

# VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD MINUTES

## Inaugural Council Meeting – December 5, 2006

7:00 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.

### OATHS OF OFFICE AND DECLARATION OF MAYOR

The Mayor took the Oath of Office and Declaration.

### OATHS OF OFFICE AND DECLARATION OF COUNCIL

All Council members took the oaths of office and declarations.

### BENEDICTION

- Reverend Grace Coleman-Anthony

The Reverend Grace Coleman Anthony of St. Paul's Anglican Church provided a prayer and blessing to the new Council for their four-year term.

### MAYOR KIRKLAND'S ADDRESS

Mayor Kirkland congratulated Council members on their election and advised that he is looking forward to the upcoming four years. He noted that information on the waterfront development will be available at various meetings in the New Year as it is ready to be presented to the public. He hopes that someone will take an interest in the Holmes Foundry property and that development will occur. He noted that it even looks a little better on the portion that has been cleaned up by Nordell Excavating. The last Council had the services installed to the Holmes Foundry for water and sewage. Two new lift stations were also installed at Marina Road. The second one was added to allow for additional development of the 25 acres on Exmouth Street as well as Holmes Foundry. The Village continues to use the funds from the Casino wisely on capital projects.

We now hold our capital budgets at an early stage so that we can get out for tender early in the year, which has resulted in better and more reasonable contract costs. This year, the main project will be the replacement of the Alexandra Storm Station at a cost of over \$1 million. These are exciting times, particularly with announcements from Shell Canada, who plan development in this area and are undertaking \$50 million worth of preliminary studies. Sun-Cor is also announcing another Ethanol plant. The Hydro Generation plant is making changes by burning corn with the coal to clean up their emissions and extend the life of the plant. There is a need for power beyond 2014. The Steeves & Rozema condominiums have been built and are for sale at this time. The replacement or upgrades of the Arena is another project where discussions are ongoing with the Blue Water Bridge Authority. A Community Committee will be established as this project progresses to ensure a great degree of community involvement. The waterfront walkway is close to completion and the final work will be done in the spring. The project was substantially complete ahead of schedule and under budget.

### **COUNCILLOR'S ADDRESS**

Deputy Mayor Robson is also looking forward to the next four years and is ready to work together to accomplish the various projects that are being considered. Deputy Mayor Robson looked back to good advice that was given to her in 1997. It is fine for Council members to agree to disagree. However, the most important goal is to leave the meetings knowing that Council has done what is best for the residents of the Village.

Councillor MacKenzie welcomed Councillor Churchill to Council. He is hoping that a few of the major projects that have been mentioned will come to fruition. He thanked the public for their support. Point Edward is a great place.

Councillor Hand noted that she has been on Council for a year. Everyone on the team has been very welcoming and supported her in learning the ropes. She is pleased that the waterfront development has progressed and that the newest portion has opened to the public. She was disappointed that the big box store did not follow through at the Holmes Foundry property and she hopes for an exciting, attractive development during this term. She looks forward to working with Council and the community.

Councillor Churchill commented that this is a new experience for him and another chapter in his life. He also looks forward to working together with Council and considers them friends. He wants to bring his thoughts and ideas to Council. He is honoured and privileged to have the opportunity to be involved. He has experience on several other Committees. He has worked with the Village on beautifying the walkway as part of his landscape designer job. The land to be developed at the waterfront is the most beautiful area and his design skills may help in dealing with the vacant land. He was the very proudest two months ago when his baby was born.

### **APPROVAL OF 2007 CAPITAL BUDGET**

The e-mail from Robert Swift dated December 1, 2006 was read to Council.

#### **Resolution #1**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT Council approve the 2007 Capital Budget in accordance with the recommendation from the Capital budget meeting.

CARRIED.

**BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS**

There was no business from Councillors. It was noted that the next Regular Council meeting is December 12, 2006.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #2**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. until the December 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