

VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD
MINUTES

Council Meeting –June 28, 2011

6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, Point Edward Municipal Office
135 Kendall Street, Point Edward, Ontario

Council Members Present:

Mayor Kirkland	Deputy Mayor MacKenzie	Councillor Hand
Councillor Churchill	Councillor Romlewski	

Staff Present:

CAO Cramp

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

PLANNING

Nil.

DELEGATIONS

Claude Lafrance, St. Clair River RAP Coordinator, St. Clair River Conservation Authority
Re: The St. Clair River Area of Concern
Recent Achievements/Current Priorities

Mr. Lafrance presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Remediation Action Plan and the works that have been done to be in a position to de-list the areas of concern.

Deputy Mayor MacKenzie asked if the St. Clair River would eventually be de-listed. Mr. Lafrance responded that they would have to reinstate all 8 beneficial use impairments before this could be done.

Councillor Hand asked if it was in the same area as the others that have been cleaned up. He noted that some of the historic contamination has been cleaned up by Dow, the Shell & Suncor docks are better and Guthrie Park has improved.

Councillor Romlewski asked about Telford Creek. It was noted that the colour is likely from sediment from farming and other activities. It is not likely to be addressed as the same thing occurs in the other Great Lakes. It is not pristine but it is not worse than others.

George Mallay, General Manager, Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership
Re: Update on work of the Economic Partnership

Resolution #1

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie
Seconded by Councillor Hand
THAT George Mallay be invited within the bar.

CARRIED.

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George Mallay reviewed the work that the Economic Partnership is performing. He noted that their main focus is Economic Development. They deal with some public-private sector partnerships. Most of the funding comes from the County of Lambton.

In 1986, there was unemployment of 16% in the area. A strategic plan was put in place to agree on a direction to take. The local communities worked together to make things happen. At that time, they were able to attract 5 call centres, The auto industry peaked in 2000 and they attracted 5 auto part plants. In 2000, the Village and City Casinos arrived. All of this brought stability to the community.

By 2008, unemployment had dropped to 8%. Now they are positioning for the bio-economy. There are opportunities in the wind/solar area as a result of the Green Energy Act. They have been very successful on the bio side. LANXESS, Trans Alta and Sun-Cor have expanded. Also, the \$50 million Research Park has been successful. There are more announcements expected this year.

A weaker area is business development and exporting. More innovation is required.

They are also promoting the area/community to immigrants, retirees, seniors, students and entrepreneurs. They have various bus tours and they market in the GTA. They have a couple of internet sites including 'I Hate Traffic.ca and the Live in Lambton site. They need to expand their efforts. They have worked well with developers. Mr. Mallay noted that the streetscape in Point Edward is great and the Village shows well.

Agriculture is also a big area and productivity is improving but this has meant less workers. There are communications between Agricultural and Chemical companies for such things as food processing.

Councillor Hand asked about the web site. She is often attracting people to the area for her work place and asked if there were any presentations available to meet the needs of clients. Mr. Mallay noted that there is a lot of information on the web site and she could also speak with his office for further assistance.

He noted that there are a lot of initiatives going on. The U.S. economy has been difficult.

Mayor Kirkland thanked Mr. Mallay for his presentation.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Nil

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council meeting of May 24, 2011.

Resolution #2

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 24, 2011, be approved.

CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. General Operations: Total Revenues for the month of May, 2011.

Resolution #3

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the Total Revenues for the month of May, 2011 for General Operations in the amount of \$1,348,415.97, be approved.

CARRIED.

General Operations: Total Expenditures for the month of May, 2011.

Resolution #4

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Councillor Romlewski

THAT the Total Expenditures for the month of May, 2011 for General Operations in the amount of \$1,186,315.54, be approved.

CARRIED.

2. Water/WWTP Total Revenues for the month of May, 2011.

Resolution #5

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the Total Revenues for the month of May, 2011 for the Water/WWTP Departments in the amount of \$29,323.80, be approved.

CARRIED.

Water/WWTP Total Expenditures for the month of May, 2011.

