

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH**

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, August 29, 2011

Following Committee of Adjustment (7:10 p.m.)

Members Present:

**Mayor: Raymond Tout
Councillors: Sherry Burke
Mark Goetz
Andy Lennox
Dan Yake**

**Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk: Lorraine Heinbuch
Executive Assistant: Cathy Conrad
Treasurer: John Jeffery**

The meeting was held in the Municipal Office Council Chambers, Kenilworth.

A. **CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Tout called the meeting to order.

B. **O' CANADA**

C. **PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**Moved by: Councillor Goetz
Seconded by: Councillor Burke**

THAT the Agenda for the August 29, 2011 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

Resolution Number: 1

Carried

D. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE
THEREOF**

None declared.

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E. MINUTES

1. Public Meeting, July 25, 2011
2. Regular Meeting of Council, July 25, 2011
3. Special Council Meeting, August 11, 2011

Councillor Lennox asked that the Public Meeting minutes be amended with clarification that the zoning of the proposed lot as an agriculture exception zone would ensure that any neighbouring property owner who wished to construct a barn would not be faced with the situation, where the proposed lot for the school would be treated as an institutional use, which would attract a much larger required setback when calculating MDS II, and that the County Planner assured that the zoning as an agricultural exception zone would prevent the school lot being treated as an institutional use when neighbouring properties calculate a MDS II setback.”

Moved by: Councillor Goetz

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting, as amended, and the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 25, 2011 and the Special Council Meeting held on August 11, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

Resolution Number: 2

Carried

F. DELEGATIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS

1. Councillor Dan Yake
Wellington North Accessible Transportation Report 2011

Councillor Yake presented the Wellington North Accessible Transportation Report. Councillor Yake stated that the report will allow council to make an informed decision but that everyone must realize that providing this service will come at a cost. The benefits would far outweigh the costs as those requiring accessible transportation will remain active in their community.

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F. **DELEGATIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS** (continued)

1. Councillor Dan Yake
Wellington North Accessible Transportation Report 2011 (continued)

Transportation is a municipal responsibility and can be used to reduce ambulance services. The report outlined the pros and cons of services in Dufferin County and Huron/Perth County, Voyageur bus service offered in this area from their Kitchener/Wellington office and the Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit (SMART) system. We need a system that will fit our community now and in the future. Councillor Yake felt that the SMART system was probably the most adequate system to meet our needs.

SMART is a funded transit system that provides specialized transportation for residents of Arran-Elderslie, Brockton, Hanover, Kincardine, West Grey and more recently in Southgate. The MTO set an annual baseline that the system must meet using local revenue in order to access Gas Tax funding. Municipal contributions are split between partnering municipalities based on population and local ridership. Member municipalities have the option to offer the transit service to only those residents who are physically and mentally challenged or to residents who are challenged physically and mentally as well as to seniors within the municipality. Should a municipality find that the demand is not there and wishes withdraw from the service the municipality must give one year's notice to the Board of Directors. Once notification is given the final year of participation would start on the following January 1st. SMART has approximately 14 modern accessible vehicles, which drivers keep at home and are dispatched by cell phone. Clients must register with SMART and are billed monthly. The estimated cost for the first year is \$20,000.00.

Gary Williamson, County Councillor Ward , indicated that Chris White, Warden of Wellington County; Dr. Terry Fisk, Deputy Mayor Town of Minto; Roger Cook, SMART Transit Services; Jennifer Cowan, Wellington County Accessibility Clerk; Jerome Quenneville, North Wellington Health Care; and Patty-Jo McLellan-Shaw, Physician Recruitment were present to show their support for an accessible transportation service.

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F. **DELEGATIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS** (continued)

1. Councillor Dan Yake
Wellington North Accessible Transportation Report 2011 (continued)

Councillor Burke thanked Councillor Yake and County Councillor Williamson for their work on the report. She remarked that accessible transportation is a huge concern and understood the County would like Wellington North to be a pilot project. She questioned if the County would consider support in the 2012 budget or if stakeholders would provide financial pledges. Councillor Burke questioned who is responsible for marketing and educating the public about user fees.

