces Opposition

1.1.4. Wellington Advertiser

1.2. Approval of Agenda (as amended) - motion passed.

2. MINUTES

2.1. Council Minutes:

2.1.1. February 9, 2010 Minutes approved as circulated.

2.2. Business Arising from Minutes – none at this time.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PENCUNIARY INTEREST WITH REASONS

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

4. DELEGATIONS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

4.1. James Murphy, Andrew Flanagan, and Ralph Ryan of Invenergy Wind Company attended to introduce the company to Council. There were also approximately 22 members of the public in attendance. Mr. Murphy gave an overview of their company who has acquired the Belwood Wind Project from Trans Canada (formerly Boreas Wind), which consists of 25-35 turbines, seven of which will be in East Garafraxa, along with the transformer sub-station. They noted that having only recently acquired this project, they are working on getting to know the landowners, familiarizing themselves with the Green Energy Act requirements now in effect, with a different approval regime, and focus by the Ministry on consultation. Mr. Murphy indicated they want community buy in, and that the project will provide money to both landowners who host and the community, describing the community benefit fund that they have provided annually in other areas. They indicated they are holding two public open houses, in Belwood tonight, and Marsville tomorrow night.

Council members raised issues/concerns with respect to flicker, buried transmission/distribution lines, setbacks, ice throw, airstrips, transformer station, noise, vibration, property tax implications, tornadoes, insurance, decommissioning, time frame of project, type, size and height of turbines, ability for landowners to opt out of agreements without repercussions, health concerns and buying out affected property owners, and funding for peer review by municipalities. The proponents responded as follows:

- flicker is modeled and they must meet standard;
- setbacks are set by Ministry, minimum 550 metres, and are far enough away to address ice throw in addition to turbines shutting down in those situations;
- they meet with airstrip owners and other associated groups and are aware of the Transport Canada requirements;
- lessons learned from the Canadian Hydro Project regarding noise from transformer station and turbines and different modeling and standard now in place, and mitigation is dealt with at the outset, which is more effective than remedial;
- proposed turbines will be GE's, 1.5 mg., either 80 metres high or 100 metres high, and blade span varies accordingly;
- while they would not commit to allowing landowners to withdraw from agreements, they concurred that they would enter into discussions with landowners, and could not force a turbine on any unwilling landowner, and that good working community relationship essential;
- noise and vibration all part of the MOE process;
- would be willing to work with East Garafraxa and Centre Wellington with respect to peer review process;
- have not bought out any landowners in any of their projects, and feel that there are no health issues pursuant to Chief Medical Officer's report;
- OPA approval for capacity possibly by end of month or next month;

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- they already provide buried lines from turbine to road, and are open to burying the lines in the roadways as well.
- community development fund in another area administered by landowner group (hosts).

Council provided opportunity to members of the public to provide their comments and concerns. Mr. Grant Evans, spokesperson, indicated that he was instrumental in helping to develop OPA3, which he felt contained appropriate policies under which to assess these projects. He questioned if this would be Phase 1 and whether there would be additional projects and where. Mr. Murphy responded that they are only proposing the 25-35 turbines and are not canvassing more landowners, though have been approached by landowners. The municipal consultation process was also discussed, though no approved consultation form has been provided as yet by the Ministry. The proponents to provide one used in another project which was acceptable to Ministry. It was also clarified that the proposed project going to the public open houses is not the final project schematic, that they are holding public open houses based on the project commenced under previous ownerships, prior to the passing of the Green Energy Act, which contains new requirements and setbacks, etc., which could change the project design.

The proponents were advised that the policies contained in the Township OPA 3, though not approved by the Province, are still regarded by Council as valid, and that they should obtain a copy from the Township Planner; also should contact landowners to discuss status of agreements.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following were received and/or dealt with:

- 5.1. PSAB/Asset Management – ongoing process.
- 5.2. New Municipal Facility Update
 - 5.2.1. Mayor Taylor reviewed meeting held with architect. Still two architects to interview.
- 5.3. Other - Nothing at this time.

