

# VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD MINUTES

## Council Meeting –March 24, 2009

6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, Point Edward Municipal Office

135 Kendall Street, Point Edward, Ontario

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### Council Members Present:

Mayor Kirkland  
Councillor Hand

Deputy Mayor Robson  
Councillor Churchill

Councillor MacKenzie

### Staff Present:

CAO Cramp

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### DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

### PLANNING

Nil.

### DELEGATIONS

Les McDermott and Garry McDonald – Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce presentation.

### Resolution #1

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT Garry McDonald and Les McDermott be invited within the bar.

CARRIED.

Mr. McDermott provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Chamber of Commerce – where they are today and included a number of important issues where they have taken action. He emphasized that it is important to become involved in the Chamber.

Councillor MacKenzie asked how they would become a member on a Committee. Mr. McDermott advised that it would be primarily for the purpose of representation from Council.

Mr. McDonald commented that it allows for a great partnership. Often, an outside voice and assistance may help on certain issues. A Council or staff member could be interested in sitting on the Transportation or Energy Committee.

Mayor Kirkland responded that it would be a good idea to have someone appointed to one of the Committees.

Mr. McDonald stated that they were better able to lobby the Ministry of Energy on behalf of a municipality as they are a neutral third party.

Deputy Mayor Robson asked what is involved for the Transportation Committee. Mr. McDonald stated that it includes anything that moves. They have been involved in a number of items recently including air and rail study; Hwy. 402 expansion; Blue Water Bridge Canada; and Hwy 40.

Councillor MacKenzie asked how it works when they are opposed to a position of a local Council. Mr. McDermott commented that they try to get co-operation. Although this is not always possible, they prepare a business case. It is most important to work together. The networking and educational support is also a valuable component.

Mayor Kirkland thanked Mr. McDermott and Mr. McDonald for their presentation.

Jane Janes – The Imperial Theatre re: sponsorship.

**Resolution #2**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT Jane Janes and Richard Poore be invited within the bar.

CARRIED.

Mr. Poore thanked Council for their support of the Starbright Theatre. He is now asking for support of the Opening Night production, which is being directed by Jane Janes. The funds assist with the underwriting of expenses as well as to be used for marketing purposes.

Ms. Janes indicated that this is a historical production as it is the first show that opened in the theatre. The Theatre funds itself and they need contributions. It is unique in that there are no municipal, provincial or federal funds. They are able to continue using ticket sales, sponsorships and donations.

Councillor MacKenzie asked if there were any other options for the amount of sponsorship. Mr. Poore advised that they could try to work out a joint sponsorship but it is usually at the \$4,000 level.

**Resolution #3**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the request for funding for the Opening Night production at the Imperial Theatre, be referred to Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

Ed Teft – Blue Water Bridge Canada re: sign proposal.

**Resolution #4**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie  
Seconded by Councillor Churchill  
THAT Ed Teft be invited within the bar.

CARRIED.

Mr. Teft advised that the sign is needed to fulfill their commitment with Ontario Realty Corp. They would like to have a LED sign which would allow them to sell local advertising spots. He provided a plan that shows the location of the proposed sign as well as the distance from which it can be seen. It would be mainly visible up to Exmouth Street, up to the old Marina Road and into the Bridge plaza. It is not visible from the residential areas.

Councillor Hand noted that it would not be seen by the Condo residents.

Councillor MacKenzie asked about the Village sign by-law. CAO Cramp advised that the sign by-law deals with signs that are constructed on the boulevards. There are some provisions in the Zoning By-law.

Mr. Teft commented that this would be a benefit to the community. There is not a lot of opportunity to promote the community. Councillor MacKenzie expressed concerns that only some businesses would be able to afford the advertisements. He asked what this has to do with the Bridge. Mr. Teft replied that it was a requirement for the location of the Travel Information Centre. They will also be able to sell advertisements. Councillor MacKenzie was concerned that others may want to erect similar signs throughout the Village.