Warden White stated that accessibility is a big issue for the County. Accessible transportation is a positive thing for the disabled and seniors. Some areas are talking about sharing services. If this service works in Wellington North the County may become involved but there would not be funding in 2012.

Councillor Yake suggested that groups wouldn't be expected to give financial support without seeing how the service will work. Some money may come in by donation. The Township has put away \$15,000 in this year's budget.

Mayor Tout indicated that there is a verbal pledge of \$5,000 from a local group.

Roger Cook, SMART Manager of Transit Services, confirmed that SMART would be responsible for marketing and public education. They are a federally registered charity. LHIN funding can be accepted but cannot count as local money. Using LHIN funding has a negative effect on gas tax funding. Local funding can come from lower or upper tier governments but not provincial or federal. If a nursing home plans a trip they are charged and those rides are included in the Township's count. If the proportion of rides increase the contribution increases.

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F. **DELEGATIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS** (continued)

1. Councillor Dan Yake
Wellington North Accessible Transportation Report 2011 (continued)

Councillor Lennox thanked Dan for preparing the report. His concern is the financial side. This would be a great service that would be beneficial; however he expressed concern that the provision of this service would increase property taxes. The upcoming provincial election could result in changes for the provision of this service. Councillor Lennox stated that it is not the first year cost that is a concern, it's the future costs that he is concerned about. He questioned how the Township can reasonably deal with it without other funding partners right out of the gate. This would not be a service that would be easy to withdraw.

Mayor Tout stated that there would have to be other funding partners involved. It is a much needed service. Council will have to look at the second year as this would have to be a minimum two year trial. The relief this service would give to ambulance is one thing that makes this proposal attractive.

Rita McCartney, Mount Forest resident, informed Council that there is a large number of seniors who cannot get out due to mobility issues. We are an aging population and we need a long term commitment. Seven out of ten people in Mount Forest are seniors. Most seniors have paid their way in taxes and they deserve something; they are not looking for a free ride. Ms. McCartney inquired how services would be handled between Mount Forest and Arthur.

Roger Cook explained that the handling of calls would be a matter of who calls first. Vehicles can be moved around from one area to another.

Roy Shaw stated that currently it can two weeks to arrange a ride. If an ambulance is available you could have to wait if the ambulance gets called elsewhere. Mr. Shaw questioned what other providers are in the area and what the cost is.

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F. DELEGATIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS (continued)

1. Councillor Dan Yake
Wellington North Accessible Transportation Report 2011 (continued)

Warden White commented that there are some services available in some municipalities and that he understands the concerns regarding the expense involved. The County is watching to see how these services work. Provincial funding may be available in the future.

Jerome Quenneville, North Wellington Health Care, thanked Council for looking at this issue. The demands of our aging population are growing. The Community Care Access Centre's "Grow at Home" program is trying to provide more services at home but there are some things that require travel, such as x-rays, etc.

Councillor Lennox stated that there is awareness of the need for these services but at the same time there is concern regarding the increased financial impact. He is in favour of the service; just not sure we are in a position to offer it at this time.

Roger Cook explained that he has come up with a way of structuring for municipalities to come up with a cost to bring a new municipality in based on population because there are no rides; which allows for phasing in for the new partner over two or three years but getting full service from the start.

Councillor Yake read a letter of support from Kathi Maskell, President of Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit.

Councillor Burke stated that there is a need for this type of service but would like to see some different options. She is concerned about the financial impact for local businesses. There is a transportation company in the community that works with the nursing homes.

Mayor Tout commented that Council will have to take a hard look at this issue through the Finance Committee and asked if Council was in favour of the service in theory.

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F. **DELEGATIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS** (continued)

1. Councillor Dan Yake
Wellington North Accessible Transportation Report 2011 (continued)

Council was in favour of the service in theory but expressed concern in regard to finance. Council will make a decision at the October 17 Regular Council meeting.

G. **STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Arthur Area Fire Department
 - July 2011 Fire Report
 - July 2011 Fire Prevention Officer's Report

Moved by: Councillor Goetz
Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Arthur Area Fire Department July 2011 Fire Report and Fire Prevention Officer's Report.

