

VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD MINUTES

Council Meeting – February 13, 2007

6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, Point Edward Municipal Office
135 Kendall Street, Point Edward, Ontario

Council Members Present:

Mayor Kirkland Deputy Mayor Robson Councillor MacKenzie
Councillor Hand Councillor Churchill

Staff Present:

CAO Cramp

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

DELEGATIONS

6:00 p.m. Mike Raes, President Sarnia-Lambton Taskforce on Healthcare Worker Recruitment
Re: Donation Request

Resolution #1

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT Mike Raes and Lynn Laidler from the Sarnia Lambton Taskforce on Healthcare, be invited within the Bar.

CARRIED.

Mr. Raes thanked Council for their past support of the Taskforce and for making an appointment of a representative onto the Taskforce. This area continues to be underserved. This is even though the formula does not take into account patient loads higher than they should be for the existing doctors. For the public, this translates into late diagnosis, over-reliance on the emergency rooms and no ongoing care. From a business investment point of view, relocations consider a shortage of health care practitioners prior to moving.

The Taskforce has been assisting Bluewater Health with their recruiting through hosting opportunities. When they began, they did not know how tough it would be. It has been a long process to recruit doctors but seven doctors have relocated over the last couple of years. There are a further seven considering this area. However, they are now concerned they will have to say no because there is not sufficient money. The cost normally runs about \$20,000 to \$40,000 for each doctor.

Councillor MacKenzie asked if it will come to an end sometime when the area is no longer considered to be underserved.

Mr. Raes responded that he hopes so. They don't like having to be in this situation. Most areas are giving incentives to bring the doctors in and it has started to spiral. They have tried to contain the costs as much as possible. They have been successful in selling the Sarnia/Lambton area.

Councillor Churchill asked if there have been local recruits from the County of Lambton.

Mr. Raes advised that 2 of the 7 are from Lambton County. There is a scholarship program through the Chamber of Commerce that has provided help for local candidates. He noted that they go to the PAIRO event every year, which is like a Job Fair. They are looking for the long term and for the doctors who will stay.

Deputy Mayor Robson noted that it is opening up other areas for the area. A doctor's wife will be the new Minister at the Presbyterian Church in Point Edward. Mr. Raes stated that there is a spin-off effect. One of their biggest problems is to provide spousal employment.

Mayor Kirkland thanked the Committee. He noted that he is now going to one of the new doctors who has been recruited.

Resolution #2

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Village of Point Edward contribute a capital donation in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Sarnia-Lambton Taskforce on Healthcare.

CARRIED.

6:15 p.m. Melanie Murray, President and Cathy Eyre Supervisor
Point Edward Nursery School re: Donation Request

Resolution #3

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT Melanie Murray and Cathy Eyre from the Point Edward Nursery School, be invited within the Bar.

CARRIED.

Ms. Eyre advised that they would like to keep the lines of communication open. The project for the expansion at the Bridgeview Public School for infants and toddlers has been placed on hold. They have heard that there is a possibility that a new community centre is going to be built in the Village and it may be a better place to position their program. They can make do for now. Their program has expanded and they now have four more children for each session for a total of 20 for each session. Thirty-seven children are enrolled in the program with twenty-three being from the Village.

Ms. Murray advised that she is now the President. Tim Purdy is the Vice President, Stephanie Purdy is the Secretary and Judy Hutchinson is the Treasurer. She also advised that their plans are on hold as they would like to co-locate in the new venue. However, in the interim, they have some needs. They require a commercial dishwasher as they now make lunch as well as morning and afternoon snacks for 20 children. There are a lot of dishes which takes staff time. There is also a health and safety issue as the dishes must be washed at a prescribed temperature. They have applied to Children's services but there are no new funds available at this time.

They would also like to have a summer program, which was very successful last year with Caroline Martin supervising. The Professional Development days are expanding. The children explore the Village, eg. beach, parks for picnics, Purdy Fisheries, library, etc. They get a lot of exercise and it is a busy program. The rough estimate of costs is \$21,000. Their fees are \$30 per day. They would particularly like to subsidize the costs for some who cannot afford it.

Deputy Mayor Robson asked if there are other organizations that donate funds to them. Ms. Murray advised that they receive funds from the Ex-servicemen's Club towards the Maintenance Agreement, which is given seasonally throughout the year. They also donate toys.

Deputy Mayor Robson asked if the dishwasher could be moved and will there be electrical requirements. Ms. Murray advised that they always keep a future move in mind. The cost of the dishwasher is \$6,000 plus installation.

Councillor Hand asked if they had approached other groups such as the Optimist Club. They have always supported child and youth in the community. Ms. Murray had not approached them at this time.

Councillor Hand asked if it was an expectation to pay an additional fee towards the various excursions that they go on. Ms. Murray responded that it is difficult for some.

Councillor MacKenzie asked if it is a non-profit organization and are the books reviewed. Ms. Murray responded that Caroline Martin prepares the books. They now have a charitable number and they can give receipts for donations. They have to provide financial statements for this purpose.

Councillor MacKenzie asked if they were licensed. They are licensed by the Ministry of Youth and Children Services. It is run by the Board of Directors.

Councillor MacKenzie asked how long they are able to rent at their present location. It is for 5 or 6 years and they have been there for almost three years.

