

VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD MINUTES

Council Meeting – July 12, 2005

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 Bourrie

Staff Present

CAO Cramp

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Nil

DELEGATIONS

6:00 p.m. – Ken Tosh re: fencing between severed and retained lot

Ken Tosh was present to explain to Council that there is a storm sewer located on the property line between the severed and retained lots. This is the location where Council had previously requested a fence between the two properties. A representative from Bluewater Plumbing, the potential owner of the severed property, indicated that he would prefer that no fence be installed.

Resolution #1

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Village of Point Edward Council does not require any delineation between the severed and retained properties, as set out in Application # “B”/1/2005.

CARRIED.

6:15 p.m. – Doug Wise re: ‘Citizen on Patrol’ Program

Police Services Board Chairperson was present at the meeting with Sgt. John Flesher. He advised that the Board supports and recommends approval by Council of the ‘Citizen on Patrol’ program.

Doug Wise was present to explain the program. He was born on Albert Street in Point Edward but has lived out west for 27 years. He worked with the Province to develop this program and there are now 68 communities with 3,000 members in Alberta. They have reduced vandalism and act as the eyes and ears of the police. They patrol the area but safety comes first. They do not confront anyone but rather call the police to report occurrences. They keep an eye on certain neighbourhoods, particularly if the police are having difficulties in a certain area. They have assisted police during searches. The program has proved to be very successful and they developed good relationships with young people. He would like to provide the program in the Village.

Sgt. Flesher commented that he would never refuse the help and he feels that it is a worthwhile program.

Deputy Mayor Robson asked if there would be any costs associated with the program. Mr. Wise reported that if they begin the program, they will fund themselves. In some instances, businesses were approached as a method of fundraising.

Deputy Mayor Robson asked if the individuals involved are required to obtain a clearance. Mr. Wise commented that the person has to be over 18 but preferably over 21. Background police checks are required. They are well identified.

Councillor Bourrie asked if any of the recruits get carried away, i.e. vigilante-type and do they police their own. Mr. Wise advised that there is a training manual and they always go out with a partner. As a result, they have not had a problem in this area.

Councillor MacKenzie commented that the program sounds great. He asked what kind of identification they carry. Mr. Wise responded that they carry an I.D. card but nothing is on their vehicles. He recommends that the recruits live in Point Edward.

Sgt. Flesher advised that contact would be made to the police station by using 9-1-1 if there is an emergency, the 1-888 number for non-emergency calls so that the call is recorded and cell phones as a last resort.

Councillor MacKenzie asked how many persons would be needed. Mr. Wise felt that he could start with six and move up from there.

Sgt. Flesher noted that a similar program is in place in Port Franks and it has worked well. A buy-in is required from the community and they must be able to get enough people involved.

Deputy Mayor Robson asked if it would be the Police Services Board to place an ad in the paper.

Chairperson Rand commented that coordination would be needed. The Board wants to get it in place as soon as possible. He also expressed concerns with the drugs and meth labs. If one or two children are prevented from being harmed by drugs, the program will be worthwhile. They can also help out at large events, such as Canada Day.

Deputy Mayor Robson noted that the Village used to have a great Neighbourhood Watch and Block Parents program but it is no longer in place. She backs this proposed program and sees it merits.

Councillor MacKenzie noted that they might be able to assist to prevent the problems that are occurring at the Waterfront Park.

Mr. Wise commented that when the police are busy, the citizens can patrol and check things out.

Councillor Bourrie asked if there were any concerns with the Police Association. Sgt. Flesher noted that they view it as an extra set of eyes. It does not displace anyone. Many residents complain but don't call on various incidents. These people will report problems in the community. They are working in several other areas policed by the OPP. It has been raised and passed by the Association.

Resolution #2

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT Council grants the Police Services Board permission to pursue the 'Citizens on Patrol' program through consultation with the Point Edward OPP.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter from Bluewater Bridge Authority re: Truck Ramp Construction – Fly Ash Dewatering Discharge Plans

Resolution #3

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT the request from the Blue Water Bridge Authority be tabled until Monday, July 18 at 4 p.m. to provide an opportunity to meet with Jim Sloma, Manager, WPCP.

CARRIED.

Works being Completed under the Blue Water Bridge Authority Truck Ramp Contract

Resolution #4

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT the works proposed to be completed through the Blue Water Bridge Authority Truck Ramp Contract at an estimated cost of \$850,000., be approved to proceed.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

1. By-Law Number 21 of 2005, being a By-law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were adopted up to and including July 12, 2005.

Resolution #5

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT By-Law Number 21 of 2005, being a By-law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were adopted up to and including July 12, 2005, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 12th day of July, 2005.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS

Deputy Mayor Robson commented on the pictures of the graduates from Bridgeview Public School who were included in The Point News.

Deputy Mayor Robson advised that she had heard a couple of garbage complaints as a result of the changes, mostly commercial. She advised them to contact the Municipal Office.

Mayor Kirkland commented that the Bluewater Power has advised that they will install the LED streetlights at the corner of Michigan and Albert on a trial basis. They are expected to provide better lighting and are more energy efficient.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #6

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m. until the July 26, 2005 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