

# VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD MINUTES

## Council Meeting – August 8, 2006

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                      Deputy Mayor Robson                      Councillor MacKenzie  
Councillor Bourrie                      Councillor Hand

### Staff Present:

CAO Cramp

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### DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

### DELEGATIONS:

1. Doug Lasenby and Mark French re: status of Holmes Foundry property

#### Resolution #1

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT Doug Lasenby and Mark French, be invited within the bar.

CARRIED.

Mr. Lasenby advised that Council had expressed a concern regarding the Holmes Foundry property, particularly following the recent fire. The area around the building has now been cleaned up and all trees removed in that area. They have gotten rid of anything that could be a hazard. Both Mayor Kirkland and Fire Chief MacKenzie have toured the property since the work has been done. If there are more recommendations, they are open to consider further improvements. Rather than the building being boarded and secure, it has been opened. In this way, you can see if anyone is in it and it is safer for firefighters and police. The fences have been secured and locked. Signs are posted.

Mayor Kirkland advised that there has been a big change from a safety point of view. All of the tires and ramps in the building are gone. The doors are open so that you can see in to see what is going on. They have also cleaned up around the building.

Councillor MacKenzie commented that Fire Chief MacKenzie had been through the building and advised that it was cleaned up inside.

Mayor Kirkland asked if the pipe between the two buildings would be removed.

Mr. Lasenby advised that it would be removed. He would like endorsement of leaving the building open.

Councillor MacKenzie commented that it is a step in the right direction. Once development begins, it will be much better.

Mr. Lasenby reported that the court has cleared the way and other things are expected to follow.

Deputy Mayor Robson noted that she is pleased that they have dealt with the concerns quickly.

Councillor Bourrie asked if there is further information on the court proceedings.

Mr. French advised that a Court Order has been issued to go ahead with the sale and development of the property. There is still some dispute over the ownership. However, the court order will allow them to proceed for a sale without strings attached. It is not totally resolved but they have a Court Order.

Mr. Lasenby advised that last time, they were very close to a major tenant announcement. Because they still did not have the judgment, the tenant pulled out. They are trying to get them back to the table. The main concerns are environmental and ownership. They had completed some preliminary site plans and nothing that they saw was an impediment. It was another group with a completely different view and vision. In the next month, they are hopeful for further progress.

Councillor MacKenzie asked if the court order clears the way for a rezoning, if needed.

Mr. French advised that the court order allows them to deal with it.

Mr. Lasenby noted that the claim remains on title. The Judge would deal with the removal of it prior to the sale. In the meantime, they are unable to stand in the way of a sale. John Kennedy will work with Council in advance of any future requirements.

Mayor Kirkland thanked Mr. Lasenby and Mr. French for attending the Council meeting for an update.

## **PLANNING**

Dave Posliff

Letter re: comments from Ministry on Brownfield Community Plan  
Update on Official Plan Amendment

Mr. Posliff provided an update to Council on the Community Plan. He advised that the comments from the Ministry have been received and provided recommendations.

Mr. Lasenby asked that Council consider permitting the funds to flow through to the tenant at Village discretion.

Councillor MacKenzie advised that he had no problem with the funding going to the tenant provided that Council has control over that decision.

Mr. Posliff suggested proper wording would deal with that issue.

Mr. Lasenby commented that the reason for the plan is to kick-start development. Council needs to ensure that it is available.

Mr. Posliff advised that he would look at the wording and return with further recommendations.

**Resolution #2**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT the recommendations from Dave Posliff be approved subject to further consideration regarding the wording relating to funds flowing to tenants; and further that the public meeting be scheduled for September 12, 2006.

CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL ACTION)**

No communications at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sarnia Golf & Curling Club – fencing project

Council was updated regarding the fencing project proposed by Sarnia Golf & Curling Club, which is expected to be presented to adjacent property owners for their consideration. Council had no objection to the proposal subject to further consultation with the property owners.

**BY-LAWS**

1. By-Law Number 29 of 2006, being a By-law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were adopted up to and including August 8, 2006.

**Resolution #3**

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT By-Law Number 29 of 2006, being a By-law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were adopted up to and including August 8, 2006, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

CARRIED.

**BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Hand advised that contractors were jack hammering cement at the LAWSS water plant on the holiday Monday at 8 a.m. Mayor Kirkland will discuss the concern with the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #4**

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. until the September 12, 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.

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Mayor Dick Kirkland

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CAO Peggy Cramp