Councillor MacKenzie asked who do they compete with and do they charge similar amounts. Ms. Murray advised that St. Bart's would be the closest to their program. They charge \$38 per day compared to \$30 here but they are only able to provide the service for 6 hours per day.

Councillor MacKenzie asked if they can apply for a Trillium grant. Their understanding is that their grants are for one-time access and they would prefer that it go towards their new facility.

Resolution #4

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the request from the Point Edward Nursery School for a donation, be referred to the Finance Committee for their recommendation to Council.

CARRIED.

6:30 p.m. Ed Teft, Joe Dedecker and Greg Ross, Blue Water Bridge Authority
Re: Phase 1 Canadian Plaza Improvements

Resolution #5

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT Ed Teft, Joe Dedecker and Greg Ross be invited within the Bar.

CARRIED.

Greg Ross provided the overview of their site plan and new building proposal for the Canadian Plaza Improvement Plan. There will be a 100,000 sq. ft. building with three priority areas: Canadian Food Inspections; Canadian Border Security and the Custom Brokers. The building will be three storeys. At the back, there will be a truck compound. The staff parking lot will be off of Venetian. The plans provided are at a beginning point and an overall site plan will follow.

Councillor MacKenzie asked if the taxable space is going up. Mr. Teft responded that the Custom Broker area will be increased from approx. 17,000 sq. ft. to 21,774 sq. ft.

Councillor Hand asked if they are required to make a building permit and/or site plan application. The Blue Water Bridge Authority is not required to do so but they prefer to get the input so it is their practice to submit both applications.

Mr. Dedecker reviewed the services that will be provided. There will be cuts across Venetian Blvd. for pipe crossings. They plan to loop the water system from Alexandra and Venetian with shut-off valves at each street. Most of the stormwater will be picked up and taken to the stormwater pond. The sewage will go to the manhole and then to the plant by gravity.

Councillor Churchill asked if the pond is large enough now. It is used to 50 – 55% capacity at present so it will be more than adequate for the new development.

Mr. Teft advised that there will be more dense vegetation than before. They are required to complete an internal screening report through all the Ministries and federally regulatory authorities.

Councillor Hand commented that it is an improvement from a visual point of view.

Councillor MacKenzie asked about the road and curb cuts. They will be contracted this year and the road will not be closed entirely.

Councillor MacKenzie asked when all of the work would be completed. Mr. Teft advised that they are hoping for this fall but it could be the following spring.

Mr. Dedecker advised that there will be another Open House for the public as they move through their final plans.

Mayor Kirkland thanked the representatives for bringing the information to Council for their review.

COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL ACTION)

Deputy Mayor Robson left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

1. E-mail from Sharon Crowe, Community Relations Officer, Physician Recruitment Taskforce re: Request to send letter to seek change in the underserved designation.

Resolution #6

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Hand

That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care in support of the application to re-designate the area as a 'single' underserved area.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion re: Cantaleigh Project

Resolution #7

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT Richard Zelinka prepare a planning report for submission to Council and that he consult with Dave Posliff; and further that Council meet with the Planners to discuss the process for the project and development applications.

CARRIED.

2. Ceremonial Tree

The Sarnia-Lambton Arbour Week Committee has asked if they could plant a ceremonial tree at the Waterfront to celebrate Arbour Week. They would likely plant it the second last week of April. Council members had no objection providing arrangements for the type of tree and location are worked out through the Parks Committee.

BY-LAWS

1. By-law Number 6 of 2007, being a By-law to Authorize the execution of the Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Transportation and the Corporation of the Village of Point Edward to permit access to information pertaining to driver, vehicle and motor carrier records who have committed parking infractions.

Resolution #8

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT By-law Number 6 of 2007, being a By-law to Authorize the execution of the Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Transportation and the Corporation of the Village of Point Edward to permit access to information pertaining to driver, vehicle and motor carrier records who have committed parking infractions, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 13th day of February, 2007.

CARRIED.

2. By-law Number 7 of 2007, being a By-law to Authorize the execution of the Agreement between The Village of Point Edward and Burdett Electric Ltd. for Site Plan purposes.

Resolution #9

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT By-law Number 7 of 2007, being a By-law to Authorize the execution of the Agreement between The Village of Point Edward and Burdett Electric Ltd. for Site Plan purposes, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 13th day of February, 2007.

CARRIED.

3. By-Law Number 8 of 2007, being a By-law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were adopted up to and including February 13, 2007

Resolution #10

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT By-Law Number 8 of 2007, being a By-law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were adopted up to and including February 13, 2007, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 13th day of February, 2007.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS

There was no business from Councillors.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO AN 'IN CAMERA' SESSION

Resolution #11

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT Council adjourn to an 'In Camera' session for legal, personnel and land acquisition matters, at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Resolution #12

Moved by Councillor Mackenzie

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT Council reconvene to Regular Council session, at 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF COUNCIL

C.A.O. Cramp advised that there was nothing to report from the closed session.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

Resolution #13

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT Council adopt the report of the Closed Session.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #14

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:41 p.m. until the October 24, 2006 call of the Chair or at such time as a Special Committee meeting is held to discuss legal matters, property matters or personnel matters.

CARRIED.

Mayor Dick Kirkland

C.A.O. Peggy Cramp