Councillor Churchill was concerned with what could be advertised on the sign. Mr. Teft responded that Blue Water Bridge Canada is a federal entity and they want to uphold their reputation. They have to erect a sign so it can be a static sign or the proposed LED sign. It would be helpful for tourism as out-of-country individuals would be able to see the information as they are entering the country.

Councillor MacKenzie asked about competition for advertising. Mr. Teft advised that there is a video stream so more than one advertisement can be included.

Mayor Kirkland asked if the Holiday Inn had any concerns about the sign at the Environmental Assessment stage. Mr. Teft was not aware of any concerns.

Councillor MacKenzie asked if there were concerns about driving and reading the signs at the same time. There has been a human factors analysis.

**Resolution #5**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson  
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie  
THAT the sign request be referred to Dave Posliff for review.

CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Council meeting of February 24, 2009.

**Resolution #6**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 24, 2009, be adopted.  
CARRIED.

2. Regular Council meeting of March 10, 2009.

**Resolution #7**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 10, 2009, be adopted.  
CARRIED.

3. Operating Budget meeting of March 17, 2009.

**Resolution #8**

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the minutes of the Operating Budget meeting of March 17, 2009, be adopted.  
CARRIED.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. General Operations: Total Revenues for the month of February 2009.

**Resolution #9**

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the Total Revenues for the month of February, 2009 for General Operations in the amount of \$1,451,109.37, be approved.

CARRIED.

General Operations: Total Expenditures for the month of February 2009.

**Resolution #10**

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Total Expenditures for the month of February, 2009 for General Operations in the amount of \$703,718.34, be approved.

CARRIED.

2. Water/WWTP Total Revenues for the month of February 2009.

**Resolution #11**

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the Total Revenues for the month of February, 2009 for Water/WWTP Departments in the amount of \$24,125.34, be approved.

CARRIED.

Water/WWTP: Total Expenditures for the month of February 2009.

**Resolution #12**

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Total Expenditures for the month of February, 2009 for Water/WWTP Departments in the amount of \$75,920.91, be approved.

CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Police Services Board meeting minutes of February 10, 2009.

**Resolution #13**

Moved by Mayor Kirkland

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the Police Services Board meeting minutes of February 10, 2009, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

2. Blue Water Bridge Draft Technical Liaison Committee meeting minutes of February 26, 2009.

**Resolution #14**

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT the Blue Water Bridge Draft Technical Liaison Committee meeting minutes of February 26, 2009, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

3. Water/Waste Water Treatment Plant Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2009.

**Resolution #15**

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Water/Waste Water Treatment Plant Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2009, be adopted.

CARRIED.

4. Finance Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2009.

**Resolution #16**

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the Finance Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2009, be adopted.

CARRIED.

5. Parks Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2009.

**Resolution #17**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT the Parks Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2009, be adopted.

CARRIED.

6. Public Works Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2009.

**Resolution #18**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT the Public Works Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2009, be adopted.

CARRIED.

7. Fire Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2009.

**Resolution #19**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Fire Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2009, be adopted.

CARRIED.

8. Arena/Community Hall Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2009

**Resolution #20**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Arena/Community Hall Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2009, be adopted.

CARRIED.

**MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

1. News Release from the County of Lambton Office of the CAO re: Council Highlights.
2. News Release from the County of Lambton Planning & Development Services Dept. re: Lambton County Fire Departments purchase new emergency lighting with help from Federal Grants.
3. News Release from the County of Lambton Information Technology Department re: The County of Lambton asks residents to report high speed internet gaps.
4. News Release from the County of Lambton Libraries, Museums & Cultural Services Department re: Warwick Township History to find a home in the Lambton Room.
5. News Release from the County of Lambton Office of the Warden re: Lambton County Council asks LHIN to reject recommendations to diminish emergency care in rural Lambton.
6. News Release from the County of Lambton Financial Services Division re: Lambton County Council passes budget at 0%.