Resolution #6

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the Total Expenditures for the month of May, 2011 for the Water/WWTP Departments in the amount of \$89,436.08, be approved.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Draft Technical Liaison Committee minutes of April 28, 2011.

Resolution #7

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT the Draft Technical Liaison Committee minutes of April 28, 2011, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

2. Police Services Board minutes of May 10, 2011.

Resolution #8

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Romlewski

THAT the Police Services Board minutes of May 10, 2011, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

3. Draft Technical Liaison Committee minutes of May 26, 2011

Resolution #9

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the Draft Technical Liaison Committee minutes of May 26, 2011, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

4. Finance Committee minutes of June 14, 2011

Resolution #10

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the Finance Committee minutes of June 14, 2011, be adopted.

CARRIED.

5. Fire Committee minutes of June 14, 2011.

Resolution #11

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Councillor Romlewski

THAT the Fire Committee minutes of June 14, 2011, be adopted.

CARRIED.

6. Arena/Community Hall Committee minutes of June 14, 2011

Resolution #12

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the Arena/Community Hall Committee minutes of June 14, 2011, be adopted.
CARRIED.

7. Parks Committee minutes of June 14, 2011.

Resolution #13

Moved by Councillor Romlewski

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT the Parks Committee minutes of June 14, 2011, be adopted.
CARRIED.

8. Public Works Committee minutes of June 14, 2011.

Resolution #14

Moved by Councillor Romlewski

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT the Public Works Committee minutes of June 14, 2011, be adopted.
CARRIED.

9. Water/Waste Water Treatment Plant Committee minutes of June 14, 2011

Resolution #15

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Romlewski

THAT the Water/Waste Water Treatment Plant Committee minutes of June 14, 2011, be adopted.
CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

1. O.P.P. Point Edward Detachment Western Region May 2011 Report.
2. County of Lambton Council Highlights – News Release of June 2, 2011
3. Building Permits issued for the Village of Point Edward updated May 31, 2011.
4. Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Board of Director Minutes of March 17, 2011

Resolution #16

Moved by Councillor Romlewski
Seconded by Councillor Hand
THAT Miscellaneous Reports #1 – 4, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL ACTION)

1. Letter from Dino Radocchia, Manager, Infrastructure Programs Unit, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs re: Provincial Grant Approval in the amount of \$418,967 being 2/3 towards the cost of the Helena Street Sanitary Pumping Station under the OSWAP-3 Program

Resolution #17

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie
Seconded by Councillor Romlewski
THAT the construction of the new Helena Street Sanitary Pumping Station proceed this year; and further that the costs be paid as recommended in the report by CAO Peggy Cramp.

CARRIED.

2. Letter from the Town of Fort Erie requesting support of their resolution to petition the OLG to amend the Racetrack Municipality Contribution Agreement to ensure that the municipal share of revenues will not be reduced as a result of their change in financial practices

Resolution #18

Moved by Councillor Romlewski
Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie
THAT the Village of Point Edward Council support the resolution from the Town of Ajax and the Town of Fort Erie to petition the OLG to amend the Racetrack Municipality Contribution Agreement to ensure that the municipal share of revenues will not be reduced for any of the municipalities that host slots and casino facilities as a result of their change in financial practices.

CARRIED.

3. Letter from Chatham-Kent Police Services Board requesting support of their resolution that the provincial government assume in its entirety the responsibility and cost of policing for cyberspace network monitoring and investigation

Resolution #19

Moved by Councillor Churchill
Seconded by Councillor Romlewski
THAT the letter from Chatham-Kent Police Services Board requesting support of their resolution that the provincial government assume in its entirety the responsibility and cost of policing for cyberspace network monitoring and investigation, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

4. Letter from the Town of Thessalon requesting support of their resolution to petition the provincial government to address the provisions of the Energy Act having regard for the negative impact created by the installation of ground mounted solar systems within residential and commercial areas in municipalities

Resolution #20

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Councillor Romlewski

THAT the Village of Point Edward Council support the resolution passed by the Town of Thessalon to petition the provincial government to address the provisions of the Energy Act having regard for the negative impact created by the installation of ground mounted solar systems within residential and commercial areas in municipalities.

