



MINUTES

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAURENTIAN VALLEY

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAURENTIAN VALLEY

SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

July 21st, 2009

I CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- A. Attendance Mayor Jack Wilson
Cllr Ken Brown
Cllr Dennis Gauthier
Cllr George Hodgkinson
Cllr Debbie Robinson
Cllr Jim Sheedy
- John Baird, CAO/Clerk
Bruce Lloyd, Deputy CAO/Treasurer
Lauree Armstrong, Municipal Planner
- Gerry Morris, Morris Thuemen, Architect
Peter Harrington, WELCH LLP - Auditors
- Interested Public and Media

Excused Cllr Steve Bennett

B. Motion to Open

SM-07-041 Moved by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Hodgkinson
That the Special Council meeting of July 21st, 2009 be called to
order at 4:30 PM.
CARRIED

C. Motion to Excuse

SM-07-042 Moved by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Brown
That Cllr Bennett be excused from the Special Council Meeting of
July 21st, 2009.
CARRIED

D. Adopt Agenda

SM-07-043 Moved by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Robinson
That Council deems that the required notice for the July 21st, 2009
Special Council Meeting has been given, and that the agenda be
approved as attached to the motion.
CARRIED

II DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

III DELEGATIONS

A. Gerry Morris, Morris Thuemen Architects

Mr. Morris presented Council with the designs for the proposed expansion to the municipal office and Public Works Garage. The designs were developed based on various meetings held between Council, municipal staff and several site visits conducted to municipal property. The final design represents a compilation of these meetings, identification of the space requirements, identification of problems with the current facilities and cost. The preferred design represents the least expensive option for building expansion, while addressing all the identified needs.

Council members engaged in a discussion of the design elements and asked several questions of Mr. Morris.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Morris for his presentation. Council directed that the designs be posted in the Council chambers for review and referred the designs to the Public Works & Property Committee for further discussions.

B. Peter Harrington, WELCH LLP, Auditor

Mr. Harrington presented the 2008 Municipal Financial Statements to Council. Mr. Harrington outlined the municipal performance for the year, and indicated that generally speaking the year was conducted appropriately. Several departments went over the approved budget for the year, most notably Transportation Services and Environmental Service. Some of the cost overruns were outside of municipal control, particularly in the area of Environmental Services. Several capital projects for Transportation Services were significantly over budget, resulting in the department running a deficit. Mr. Harrington suggested that there needs to be a closer control of capital road projects in future years to ensure that budgets fall within approved limits. Mr. Harrington also suggested that unanticipated capital projects should be closely examined before proceeding to ensure that the budget is available.

Council had several questions for Mr. Harrington. In answer to a specific question regarding the PSAB Capital Asset process commencing on January 1st, 2009 Mr. Harrington did indicate that the financial statements for the municipality would change significantly at the end of 2009. Mr. Harrington did indicate to Council that the financial statement changes would not have any significant impact on how Council does the budget process, at least for the time being. The most significant change will be in the appearance of the financial statements. The new statements will also enable better comparisons between municipalities to determine performance.

Council thanked Mr. Harrington for his presentation.

IV BUSINESS

A. Approval of 2008 Audit and Financial Statements

SM-07-044 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Robinson
That Council accepts and approves the 2008 Financial Statements and related documents as presented by WELCH LLP – Chartered Accountants; and

That Council authorizes the Treasurer/Deputy CAO to advertise and post the 2008 Financial Statements as required under the provisions of The Municipal Act, 2001 as amended.

CARRIED

B. Authorization to Sign OMAFRA Agreement

SM-07-045 Moved by Cllr Hodgkinson, seconded by Cllr Robinson
That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the Funding Agreement with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for the Rural Connections Broadband Program on behalf of the Township of Laurentian Valley and Town of Petawawa; and further:

That By-Law 2009-07-028 be approved and further that By-Law 2009-07-028 be forwarded to the By-Law portion of the July 21st, 2009 Special Council Meeting for enactment.

CARRIED

C. Authorization to Sign Agreement with Bell Aliant

SM-07-046 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Brown
That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute an agreement with Bell Aliant with respect to the provision of Broadband Internet Services under the provisions of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Rural Connections Program when the Joint Broadband Committee approves the final agreement; and further:

That Council approves By-law 2009-07-029 and forwards By-Law 2009-07-029 to the By-Law portion of the July 21st, 2009 Special Council Meeting for enactment.

