

**VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD
MINUTES**

Council Meeting –December 13, 2005

**5:30 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

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO AN ‘IN CAMERA’ SESSION

Resolution #1

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT Council adjourn to an ‘In Camera’ session, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss matters subject to solicitor-client privilege.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Resolution #2

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT Council reconvene to regular Council Session, at 6 p.m.

CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF COUNCIL

CAO Cramp advised that there were no items to report from the Closed Session.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

Resolution #3

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT the report from the closed session, be approved.

CARRIED.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Nil

DELEGATIONS

1. 6:00 pm – Dave Dobson re: Donation for 2nd Point Edward Scouting Group

Resolution #4

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT Dave Dobson be invited within the bar for his presentation.

CARRIED.

Mr. Dave Dobson advised Council that the Scouting Group is steadily growing. There are now 45 members plus the leadership team. They are hoping to attend the Canadian Jamboree in 2007. To train for this event, they must purchase camping items and carry them in their back packs. Elite tools for camping are required and there is a need for an upgrade for the older children. They will also be going to the Bruce Peninsula, Algonquin Park and state side, which require additional fuel costs.

Councillor Bourrie asked what the \$7,000 would be used for. They plan to purchase ten tents @ \$350; stoves and tables - \$620; specialty dining fly - \$480; new flags and approximately \$5,000 will be required for material. Any remaining funds will help supplement camping costs. Mr. Dobson noted that all kids have a chance to join.

Councillor Bourrie noted that the trailer looks great that was purchased last year from the Village's donation. Mr. Dobson commented that they require a location to store it and suggested the Pollution Control Plant.

Resolution #5

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the request to store the trailer at the Pollution Control Plant, be referred to the Water and WPCP Committee, for their recommendation.

CARRIED.

Councillor MacKenzie asked if the Scouting Group still carries out a fundraising campaign. Mr. Dobson noted that they do certain fundraising but it is limited. They do a meat raffle at Bottoms-Up as their main fundraising event. Councillor MacKenzie asked what happens to the equipment if the 2nd Point Edward Scouting Group is discontinued. Scouts Canada holds the equipment for three years to ensure that it won't re-start and if it doesn't re-start, they split the equipment to scouting groups in the Bluewater area, who are in need.

Resolution #6

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT a donation in the amount of \$5,000 be given to the 2nd Point Edward Scouting Group.

CARRIED.

2. 6:10 pm – Gerry Fawdry, Jake VanRooyen, and John Knight re: Donation for Bluewater Anglers

Resolution #7

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT Jake Van Rooyen and Gerry Fawdry be invited within the bar for their presentation.

CARRIED.

Mr. Van Rooyen thanked Council for their ongoing support. Their program is staying the same with the exception that it is expanding. More people are involved and tours for March and April are already scheduled. They asked that Council continue to offer their support as the main sponsor of the Annual Fishing Tournament.

Councillor MacKenzie asked what their membership is. Mr. Van Rooyen advised that they presently have 330 members. Before they were down to 140 and they were in trouble.

They asked that Council advise them before the end of the year because they should be starting their advertising campaign as soon as possible.

Resolution #8

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT a donation in the amount of \$5,000 be given to the Bluewater Anglers as main sponsor of the Annual Fishing Tournament.

CARRIED.

3. 6:20 pm – Mark Houghton re: Donation for Bridgeview Public School

Resolution #9

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT Mark Houghton be invited within the Bar for his presentation.

CARRIED.

Mr. Mark Houghton was present to thank Council for their previous support of the school and to request that the \$15,000 donation continue. He noted that the School Board has approved capital maintenance of the school by the replacement of the roof. The Ministry has announced that in order to obtain the funding for the capital maintenance project, a moratorium has to be placed on the school so that it would not come up for consideration of closure for at least ten years.

Mr. Houghton advised Council that the Board has transferred him to another school and that he will miss Bridgeview. Council thanked him for the tremendous job that he has done.

Resolution #10

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT a donation in the amount of \$15,000 be given to the Bridgeview Public School.

CARRIED.

4. 6:30 pm – Wilma McNeill re: Donation for Canada Day Committee

Resolution #11

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT Wilma McNeill be invited within the bar for her presentation.

CARRIED.

Mrs. McNeill was present to thank Council for their previous donations and to ask that they continue to support the Canada Day Committee by offering a donation towards the fireworks.

Resolution #12

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT a donation in the amount of \$10,000 be given to the Canada Day Committee on behalf of the residents of the Village; and further that it be used towards the fireworks.

CARRIED.

5. 6:40 pm – Cathy Eyre re: Donation for Point Edward Nursery School

Resolution #13

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT Cathy Eyre be invited within the Bar for her presentation.

CARRIED.

Ms. Eyre advised that the business plan for the Point Edward Nursery School is at the printer. Then it will be up to the Village, Board of Education, Ministry of Education, Children's Services to review and provide input to it and ultimately the Board of Education will make a decision.

