

The Council of the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock met in the Council Chambers of the Hickson Municipal Office, Hickson, Ontario at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

Members present: Mayor Don MCKAY and Councillors Don MACDONALD (*left the meeting at 1:20 p.m.*), Clive LAWRY, Dave OLIPHANT, Jeremy SMITH and Betty YEOMAN.

Members absent: Deputy Mayor Maureen RALPH

Staff present: C.A.O. Jeff Carswell and Tax Collector Brenda Junker

Approve Agenda

1. Moved by Dave OLIPHANT
Seconded by Don MACDONALD
Resolved that Council approve the agenda for the March 3, 2010 meeting as printed and circulated and further that the following be added to the agenda for this meeting:
 - Supplemental Agenda
 - Discussion re Proceeds of Sale of Tavistock Library
 - OACA 2010 Conference

CARRIED.

PECUNIARY INTERESTS:

Councillor LAWRY declared his interest in Item 6.j - Grass Cutting Tenders

Confirm Minutes

2. Moved by Clive LAWRY
Seconded by Betty YEOMAN
Resolved that Council confirm the minutes of the February 17, 2010 meeting as printed and circulated.

CARRIED.

February 2010 Pay Voucher

3. Moved by Jeremy SMITH
Seconded by Clive LAWRY
Resolved that Council adopt the February 2010 Pay Voucher in the amount of \$1,061,035.66.

CARRIED.

Correspondence & Reports – No Resolutions

Grand River Conservation Authority – GrandActions Newsletter

2009 Statement of No Employee Salaries to Disclose

2009 Annual Council Pay & Expense Report

Development Charges Reserves at December 31, 2009

2009 Tavistock Drainage Summary

County of Oxford re: Coyote Awareness – Request for Committee

Staff Report – Provincial Financial Indicators

Staff Report – 2009 Sick Leave Utilization

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Correspondence & Reports – Resolutions Following

County of Oxford re: Joint Municipal Consultation on Renewable Energy Project Applications

Joint Municipal Consultation – Renewable Energy Projects

- 4. Moved by Dave OLIPHANT
 Seconded by Don MACDONALD
 Resolved that Council supports a joint municipal consultation process for renewable energy project approvals with the Oxford County Community & Strategic Planning Office.

CARRIED.

Oxford County Federation of Agriculture – Agricultural Awards of Excellence Banquet

MacDonald to Ag Awards of Excellence

- 5. Moved by Clive LAWRY
 Seconded by Jeremy SMITH
 Resolved that Council authorize attendance of the following persons at the Agricultural Awards of Excellence Banquet on April 7, 2010:
 Don MACDONALD

CARRIED.

Fire Department Communications

County of Oxford re: Discontinuation of Fire Department Radio/Pager Network

Fire Chief Scott Alexander provided Council with an explanation of the current system that is funded by the County, why that is changing, and how the local municipalities are already working together to procure a new communication system.

Oxford County Land Division Committee – re: Application B10-03-2 of Welhaven Farms Ltd.

No Objection to Welhaven Farms Severance Application

- 6. Moved by Dave OLIPHANT
 Seconded by Betty YEOMAN
 Resolved that Council voice no objection to Severance Application #B-10-03-2 of Welhaven Farms Ltd for property located at Pt Lots 26 & 27, Concession 16, in the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock.

CARRIED.

Ontario Association of Committees of Adjustment & Consent Authorities – Annual Conference May 30 – June 2, 2010

McKay to Attend
OACA Conference

7. Moved by Don MACDONALD
Seconded by Betty YEOMAN
Resolved that Council authorize the attendance of the following at the 2010 OACA Conference May 30-June 2, 2010 in Windsor:
Mayor Don MCKAY

CARRIED.

Council held discussion regarding the proceeds of a potential sale of the Tavistock Library.

Proceeds of
Potential Sale of
Tavistock Library to
Reserve

8. Moved by Clive LAWRY
Seconded by Betty YEOMAN
Resolved that Council commit that proceeds from the potential sale of the Tavistock Library be held in reserves for future library use; and further, that options be explored for use of the interest proceeds from the reserves.

CARRIED.

Fire Chief Report

At 10:50 a.m., Township Fire Chief Scott Alexander attended Council to report on the following matters:

- 2009 Year End Fire Department Report
- Answer various questions of Council

Court of Revision
John A King &
Walton Drain

9. Moved by Clive LAWRY
Seconded by Jeremy SMITH
Resolved that Council appoint the following members to the Court of Revision on the John A. King & Walton Drain 2009:
Chairperson Don MCKAY, Clive LAWRY, Don MACDONALD, Jeremy SMITH, Betty YEOMAN

CARRIED.

