

VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD MINUTES

Council Meeting – March 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. Vice Chair Ross Laur, Point Edward Police Services Board
 Re: Recommendations from Parking Committee

Vice Chair Laur reviewed the report with Recommendations from the Parking Committee.

Deputy Mayor Robson thanked the Committee for their work and advised that the Public Works Committee is in support of the proposed changes.

Councillor MacKenzie expressed concern with the parallel parking on Monk Street. After snow is plowed, a driver will not be able to get out of his car because of the snow.

Vice Chair Laur advised that at present it is difficult to get the fire engine or the snow plow through on this road.

Councillor MacKenzie mentioned that they originally made the change to angle parking to provide extra parking for the downtown.

Mayor Kirkland commented that the parking space should be wide enough to give enough room to get in and out of the vehicle.

Councillor Churchill asked if there was a traffic study.

Councillor MacKenzie advised that at one time they had bumps to slow the traffic but this cut out parking spots and there was no room for parking. Then they went back to the angle parking.

Councillor Hand asked how many spaces would be lost. Councillor MacKenzie advised that it would be reduced from approximately 30 to 10 spaces. Councillor Hand noted that a lot of time it is full and the church uses it as a parking area as well.

Councillor MacKenzie noted that the reason for change is a safety issue more than anything else. He asked if the Public Works Department would do the work.

Councillor MacKenzie suggested that the property owners who are going to be affected by the changes should be notified, particularly on Victoria. Councillor Churchill noted that it is really tight in this section on Victoria.

Councillor MacKenzie commented that it will need to be monitored and enforced.

Vice Chair Laur advised that it will be.

It was also noted that in the areas where the corners are painted, they will be taken back further in both directions. There will also be signs "No Parking here to corner". The traffic by-law will have to be reviewed to ensure that there are no conflicts or need for changes to it.

Resolution #1

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT any property owners who will be impacted by the changes to the proposed parking changes are to be advised and given an opportunity to comment.

CARRIED.

PLANNING REPORT

1. Memo from Dave Posliff providing the process for the Cantaqleigh applications.

Council members expressed concern that comments have not been received on the Cantaqleigh applications from the public and that the open house was not set up appropriately for such a large crowd.

Resolution #2

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT Cantaqleigh be contacted to discuss another meeting on their development to provide input from the public, possibly with an Open House in the afternoon and a structured meeting in the evening at which there would be an opportunity for questions and answers.

CARRIED.

Resolution #3

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the report from Dave Posliff dated February 14, 2007 on the process for the Cantaqleigh applications, be accepted subject to the additional Open House and subject to other changes that may be required as the applications progress.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Fire Committee meeting of March 5, 2007

Resolution #4

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the proposed wage increase for the firefighters be incorporated into the Operating budget.
CARRIED.

Resolution #5

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the minutes of the Fire Committee meeting of March 5, 2007, be adopted.
CARRIED.

2. Public Works Committee meeting of March 8, 2007

Resolution #6

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of March 8, 2007, be adopted.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL ACTION)

1. Request from the Point Edward United Church re: Good Friday Fundraising Walk-a-thon

Resolution #7

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the Village of Point Edward Council approve the request from the Point Edward Church to hold their Good Friday Fundraising Walk-a-thon in the Village providing the walkways or sidewalks are used and not the roads and subject to proper notifications and no marking or defacing of Village property; and further that they also work with the City of Sarnia on the portion that falls within their jurisdiction.
CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Robson advised that Sarnia Transit congratulated the Village of Point Edward for their 8.4% increase of ridership for the month of January. Wicks need a new schedule for the Transit.

Deputy Mayor Robson commented that Sarnia Transit would like the Village of Point Edward to send a letter of challenge to all other municipalities in the Province of Ontario to use transit as part of Environmental Week. Further information will be forwarded to the Village. The new subsidy provided by the Village for Transit should be included in the Water bill.

BY-LAWS

1. By-law Number 11 of 2007, being a By-law to Grant the Blue Water Bridge Authority the authority to construct, use and maintain two pipeline crossings on a portion of municipal road allowance across Venetian Blvd. in the Village of Point Edward.

Resolution #8

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT By-law Number 11 of 2007, being a By-law to Grant the Blue Water Bridge Authority the authority to construct, use and maintain two pipeline crossings on a portion of municipal road allowance across Venetian Blvd. in the Village of Point Edward, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 13th day of March, 2007.

CARRIED.

2. By-Law Number 12 of 2007, being a By-law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were adopted up to and including March 13, 2007

Resolution #9

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT By-Law Number 12 of 2007, being a By-law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were adopted up to and including March 13, 2007, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 13th day of March, 2007.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS

The Committee of Adjustment decision on the Victoria Ave./Maud Street lot was discussed.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO AN 'IN CAMERA' SESSION

Resolution #10

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT Council adjourn to an 'In Camera' Session, at 7:07 p.m., for personnel matters.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Resolution #11

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT Council reconvene to Regular Council Session, at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF COUNCIL

There was nothing to report from the Closed Session.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

Resolution #12

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT Council adopt the report of the Closed Session.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #13

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m. until the March 27, 2007 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

CAO Peggy Cramp