CARRIED

D. Applications for Consent B44/09(1), B45/09(2), B46/09(3)

SM-07-047 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Brown
That Council approve Consent Application Files B44//09-(1), B45/09(2) and B46/09(3) as recommended by the Planning Committee, subject to the conditions as outlined in the Planning Memorandum to Council dated July 10th, 2009 and directs staff to complete and return the Municipal Reports to Renfrew County Planning and Land Division Committee.

CARRIED

SM-07-048 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Brown
That Council approve Consent Application File B72//09 as recommended by the Planning Committee, subject to the conditions as outlined in the Planning Memorandum to Council dated June 29th, 2009 and directs staff to complete and return the Municipal Report to Renfrew County Planning and Land Division Committee.

CARRIED

SM-07-049 Moved by Cllr Hodgkinson, seconded by Cllr Sheedy
That Council approve Consent Application File B75//09 as recommended by the Planning Committee and directs staff to complete and return the Municipal Report to Renfrew County Planning and Land Division Committee.

CARRIED

E. Letter of Support - West Champlain Health Community

SM-07-050 Moved by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Sheedy
That Council approves the letter of support with respect to the West Champlain Health Community Corporation's application for funding for a family health team and authorizes the Mayor to sign the letter on behalf of the municipality.

CARRIED

V INFORMATION

A. Job Description and Advertisement - Public Works Manager

The CAO outlined reviewed the draft position description for the Public Works Manager and the position advertisement. The CAO indicated that the Finance & Administration Committee has approved the description and advertisement. The balance of Council is requested to review the documents and make any suggestions to the CAO by the end of July. The CAO advised that if there are no suggestions or changes, the committee will proceed with advertising the position in early August.

B. Development Charges Study (Preliminary Update)

The Planner reviewed the Development Charges By-Law and gave Council some indication of what will be included in the new By-Law. The Planner advised Council that there will be a public meeting in August, and the By-Law will be coming to Council for approval on Tuesday August 25th, 2009.

VI IN CAMERA PORTION

SM-07-051 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Hodgkinson
That the Special Council Meeting of July 21st, 2009 move into closed session chaired by Mayor Jack Wilson according to the Ontario Municipal Act 2001, Sec 239(2) and Sec 239(3.1) in order to address a matter pertaining to a litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (s239(2)(e)); and advice that is subject to solicitor – client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (s239(2)(f)) with respect to a Zoning By-Law and Subdivision Agreement Enforcement Issue.

CARRIED

The meeting went into In Camera at 6:29 PM.

VII MOVE BACK TO OPEN SESSION

SM-07-052 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Hodgkinson
That the Special Council Meeting of July 21st, 2009 move back into Open Session to report on the matters discussed.

CARRIED

The meeting came out of the In Camera session at 6:50 PM and reported on the matters discussed.

VIII BY-LAWS

SM-07-053 Moved by Cllr Hodgkinson, seconded by Cllr Sheedy
That the following By-Laws be enacted and passed:

By-Law 2009-07-028 Authorization to enter OMAFRA Agreement
By-Law 2009-07-029 Authorization to enter Bell Aliant Agreement
CARRIED

IX CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

SM-07-054 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Brown
That the required motion for introduction of Confirmatory By-Law No.
2009-07-030 be deemed to have been given and that Confirmatory
By-Law No. 2009-07-030 be read a first time.
CARRIED

SM-07-055 Moved by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Sheedy
That Confirmatory By-Law No. 2009-07-030 be read a second time
CARRIED

SM-07-056 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Brown
That Confirmatory By-Law No. 2009-07-030 be read a third time at
this meeting and that Confirmatory By-Law 2009-07-030 be read a
third time and passed
CARRIED

X MOTION TO ADJOURN

SM-07-057 Moved by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Sheedy
That the Special Council Meeting of July 21st, 2009 be adjourned at
6:55 PM.
CARRIED

ADOPTED AS PRESENTED THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009.

Jack Wilson, Mayor

John Baird, Chief Administrative Officer