**Resolution #21**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT Miscellaneous Reports 1 – 6, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

7. Point Edward O.P.P. Police Services Board Report March 10, 2009.

**Resolution #22**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Point Edward O.P.P. Police Services Board Report March 10, 2009, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

8. Point Edward Building Permits Issued for 2009 updated March 12, 2009.

**Resolution #23**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT the report for Point Edward Building Permits Issued for 2009 updated March 12, 2009, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL ACTION)**

1. Memorandum of Understanding between the Corporation of the Village of Point Edward and Blue Water Bridge Canada.re: Soccer Pitches.

**Resolution #24**

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT the Memorandum of Understanding between the Corporation of the Village of Point Edward and Blue Water Bridge Canada for the Soccer Pitches, be approved.

CARRIED.

2. Letter from the Ministry of Transportation re: Noise By-Law Exemption for Highway 402 Construction.

**Resolution #25**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT a Noise By-law Exemption for the Ministry of Transportation for the Highway 402 Construction, be approved.

CARRIED.

3. Letter from Bluewater Power re: Request to host a Community Tent Event.

**Resolution #26**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the request to host the Community Tent event in the Waterfront Park, be approved subject to them checking with Public Works Supervisor Chalmers for the sprinkler system.

CARRIED.

4. Thank-you Letter from Lindsay MacKenzie re: “No Idling” signs.

**Resolution #27**

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Thank-you Letter from Lindsay MacKenzie re: “No Idling” signs, be received and filed.  
CARRIED.

5. Letter from the Municipality of Thames Centre re: Municipal Impact – Collapse of Recycled Materials Commodities Market.

**Resolution #28**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Letter from the Municipality of Thames Centre re: Municipal Impact – Collapse of Recycled Materials Commodities Market, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

6. Letter from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services re: Emergency Management Activity Requirements.

**Resolution #29**

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the Letter from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services re: Emergency Management Activity Requirements, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

7. Letter from Marcin Bowl Youth Bowling re: request for funding.

**Resolution #30**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Village of Point Edward donate \$1,500.00 towards the cost of sending four bowlers to the Canadian Championship.

CARRIED.

8. Resolution from the City of Greater Sudbury re: Regulation and Provision of Resources to Monitor Retirement Homes.

**Resolution #31**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the Village of Point Edward Council support the resolution passed by the City of Greater Sudbury requesting that the provincial government take immediate action and pass legislation that will regulate and provide resources to monitor all retirement homes and provide a safe home environment to those seniors who are most vulnerable.

CARRIED.

9. Resolution from the Corporation of the City of Cambridge requesting support re: Internet Filtering Software on Computers.

**Resolution #32**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT the resolution received from the City of Cambridge requesting support to petition the provincial government to require all public schools and libraries in Ontario to be required to install internet filtering software on computers, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

10. Resolution from the Municipality of South Bruce requesting support re: Fair Funding for the Ontario Conservation Authorities.

**Resolution #33**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT the Village of Point Edward Council support the resolution passed by the Municipality of South Bruce requesting that Conservation Ontario implement and prioritize a major lobby effort against the provincial government and MNR to demand fair funding; and that MPP's support this mandate and demand the government significantly increase funding to the thirty-six Ontario Conservation Authorities.

CARRIED.

11. Resolution from the Municipality of Middlesex Centre requesting support re: Department of Fisheries and Oceans Requirements Pertaining to Drainage Works and Bridge Reconstruction.

**Resolution #34**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the resolution from the Municipality of Middlesex Centre petitioning the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to review and shorten the time frame required for approval of drainage maintenance and construction and bridge reconstruction requests, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

12. AMO FYI re: Municipal Action on Bottled Water.

**Resolution #35**

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the information provided from AMO regarding municipal action on bottled water, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

13. AMO Alert re: Government Releases Draft Employment Standard under AODA for Public Review.

**Resolution #36**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Village of Point Edward Council oppose the draft employment standard under AODA.

CARRIED.

14. 2008 Annual Report for the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority.