6. COUNTY COUNCIL BUSINESS

The following were received and/or dealt with, and Mayor Taylor reported on County Council as follows;

- 6.1. County Council
 - 6.1.1. Agenda March 11 and Minutes February
 - 6.1.2. Council in Brief February 11, 2010
- 6.2. New Coyote By-Law and accompanying reports to replace a by-law which was not approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources will be adopted this week.
- 6.3. Dufferin County Forest Annual Report
- 6.4. Waste Management report re Organics – Mayor Taylor reported that agreement with York Region is proceeding and tender documents are prepared.
- 6.5. Waste Management re Orton Community Association – Dufferin Waste Management will work with the Orton Community Association for composting and recycling.
- 6.6. Invitation to Waste Management discussion March 27 – Staff and Council to attend.
- 6.7. Household Hazardous Waste Day Events
- 6.8. Other - nothing at this time.

7. COMMITTEES

The following were received and/or dealt with:

- 7.1. Grand Valley and District Medical & Dental Board
 - 7.1.1. Minutes
 - 7.1.2. Budget
 - 7.1.3. Township of Amaranth resolution
- 7.2. Grand Valley Public Library
 - 7.2.1. Shann Leighton re budget
 - 7.2.2. Township of Amaranth support
- 7.3. Orangeville Fire Department
 - 7.3.1. 2009 Report (at meeting)
 - 7.3.2. Fire Department Intro
 - 7.3.3. Minutes February 18 - Councillor Nevills reported on meeting and discussions held on reduced revenues and capital reserves, noting renegotiation of agreement in 2011.
- 7.4. DMOA Minutes February 5; Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing presentation
- 7.5. Grand River Conservation Authority
 - 7.5.1. Grand Actions
 - 7.5.2. Budget 2010 - Councillor Nevills reported that the budget was reduced prior to adoption.
 - 7.5.2.1. Township of Amaranth resolution
- 7.5.3. News Releases

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- 7.5.3.1. Budget approval
- 7.5.3.2. Snow cover re flooding
- 7.6. Credit Valley Conservation Authority
 - 7.6.1. Minutes Jan 22 excerpt
- 7.7. Town of Caledon POA Revenue January
- 7.8. Source Water Protection
 - 7.8.1. Presentation February 24, 2010
 - 7.8.2. Minutes January 21, 2010
- 7.9. Police Services Board - Mayor Taylor reported on paid duty officer report; electronic system for tickets; question regarding speeding in Orton; staff to follow up with OPP.
 - 7.9.1. Minutes and Reports November 26, 2009
 - 7.9.2. Minutes and Reports February 25, 2010
- 7.10. Other
 - 7.10.1. Discussion regarding Vote by Mail. Council in agreement to proceed with Vote by Mail for 2010 Election and necessary agreements and by-law to be prepared for next meeting.

8. ROADS DEPARTMENT

The following were received and/or dealt with:

- 8.1. Director of Public Works Report (Verbal)
- 8.2. Tenders
 - 8.2.1. Gravel Hauling - tenders received from Jim Brown Trucking \$4.50/cu.yd. plus tax and Dalton Lowe \$2.79/cu. yd. plus taxes. Motion to accept tender from Dalton Lowe.
 - 8.2.2. Calcium Chloride - discussion regarding 2009 tender extension for same price. Other products require 2 applications. Motion carried
- 8.3. OGRA/ROMA conference -
 - 8.3.1. MMAH Remarks
 - 8.3.2. Premier Remarks
- 8.4. Township Gravel Pit - no response has been received from Credit Valley Conservation. Staff to follow up with CVC and Township representative if comments are not forthcoming.
- 8.5. Other
 - 8.5.1. Tenders will be prepared for 10th line paving shortly.

9. PLANNING AND BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

The following were received and/or dealt with:

- 9.1. Development Update(s) - Nature's Landing West development properties in new ownerships; report at next meeting re work plan for Official Plan Review and Conformity with Greenbelt and Growth Plan.
- 9.2. County of Wellington 5 Year Review Consultation
- 9.3. Tim Cane - Municipal Involvement in Approving Renewable Energy Projects
- 9.4. Municipalities and the Green Energy Act – Benefits, Burdens, and Loss of Power
- 9.5. Wind
 - 9.5.1. Correspondence to Honourable John Gerretsen
 - 9.5.2. Township of Mulmur re moratorium for Wind Turbines
 - 9.5.3. Township of Melancthon re moratorium for Wind Turbines
 - 9.5.4. Belwood Wind Project correspondence
 - 9.5.5. Wind Property Values
- 9.6. County of Grey re Bill 150 Green Energy and Green Economy Act
- 9.7. Township of East Luther Grand Valley – Implementation of the Growth Plan

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were received and/or dealt with:

- 10.1. County of Prince Edward County re coyotes
- 10.2. City of Barrie Occupational Health and Safety Fine
- 10.3. Charles Hooker Letter to Editor re tree cutting
 - 10.3.1. Charles Hooker to Oosterhof
- 10.4. Township of Madawska Valley re Respite care
- 10.5. Grand Valley, Orangeville and Shelburne Library re Internet Filtering.

11. BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve the bills and accounts carried.

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- 11.1. Roads
- 11.2. General

12. BY-LAWS

- 12.1. Confirming By-law – motion passed
- 12.2. Others – Extension of Transfer of Federal Gas Tax

13. LEGAL, PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL

Closed Meeting: proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land; litigation or potential litigation.

Closed Meeting held and staff instructed accordingly.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- 14.1. AMO Amending Agreement for Gas Tax (By-Law)
- 14.2. Other - nothing at this time.

15. BULLETINS AND INFORMATION

- 15.1. Wellington Advertiser re recycling costs; province borrowing;
- 15.2. AMO
 - 15.2.1. Gas Tax Amending Agreement
 - 15.2.2. Bill 236, Act to amend the Pension Benefits Act
 - 15.2.3. OPA Power Pledge Conservation Awareness Campaign
 - 15.2.4. OMERS Deficit Grows Again
 - 15.2.5. Federal Throne Speech
 - 15.2.6. Update on Ontario Works Incentive Funding
 - 15.2.7. 2010 Gas Tax Award Application
 - 15.2.8. McGuinty Prorogues Legislature
 - 15.2.9. AMO Presidents Remarks
 - 15.2.10. AMO Spring Conference
 - 15.2.11. AMO Report to members
 - 15.2.12. Optimize Use of School Space
 - 15.2.13. Early Learning and Child Care Program
 - 15.2.14. Province to Pay Bills
- 15.3. Farmers Forum – Farmers and Townships are fed up with Conservation Authorities
- 15.4. Greenbelt Newsletter

16. ADJOURNMENT

- 16.1. Motion to adjourn to meet again March 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Marsville Community Hall.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOVED BY NEVILLS, SECONDED BY BOYNTON

THAT the agenda be amended by adding the following:

- 1. Wind Correspondence
 - a. Wind Farm – coming to your area soon
 - b. Guelph Mercury – Windfarm Faces Opposition
 - c. Wellington Advertiser

CARRIED.

MOVED BY PINKNEY, SECONDED BY GARDHOUSE

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY BOYNTON, SECONDED BY NEVILLS

THAT the minutes of Council Meeting held February 9, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY PINKNEY, SECONDED BY GARDHOUSE

THAT Council of the Township of East Garafraxa accepts the 2010 Grand Valley Medical Dental Board budget as presented.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY NEVILLS, SECONDED BY BOYNTON

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THAT Council accept tender for Gravel Hauling for 2010 from Dalton Lowe in the amount of \$2.79/cu.yd. plus applicable taxes. **CARRIED.**

MOVED BY GARDHOUSE, SECONDED BY PINKNEY

THAT Council hereby authorize the Director of Public Works to extend the 2009 Calcium Chloride contract per original 2009 tender options, for the 2010 year. **CARRIED.**

MOVED BY NEVILLS, SECONDED BY BOYNTON

THAT Bills and Accounts in the amount of:

Roads 2009	\$ 8 680.62		
Roads 2010	\$55,316.04		
General 2009	\$ 11,848.69		
General 2010	\$111,081.82	be paid.	CARRIED.

MOVED BY GARDHOUSE, SECONDED BY PINKNEY

THAT Council do now enter Closed Meeting for the following reason(s):
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 PINKEY, SECONDED BY GARDHOUSE

THAT Council now rise and report from Closed Meeting and resume regular business. **CARRIED.**

MOVED BY GARDHOUSE, SECONDED BY PINKNEY

THAT leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the Head of Council and Clerk to execute the agreement for extension of Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues and that it be given the necessary readings ad be passed and numbered 7 -2010. **CARRIED.**

MOVED BY NEVILLS, SECONDED BY BOYNTON

THAT leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the March 9, 2010 regular meeting of the Council of Township of East Garafraxa and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 8-2010. **CARRIED.**

MOVED BY PINKNEY, SECONDED BY GARDHOUSE

THAT Council now adjourn to meet again March 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Administration Office, Laurel ON or at the call of the Mayor. **CARRIED.**

Allen Taylor

HEAD OF COUNCIL

Susan M. Stone

CLERK