Resolution Number: 3

Carried

2. Mount Forest Fire Department
 - July 2011 Fire Report
 - July 2011 Fire Prevention Officer's Report

Moved by: Councillor Goetz
Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Mount Forest Fire Department July 2011 Fire Report and Fire Prevention Officer's Report.

Resolution Number: 4

Carried

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**G. STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND
RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)**

3. Fire Committee
- Minutes, August 16, 2011

**Moved by: Councillor Goetz
Seconded by: Councillor Burke**

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Fire Committee meeting held on August 16, 2011.

Resolution Number: 5

Carried

4. Water/Sewer Committee
- Minutes, July 19, 2011

**Moved by: Councillor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Goetz**

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Water/Sewer Committee meeting held on July 19, 2011.

Resolution Number: 6

Carried

5. Works Committee
- Minutes, July 19, 2011

**Moved by: Councillor Lennox
Seconded by: Councillor Yake**

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Works Committee meeting held on July 19, 2011.

Resolution Number: 7

Carried

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G. **STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND
RECOMMENDATIONS** (continued)

6. Economic Development Committee
- Minutes, July 20, 2011
 - Minutes, August 17, 2011

Moved by: Councillor Yake
Seconded by: Councillor Lennox

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meetings held on July 20, 2011 and August 17, 2011.

Resolution Number: 8

Carried

7. Building/Property Committee
- Minutes, June 8, 2011
 - Minutes, July 13, 2011
 - Minutes, August 10, 2011

Moved by: Councillor Yake
Seconded by: Councillor Lennox

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Building/Property Committee meetings held on June 8, 2011, July 13, 2011 and August 10, 2011.

Resolution Number: 9

Carried

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G. STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

7. Building/Property Committee (continued)
- Minutes, June 8, 2011
 - Minutes, July 13, 2011
 - Minutes, August 10, 2011

Moved by: Councillor Yake
Seconded by: Councillor Lennox

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North authorize the installation of a flag pole in front of the Old Mount Forest Town Hall at a cost of 1855.65 plus shipping and tax as recommended by the Building/Property Committee, with the Mount Forest BIA agreeing to contribute \$500.00 towards the cost and the balance to be paid from the Administration Budget – Miscellaneous Property.

Resolution Number: 10

Carried

8. Finance Committee
- Minutes, August 24, 2011

Moved by: Councillor Lennox
Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on August 24, 2011.

Resolution Number: 11

Carried

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G. **STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND
RECOMMENDATIONS** (continued)

Moved by: Councillor Lennox
Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North direct the Department Heads to present their monthly financial reports to respective committees as a regular agenda item and any discussion of budget variances to be included in the minutes, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Resolution Number: 12

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Lennox
Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North use the Wellington North Power reserve fund to fund the Cork Street Rehabilitation with expectation that two-thirds will be funded through Infrastructure Stimulus fund and consideration be given in 2012 budget to replenish this reserve fund.

Resolution Number: 13

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Lennox
Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North expand the membership of the Finance Committee to include all of Council and meetings to be held on the fourth Monday of each month.

Resolution Number: 14

Carried

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G. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION AND DIRECTION

1. Mark MacKenzie, Township Representative on Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority
Re: 2011 2nd Quarter Report

**Moved by: Councillor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Goetz**

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the 2011 2nd Quarter Report prepared by Mark MacKenzie, Township representative on Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

Resolution Number: 15

Carried

H. BY-LAWS

1. 59-11 Being a By-law to Temporarily Close a Portion of King Street East and Main Street (Hwy. 6) in the former Town of Mount Forest for the Fall Fair Parade

**Moved by: Councillor Yake
Seconded by: Councillor Lennox**

THAT By-law Number 59-11 being a By-law to temporarily close a portion of King Street East and Main Street (Hwy. 6) in the former Town of Mount Forest for the Fall Fair Parade be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.

Resolution Number: 16

Carried

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H. **BY-LAWS** (continued)

2. 60-11 Being a By-law to Temporarily Close Portions of Conestoga, Smith, George, Charles, Isabella and Tucker Streets in the Former Village of Arthur for the Purpose of Holding the Arthur Fall Fair Parade.