**Resolution #37**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the 2008 Annual Report for the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVE AND FILE – LISTED**

**Listed as of March 20, 2009**

1. AMO FYI re: Pedestrian-Focused Communities Events for Municipalities.
2. AMO Alert re: AMO and OMSSA release Joint Paper on Poverty Reduction.
3. AMO Alert re: Federal Rules Changed for Building Canada Fund Projects with provincial environmental Assessments until 2011.

4. AMO FYI re: Province Hosting Workshops on Renewable Energy Approvals Process Proposed in Bill 150 (Green Energy Act)
5. AMO Saturday Series registration form.
6. AMO 2009 Urban Symposium registration form.
7. AMO Media Relations training program registration form.
8. Email from Sarnia Lambton Chamber re: “Buy American” – Action required.
9. Email from The Clean Partnership re: Southwestern Ontario Clean Air Council Inaugural Meeting.
10. Email from LAS re: LAS Fuel Hedging Interest Survey.
11. Email from AMO re: One Funds 2008 Annual Report.
12. Letter from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario re: Order of Ontario – Call for Nominations.
13. Letter from the Office of the Mayor of Cornwall re: 56<sup>th</sup> Annual OSUM Conference and Trade Show.
14. News Release from the County of Lambton Financial Services Division re: County of Lambton Employees Shave Heads and Raise Over \$9,000 for Make-A-Wish-Foundation.
15. Letter from the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs re: Municipal Politicians Seminar: Firefighting 101.
16. Letter from the Minister Responsible for Seniors re: 2009 Senior of the Year Awards.
17. Fax from the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce re: Community Guard – a new insurance solution for the Voluntary Non-Profit Sector.

**Resolution #38**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT the Communications (Receive and File – Listed), be received and filed.

CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ontario Drinking –Water Systems 2008 Annual Report Summary.

**Resolution #39**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT the Ontario Drinking –Water Systems 2008 Annual Report Summary for the Village of Point Edward, be accepted.

CARRIED.

2. Village of Point Edward Water Department Annual Water Report 2008 to Council.

**Resolution #40**

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the Village of Point Edward Water Department Annual Water Report 2008 to Council, be accepted.

CARRIED.

3. Point Edward Wastewater Treatment Plant Report for 2008.

**Resolution #41**

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the Point Edward Wastewater Treatment Plant Report for 2008, be accepted.

CARRIED.

**BY-LAWS**

1. By-law No. 10 of 2009 being a By-law to authorize an Agreement Between the Corporation of the Village of Point Edward and Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario. Represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for the Province of Ontario – OSWAP-2 Funding.

**Resolution #42**

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT By-law No. 10 of 2009 being a By-law to authorize an Agreement Between the Corporation of the Village of Point Edward and Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario. Represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for the Province of Ontario – OSWAP-2 Funding, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

CARRIED.

2. By-law No. 11 of 2009 Being a By-law to enter into an Agreement with Tri-Con Excavating Inc. – Michigan Ave. Reconstruction (from Front Street to St. Clair Street).

**Resolution #43**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT By-law No. 11 of 2009 Being a By-law to enter into an Agreement with Tri-Con Excavating Inc. – Michigan Ave. Reconstruction (from Front Street to St. Clair Street), be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

CARRIED.

3. By-law No. 12 of 2009 being a By-law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were Adopted up to and Including March 24, 2009.

**Resolution #44**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT By-law No. 12 of 2009 being a By-law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were Adopted up to and Including March 24, 2009, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

CARRIED.

**BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Street Sweeping

Councillor Churchill commented that the street sweeping is leaving a strip of mud along the street. Councillor MacKenzie indicated that the Public Works employees are now using the new sweeper and it is working well.

Round Table with Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Mayor Kirkland advised that he took part in the Round Table with Prime Minister Stephen Harper. It allowed everyone to provide information to the Prime Minister and to discuss issues in the community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #45**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. until the April 28, 2009 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.

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Mayor Dick Kirkland

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C.A.O./Clerk Peggy Cramp