COR Opens

10. Moved by Don MACDONALD
Seconded by Betty YEOMAN
Resolved that the Court of Revision on the John A. King & Walton Drain 2009 does now open at 11:05 a.m.

CARRIED.

At 11:05 a.m. the Court of Revision for the John A. King & Walton Drain 2009 was held. Engineer Ken Smart as well as County Operations Supervisor Scott Boughner attended.

No appeals were submitted to the Court, and no other ratepayers assessed on the drain were present.

Assessments
Sustained

11. Moved by Clive LAWRY
Seconded by Betty YEOMAN
Resolved that the assessment contained in the provisions by-law for the John A King & Walton Drain 2009 be sustained.

CARRIED.

- COR Closes and Council Reconvenes 12. Moved by Don MACDONALD
Seconded by Jeremy SMITH
Resolved that the Court of Revision on the John A. King & Walton Drain 2009 does now close and Council reconvene at 11:15 a.m.
CARRIED.
- Authorize Tenders for Drain 13. Moved by Jeremy SMITH
Seconded by Clive LAWRY
Resolved that Council authorize Drainage Superintendent James Harmer to invite tenders for construction of the John A King & Walton Drain 2009 with award date being April 7, 2010 subject to satisfactory conclusion of the Court of Revision and elapse of applicable appeal periods.
CARRIED.
- OGRA/ROMA Conference Report Councillors YEOMAN and OLIPHANT highlighted the sessions of the OGRA/ROMA Conference they attended in Toronto in February.
- County Council The Mayor informed Council of recent County Council meetings and various related issues.
- February 2010 Building Permit Report 14. Moved by Clive LAWRY
Seconded by Dave OLIPHANT
Resolved that Council adopt the February 2010 Building Permit Report of C.B.O. James Harmer showing 2 permits issued at an estimated value of \$415,000.00.
CARRIED.
- PW Manager Report At 11:30 a.m., Public Works Manager Dennis O'Neil attended Council to report on the following matters:
- Monthly Roads Activity Report
 - Staff Report re: Tree Removal Quotes
 - Hours of Work Legislation Passed Recently
 - Answer various questions of Council
- Approve Quote of Davey Tree Service 15. Moved by Dave OLIPHANT
Seconded by Betty YEOMAN
Resolved that Council accept the bid of Davey Tree Experts to remove 53 trees in various locations around the Township in the amount of \$16,144.38 plus GST.
CARRIED.
- Staff Report re: 2010-2012 Grass Cutting Tenders
Councillor LAWRY left the table for discussion of this report.
- Adopt Recommendations re Grass Cutting Tenders 16. Moved by Jeremy SMITH
Seconded by Don MACDONALD
Resolved that Council adopt the recommendations in Staff Report #SW2010-03 of Accounting Clerk Stacey Wilker dated February 26, 2010 regarding Grass Cutting Tenders.
CARRIED.

Recommendations Adopted from Staff Report SW2010-03

1. That Council accept the tender of D.A. Downing for 2010-2012 grass cutting for the Innerkip area.
2. That Council accept the tender of Enviromasters for 2010 grass cutting for the Hickson and Tavistock areas, with a renewal for 2011 and 2012 based on satisfactory performance 2010.

Staff Report re: Tavistock Drainage Disconnect Program

Tavistock Drainage
Disconnect Program
Completed

17. Moved by Dave OLIPHANT
Seconded by Betty YEOMAN
Resolved that Council authorize staff to forward a summary of the Tavistock Drainage Disconnect Program to the County of Oxford along with acknowledgement of their support and participation in the program.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

1st & 2nd Reading

18. Moved by Betty YEOMAN
Seconded by Dave OLIPHANT
Resolved that the following by-law be read a first and second time:

2010-12 By-law to Enter Into an Amending Agreement with
AMO for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues

CARRIED.

3rd Reading

19. Moved by Don MACDONALD
Seconded by Clive LAWRY
Resolved that the following by-law be read a third and final time:

2010-12 By-law to Enter Into an Amending Agreement with
AMO for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues

CARRIED.

Council broke for lunch from 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. At that time, they presented PW Manager Dennis O'Neil with a gift honouring his tenure as President of AORS in 2009-2010.

2010 Capital
Budget
Deliberations

Staff Report re: 2010 Budget – Capital Forecast

CAO Jeff Carswell discussed the 2010 Capital Budget, the updated road improvement weighting system, current and pending projects and the impact on reserves.

Committee of the
Whole, in camera

20. Moved by Jeremy SMITH
Seconded by Clive LAWRY
Resolved that Council does now adjourn to Committee of the Whole, in camera, at 1:08 p.m. to consider a matter pertaining to:
 - personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED.