Councillor MacKenzie asked what kind of funding is needed. They will require \$45,000 for their capital costs, \$20,000 of which they will contribute. This will be used on services for the building, gravel base for the pre-fab and initial start-up costs, for example, additional needs for toddlers. They are hoping to obtain donations or grants through the Best Start Initiative, the Village and the Board of Education.

Deputy Mayor asked when the new programs would begin. Ms. Eyre advised that it would probably be September but the sooner the better. They are barely affording the present situation as they are restricted on the number of students. They have developed a three-year financial plan.

Ms. Eyre noted that universal child care is a priority for the Liberals and this plan will stand alone once it is up and running.

Ms. Eyre will provide a copy of the Business Plan to Council and consideration of a donation will be given at a later date, when more details are available.

Letter received from Dave Eyre, President, Point Edward Minor Athletics Association re: Donation Request

Resolution #14

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT a donation in the amount of \$25,000 be given to the Point Edward Minor Athletics Association.
CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Nil

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Technical Liaison Committee Meeting of November 23, 2005.

Resolution #15

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT the minutes of the Technical Liaison Committee of November 23, 2005, be received and filed.
CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL ACTION)

1. Letter from Cathy Lowe and Linda Williamson re: request for donation for trip to Haiti.

Resolution #16

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the request for the donation in the amount of \$300 each from Cathy Lowe and Linda Williamson to help mentor the RPN students going to Haiti to help with underdeveloped infants, children and adults through the Rayjon Share Care, be approved with the funds to be taken from the 2005 Donations account.

CARRIED.

2. Letter from the Sarnia Highland Games re: request for donation.

Resolution #17

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT no donation be made to the Sarnia Highland Games this year due to less casino revenues being received and additional capital commitments required for the Village.

CARRIED.

3. Letter from St. Joseph's Health Care Society re: requesting support for the Residential Hospice for Sarnia Lambton.

Resolution #18

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT Council support the request from St. Joseph's Health Care Society to support their proposal for a residential hospice for Sarnia-Lambton.

CARRIED.

4. Letter from URS Canada Inc. re: Highway 402 Planning and Preliminary Design Study.

Resolution #19

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT Council requests that the Ministry of the Environment air quality study, be released.

CARRIED.

5. Letter from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services re: Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Program.

Resolution #20

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the letter from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services re: the Safer Communities grant, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

6. Resolution from the Township of Warwick re: Water Strategy Expert Panel Report.

Resolution #21

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Village of Point Edward Council supports the resolution from the Township of Warwick opposing the recommendation in the Water Strategy Expert Panel Report recommending that water and waste water services be consolidated to upper tier municipal governments, as the Lambton Area Water System is in operation for a number of the municipalities in the County.

CARRIED.

7. Letter from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority re: 2006 Draft Budget, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority.

Resolution #22

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT the 2006 Draft Budget of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, be referred to the 2006 Operating Budget for the Village.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVE AND FILE-LISTED)

Listed as of December 8, 2005

1. Letter from MPAC re: update on the 2005 province-wide assessment and service improvements.
2. Letter from MPAC re: 2005 Assessment Notices to Ontario property owners.
3. Letter from Bluewater Power re: Smart Meters Reference Sheet.
4. Letter from the Office of the Prime Minister acknowledging receipt of the resolution endorsement re: fuel prices.
5. Letter from Union Gas re: rising energy prices.
6. Letter from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration re: Canada and Ontario sign historic immigration agreement.
7. Letter from the Power Workers Union re: PWU Documentary – “A Better Plan” (cd included).

8. Thank-you letter from Tourism Sarnia-Lambton re: Vote of Confidence for T.S.L.
9. Members' Advisory from Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Impact of an Early Election on Federal Transfers for Municipalities.
10. Members' Advisory from Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Councillor Gloria Kovach becomes new F.C.M. President.
11. Media Advisory from the County of Lambton office of the C.A.O. re: Election of Lambton County Warden & Deputy Warden.
12. Election Alert from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Tune In to CPAC Sunday for Municipal Election Date.
13. Letter and booklet from the Ministry of Culture entitled "Strengthening Ontario's Heritage" (booklet located on shelf in Councillor's office)
14. Infifax from Sarnia Lambton Chamber Issue 217, November 24, 2005.
15. Gateway Report from Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce, Winter 2005, Volume 1, Issue 17.

Resolution #23

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

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

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Council member

Resolution #24

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT Beverley Hand be appointed as Village of Point Edward Councillor for the remainder of this Council's term.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

1. By-Law Number 41 of 2005 Being a By-Law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were Adopted Up To and Including December 13, 2005.

Resolution #25

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT By-Law Number 41 of 2005 Being a By-Law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were Adopted Up To and Including December 13, 2005, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 13th day of December, 2005.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS

Deputy Mayor Robson advised that the first draft of the transit report has been received.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #26

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Bourrie

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. until the January 10, 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.

Mayor Dick Kirkland

CAO/Clerk Peggy Cramp