CARRIED.

5. Letter from the Township of South Frontenac requesting support of their resolution petition the Province to introduce legislation that limits the sale of goods sold in Ontario to those which are completely recyclable or compostable and packaged in materials that are completely recyclable or compostable.

Resolution #21

Moved by Councillor Romlewski

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the Village of Point Edward Council support the resolution passed by the Township of South Frontenac to petition the Province to introduce legislation that limits the sale of goods sold in Ontario to those which are completely recyclable or compostable and packaged in materials that are completely recyclable or compostable.

CARRIED.

6. Letter from the Township of North Stormont requesting support of their resolution to match their donation of \$100.00 to the Town of Slave Lake to help compensate them in their recent fire.

Resolution #22

Moved by Councillor Romlewski

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT the Village of Point Edward donate \$500.00 to the Town of Slave Lake to help compensate them in their recent fire.

CARRIED.

7. E-mails and Response letter from Downsview Group re: unauthorized use of hydrants

Resolution #23

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Romlewski

THAT the Downsview Group be invoiced \$100.00 for the unauthorized use of hydrants.

CARRIED.

8. Letter from The Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee re: increase in time for the Ontario Family Fishing Week from Saturday, July 2 to Sunday, July 10, 2011.

Resolution #24

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT the information regarding the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

9. Letter from OLG re: their implementation of International Financial Reporting Standards resulting in decrease of revenue received from Casino

Resolution #25

Moved by Councillor Romlewski

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the letter from the OLG regarding the decrease of revenue received from the Casino resulting from a change in financial practices, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

10. E-mail from Richard St. Amour requesting that the word be spread about the New Ontario on-line Organ and Tissue Donor Registry

Resolution #26

Moved by Councillor Romlewski

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT the e-mail from Richard St. Amour regarding the Organ and Tissue Donor Registry, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

11. Letter from Gary Dillon, Director, Central Region, Statistics Canada requesting support to encourage participation in the new National Household Survey

Resolution #27

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the letter from Statistics Canada regarding the National Household Survey, be received and filed.
CARRIED.

12. Letter from Point Edward Early Learning Centre re: Spring Update – April 2011

Resolution #28

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Romlewski

THAT the update from the Point Edward Early Learning Centre, be received and filed.
CARRIED.

13. Letter from Laurie Webb, Curator/Supervisor re: residents of Point Edward are welcome to visit the Lambton Heritage Museum, free of charge to share their stories on July 23 and 24, 2011

Resolution #29

Moved by Councillor Romlewski

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the information regarding visits to the Lambton Heritage Museum, be received and filed and placed on the Bulletin Board.

CARRIED.

14. Letter from Connie Van Sickle, Acting Manager, Housing Services Department, County of Lambton re: Affordable Housing Plan for the communities of Lambton County

Resolution #30

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the information on the Affordable Housing Plan for the communities of Lambton County, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

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15. Letter from Drinking Water Source Protection re: St. Clair Region Updated Assessment Report posted for comment.

Resolution #31

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT the letter from the Drinking Water Source Protection, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

16. AMO Communication re: AMO Watch File – June 2, June 9 and June 16, 2011.

Resolution #32

Moved by Councillor Romlewski

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the AMO Communications re: AMO Watch Files, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVE AND FILE – LISTED

1. Letter from Bob Bailey, MPP, Sarnia Lambton re: support of his private member's bill, Bill 180 "The Ontario One Call Act
2. Letter from the Inn of the Good Shepherd re: thank you for donation
3. Letter from St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation re: thank you for donation
4. Letter from Ontario Senior Games Association re: Information Session about the Ontario Senior Games Association Program in Lambton County
5. Letter from Commissionnaires re: Vote for your top school crossing guard
6. Spring, 2011 Newsletter from St. Clair River Bi-national Public Advisory Council
7. Letter from AMO re: 2011 Federal Budget
8. Letter from AMO re: Municipal Insurance Survey

Resolution #33

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Hand

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

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter from MPP Bob Bailey's Office re: change of date for his Waterfront Park Barbeque to July 7, 2011

The information was received and filed.