Moved by: Councillor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 60-11 being a By-law to temporarily close portions of Conestoga, Smith, George, Charles, Isabella and Tucker Streets in the Former Village of Arthur for the Purpose of Holding the Arthur Fall Fair Parade be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.

Resolution Number: 17

Carried

3. 61-11 Being a By-law to Authorize an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (Ministry of Indian Affairs and Northern Development)

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT By-law Number 61-11 being a By-law to authorize an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed. (Ministry of Indian Affairs and Northern Development)

Resolution Number: 18

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H. **BY-LAWS** (continued)

4. 62-11 Being a By-law to Designate a Community Improvement Project Area Respecting the Redevelopment, Revitalization, Prosperity and Beautification of the Arthur and Mount Forest Communities

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT By-law Number 62-11 being a By-law to Designate a Community Improvement Project Area Respecting the Redevelopment, Revitalization, Prosperity and Beautification of the Arthur and Mount Forest Communities be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.

Resolution Number: 19

Carried

5. 63-11 Being a By-law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement Between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, Represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario and the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North (Connecting Link Winter Maintenance 2011/2012 services for Arthur)

Moved by: Councillor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 63-11 being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement Between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario and the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed. (Connecting Link Winter Maintenance 2011/2012 services for Arthur)

Resolution Number: 20

Carried

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H. **BY-LAWS** (continued)

6. 64-11 Being a By-law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement Between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, Represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario and the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North (Connecting Link Winter Maintenance 2011/2012 services for Mount Forest)

Moved by: Councillor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 64-11 being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement Between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario and the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed. (Connecting Link Winter Maintenance 2011/2012 services for Mount Forest)

Resolution Number: 21

Carried

7. 65-11 Being a By-law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement Between First Class Portable Services Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North

Moved by: Councillor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 65-11 being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement Between First Class Portable Services Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.

Resolution Number: 22

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I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Report of Livestock Valuer
Re: Livestock Claims
- Peter Murray

**Moved by: Councillor Lennox
Seconded by: Councillor Yake**

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North authorize payment of \$495.00 to Peter Murray for a livestock claim dated June 22, 2011.

AND FURTHER THAT Gord Flewwelling be paid \$75.00 for Livestock Valuer fees and \$16.50 for mileage.

Resolution Number: 23

Carried

- Lisa Hern

**Moved by: Councillor Lennox
Seconded by: Councillor Yake**

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North authorize payment of \$472.50 to Lisa Hern for a livestock claim dated July 26, 2011.

AND FURTHER THAT Gord Flewwelling be paid \$75.00 for Livestock Valuer fees and \$19.00 for mileage.

Resolution Number: 24

Carried

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I. **OTHER BUSINESS** (continued)

- Eric Bzikot

Moved by: Councillor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North authorize payment of \$207.80 to Eric Bzikot for a livestock claim dated August 8, 2011.

AND FURTHER THAT Glenn O'Rourke be paid \$75.00 for Livestock Valuer fees and \$25.30 for mileage.

Resolution Number: 25

Carried

2. Council Meeting Change of Date
October 24th - October 17th

J. **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION**

Cheque Distribution Report – dated August 25, 2011

K. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Yake asked for support from Council to send \$1,000.00 for the relief effort in Goderich; which was recently hit by a tornado. Council supported the request and passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor Lennox

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North donate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Town of Goderich for their relief efforts.

Resolution Number: 26

Carried

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L. CLOSED MEETING SESSION

1. "Personal" Matters pertaining to:
 - personal matter about an identifiable individual

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT Council go into a meeting at 9:03 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsections 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act, 2001

- to consider a personal matter about an identifiable individual

Resolution Number: 27

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT Council rise from a closed meeting session at 9:58 p.m.

Resolution Number: 28

Carried

M. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT By-law Number 66-11 being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North at its Regular Meeting held on August 29, 2011 be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.

Resolution Number: 29

Carried

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N. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT the Regular Council meeting of August 29, 2011 be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Resolution Number: 30

Carried

C.A.O./CLERK

MAYOR