

VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD MINUTES

Council Meeting – October 11, 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 declarations of pecuniary interest.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Nil

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

1. County of Lambton News Release re: Council Highlights

Resolution #1

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT the County of Lambton News Release re: Council Highlights, be received and filed.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL ACTION)

1. Letter from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 62 requesting permission to hold their Poppy Pinning Days in the Village of Point Edward

Resolution #2

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT the request from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 62 for permission to hold their Poppy Pinning Days in the Village of Point Edward, be approved subject to notification of the Point Edward Fire & Rescue and the Point Edward OPP.

CARRIED.

2. Letter from Township of Oro-Medonte dated September 26, 2005 requesting support of their resolution to petition the Ministry of Natural Resources to recognize the threat of predation to livestock by cougars/pumas in Ontario and to initiate a program of compensation.

Resolution #3

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT the letter from the Township of Oro-Medonte requesting support of their resolution to petition the Ministry of Natural Resources to recognize the threat of predation to livestock by cougars/pumas in Ontario and to initiate a program of compensation, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

3. Letter from the Regional Municipality of Niagara dated September 26, 2005 requesting support of their resolution supporting cost-effective policies and program to enhance security of the border such as Nexus but do not support the additional requirement of a passport.

Resolution #4

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT the Village of Point Edward Council support the letter from the from the Regional Municipality of Niagara dated September 26, 2005 requesting support of their resolution supporting cost-effective policies and program to enhance security of the border such as Nexus but do not support the additional requirement of a passport.

CARRIED.

4. AMO Member Alert dated October 4, 2005 requesting that the model resolution be passed regarding Bill 123.

Resolution #5

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT WHEREAS the provincial Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills is currently debating Private Members Bill 123, the Transparency in Public Matters Act; and

WHEREAS the proposed legislation includes municipal council and committees; and

WHEREAS the proposed legislation adds requirements to notice provisions, open meetings, minutes, forms of meetings, among other matters all of which are addressed in the Municipal Act, which would create confusions for council, administration and the public; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Act is currently under review and is being informed by input from the municipal and private sectors among others; and

WHEREAS AMO and others have urged the Standing Committee to remove any reference to municipal councils or council committees from this legislation and allow transparency and accountability issues to continue to be regulated under the Municipal Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Point Edward Council urges the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to vote against the Bill if the reference to 'municipal councils' is not deleted in the Bill as reported by the Standing Committee; and that Caroline DiCocco, MPP, Sarnia-Lambton and all provincial members of the legislature be advised of the lack of this Council's support for the inclusion of 'municipal councils' in Bill 123.

CARRIED.

5. Letter from the Township of Stone Mills requesting support of their resolution to petition the Province to amend the Provincial Policy Statement as it relates to Lot Creation and Lot adjustments in prime agricultural areas.

Resolution #6

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the letter from the Township of Stone Mills requesting support of their resolution to petition the Province to amend the Provincial Policy Statement as it relates to Lot Creation and Lot adjustments in prime agricultural areas, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report from Deputy Mayor Robson re: various Finance Committee items

Resolution #7

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Report from Deputy Mayor Robson re: various Finance Committee items, be accepted.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

1. By-Law Number 33 of 2005, being a By-law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were adopted up to and including October 11, 2005.

Resolution #8

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT By-Law Number 33 of 2005, being a By-law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were adopted up to and including October 11, 2005, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 11th day of October, 2005.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Bourrie reported that the Front Street ramp may not be completed until April or May, 2006 due to the additional work required relating to the asbestos. If this is to be the case, the Blue Water Bridge Authority will meet with Council to explain the delay.

Deputy Mayor Robson reported that Marina Road and the temporary ramp were both closed from Port Huron. This will be mentioned at the next meeting with the BWBA.

Deputy Mayor Robson advised that the kick-off for Fire Prevention week will begin at the Bridgeview Public School and she will be in attendance to read the proclamation.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO AN 'IN CAMERA' SESSION

Resolution #9

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie
THAT Council adjourn to an In Camera session, at 6:25 p.m.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Resolution #10

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson
Seconded by Councillor Bourrie
THAT Council reconvene to Regular Council Session, at 7:05 p.m.

CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF COUNCIL

CAO Cramp reported the following resolution was passed during the Closed Session dated October 11, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #11

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie
Seconded by Councillor Bourrie
THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m. until the October 25, 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.