2. E-mail from Sgt. Tom MacLean re: cost of speed signs for Village

Resolution #34

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Romlewski

THAT the e-mail from Sgt. MacLean regarding the cost of speed signs for the Village, be referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation.

CARRIED.

3. 2011 Summer Event in Downtown Point Edward – July 23, 2011 from 12 Noon to 3 p.m.

A summary was provided to Council regarding the upcoming event in Downtown Point Edward.

4. Update on Property Standards complaints

An e-mail from Property Standards Officer Kelly Bedard was provided to Council to update them on the status of Property Standards complaints within the Village.

BY-LAWS

1. By-law No. 13 of 2011, being a By-law to authorize an Agreement between the Village and Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario represented by the Minister of Transportation – related to Funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program

Resolution #35

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Romlewski

THAT By-law No. 13 of 2011, being a By-law to authorize an Agreement between the Village and Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario represented by the Minister of Transportation – related to Funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 28th day of June, 2011.

CARRIED.

2. By-law No. 14 of 2011, being a By-law to authorize an Agreement between the Village and Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario represented by the Minister of Transportation - to permit access to information pertaining to driver, vehicle and motor carrier records who have committed parking infractions

Resolution #36

Moved by Councillor Churchill

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT By-law No. 14 of 2011, being a By-law to authorize an Agreement between the Village and Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario represented by the Minister of Transportation - to permit access to information pertaining to driver, vehicle and motor carrier records who have committed parking infractions, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 28th day of June, 2011.

CARRIED.

3. By-law No. 15 of 2011, being a By-law to rescind By-laws No. 40 of 2009 and 46 of 2010 – Rescind parking permit by-laws for St. Clair/Lite Streets

Resolution #37

Moved by Councillor Romlewski

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT By-law No. 15 of 2011, being a By-law to rescind By-laws No. 40 of 2009 and 46 of 2010 – Rescind parking permit by-laws for St. Clair/Lite Streets, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 28th day of June, 2011.

CARRIED.

4. By-law No. 16 of 2011, being a By-law to appoint a Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator (CEMC) – Rick MacGregor

Resolution #38

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT By-law No. 16 of 2011, being a By-law to appoint a Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator (CEMC) – Rick MacGregor, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 28th day of June, 2011.

CARRIED.

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5. By-law No. 17 of 2011, being a By-law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were Adopted Up To and Including June 28, 2011.

Resolution #39

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT By-law No. 17 of 2011, being a By-law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were Adopted Up To and Including June 28, 2011, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 28th day of June, 2011.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS

Entrance for Office

Deputy Mayor Mackenzie asked if the Police Services Board could consider a door alarm for residents who wish to meet with an O.P.P. officer so that the door would be answered without the need to call the Communication Centre in London. Mayor Kirkland advised that this would be brought forward to the Police Services Board.

Power Boat Racing

Councillor Churchill advised that the Power Board Racing is coming to the Sarnia/Point Edward area on August 5, 6 and 7. The Casino is the main sponsor and has provided them with \$25,000 sponsorship.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO AN 'IN CAMERA' SESSION

- Personnel

Resolution #40

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT Council adjourn to an 'In Camera' session for personnel issues, at 8 p.m.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Resolution #41

Moved by Councillor Hand

Seconded by Councillor Churchill

THAT Council reconvene to Regular Council Session, at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED.

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REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF COUNCIL

Resolution #42

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT the Village of Point Edward Council reluctantly accept the letter from CAO Peggy Cramp indicating her plan to retire effective September 30, 2011.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

Resolution #43

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Romlewski

THAT Council adopt the report of the closed session.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #44

Moved by Councillor Romlewski

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m. until the July 26, 2011 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

C.A.O./Clerk Peggy Cramp