



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA

Proud History - Progressive Future

Council Minutes

February 27, 2017

The second meeting for the month of February for the Council of the Township of Ramara was held at the Administration Building in Brechin with the following members and staff in attendance:

Present:	Mayor	Basil Clarke
	Deputy Mayor	John O'Donnell
	Councillor	Marilyn Brooks
	Councillor	Margaret Sharpe
	Councillor	Erika Neher
	Councillor	Kal Johnson
Absent:	Councillor	John Appleby
Also Present:	Chief Administrative Officer	Janice McKinnon
	Mgr. of Legislative Services/Clerk	Jennifer Connor

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Clarke opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Clarke indicated that he attended the wild game dinner in Orillia along with, Bruce Stanton, M.P., Oro-Medonte Mayor Harry Hughes and Severn Mayor Mike Burkett.

Deputy Mayor O'Donnell attended the Physician Recruitment gala event at the Orillia Public Library and the Orillia Chamber of Commerce Awards night.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND/OR AGENDA ADDITIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.77.17

MOVED BY: SHARPE

SECONDED BY: BROOKS

THAT the Agenda and any additions thereto dated February 27, 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

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3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.78.17

MOVED BY: SHARPE

SECONDED BY: BROOKS

THAT the Council Meeting Minutes dated February 13, 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

5. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mayor Clarke stated that as required under the Municipal Act, Council is holding a Public Meeting to consider the matter of applications made for the cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes pursuant to Sections 357 and 358.

Mayor Clarke advised that if a person does not attend at the hearing, it may proceed in their absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Municipal Act, entitlement will not be granted to any further notice in the proceedings.

Mayor Clarke asked if anyone was in attendance concerning the proposed write-offs and asked if there were questions.

No one was in attendance at the meeting concerning the write offs and there were no questions.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.79.17

MOVED BY: O'DONNELL

SECONDED BY: BROOKS

THAT the applications for cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes under Sections 357/358 of the Municipal Act in the amount of \$2,186.97 be approved.

CARRIED.

7. DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECEIVING OF PETITIONS

8. COMMUNICATIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

- 8.1 Guy Caron, M.P. correspondence dated February 14, 2017 regarding Bill C-274.
Clerk's Recommendation: Receive as Information.
- 8.2 Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change correspondence dated February 21, 2017 regarding 2016 Drinking Water Inspection Report – Val Harbour Subdivision Drinking Water System.
Clerk's Recommendation: Receive as Information.
- 8.3 Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change correspondence dated February 22, 2017 regarding 2016 Drinking Water Inspection Report – Brechin & Lagoon City Drinking Water System.
Clerk's Recommendation: Receive as Information.
- 8.4 Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs correspondence dated February 21, 2017 regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) top-up component - 2016 intake.
Clerk's Recommendation: Receive as Information.
- 8.5 Communities in Bloom Ontario correspondence.
Clerk's Recommendation: Receive as Information.
- 8.6 AMO Communications:
a) AMO Watchfile dated February 16, 2017
b) AMO Watchfile dated February 23, 2017
c) Office of the President - LSRCA - February 23, 2017 – **See CR.91.17**
Clerk's Recommendation: Receive as Information.
- 8.7 Trans Canada Trail correspondence dated February 10, 2017 regarding the Trans Canada Trail in Ramara Township.
Clerk's Recommendation: See CR.81.17
- 8.8 Works Manager memo dated February 27, 2017 regarding spring load limits.
Clerk's Recommendation: Receive as Information.
- 8.9 Works Manager memo dated February 13, 2017 regarding shared services – snow plowing.
Clerk's Recommendation: Receive as Information.

- 8.10 Staff To Do's dated February 22, 2017
Clerk's Recommendation: Receive as Information.
- 8.11 Autism Ontario correspondence dated February 9, 2017 regarding Autism Awareness Week – April 3-7, 2017.
Clerk's Recommendation: Receive, declare and raise the flag.
- 8.12 Township of Springwater correspondence dated February 6, 2017 regarding annual log-sawing contest – Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival.
Clerk's Recommendation: Receive as Information.
- 8.13 Abundant Solar Energy correspondence regarding 500 kW ground mount solar array contracts at: 2868 Line 5, 6493 County Rd 169, 1378 Concession Rd. D-E.
Clerk's Recommendation: Receive as Information.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.80.17

MOVED BY: JOHNSON

SECONDED BY: NEHER

THAT we adopt the recommendations of Items 8.1 to 8.13 as set out in the Consent Agenda and Additions thereto, dated February 27, 2017 with the exception of items 8.6c) and 8.7. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.81.17

MOVED BY: NEHER

SECONDED BY: JOHNSON

THAT we support the temporary Blueway route connection as a “detour” until such time as plans for a land based route can be established. **CARRIED.**

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9.1 RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.82.17

MOVED BY: NEHER

SECONDED BY: JOHNSON

THAT we receive the Brechin & Beyond minutes dated December 9, 2016, January 13, 2017 and February 10, 2017 as information. **CARRIED.**

10. ITEMS REQUIRING THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.83.17

MOVED BY: O'DONNELL

SECONDED BY: BROOKS

THAT we receive the Manager of Building & Planning/CBO's memo dated February 27, 2017 regarding Revision of Development Charge;

AND THAT we proceed with investigation of a Development Charge Abatement program;

AND THAT we authorize Hemson Consulting Ltd. to conduct a review of the Development Charge Bylaw.

CARRIED.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. LONG TERM INITIATIVES

- 12.1 Casino Funding
- 12.2 Municipal owned quarry on Concession Road D-E
- 12.3 Energy Conservation
- 12.4 Beach Maintenance
- 12.5 Public Transit
- 12.6 Revenue Generating Enterprises

Councillor Sharpe requested an update on the OLG funding initiative.

13. SIMCOE COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Mayor Clarke stated that there were no County Council meetings for the rest of the month. Deputy Mayor O'Donnell has been appointed to the Planning Committee.

Economic Development may be making changes to funding organizations in the future.

Councillor Johnson asked if the County will be taking the weeds from Lagoon City at the landfill.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ENQUIRIES – MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor O'Donnell stated that the O'Connell Drain at Balsam and Courtland Streets needs to be cleared out.

Deputy Mayor O'Donnell indicated that Benson SR requires a grader to attend. Councillor Sharpe further stated that the grader had been the week before and it had made a difference at that point.

Councillor Neher stated that a meeting was to be organized to look at the canal at Orkney Beach Rd. to determine what needs to be done and what can be done.

15. REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.84.17

MOVED BY: JOHNSON

SECONDED BY: NEHER

THAT staff prepare a report regarding water meters to be hooked up to all homes, how many are not connected and how to get them connected.

CARRIED.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

17. QUESTION PERIOD FOR MEDIA AND PUBLIC DEALING WITH AGENDA ITEMS

Maurice McMillan questioned Council on the recent solar power approvals and how property owners are being compensated.

18. BILLS & BYLAWS

19. CLOSED SESSION – IF REQUIRED

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.85.17

MOVED BY: BROOKS

SECONDED BY: O'DONNELL

THAT we now enter closed session at 8:23 p.m. in accordance with Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.86.17

MOVED BY: SHARPE

SECONDED BY: BROOKS

THAT we do now rise from Closed Session at 9:17 p.m. and report.

CARRIED.

19.1 RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.87.17

MOVED BY: NEHER

SECONDED BY: JOHNSON

THAT we adopt the Closed Session Council Minutes dated February 13, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED.

19.2 RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.88.17

MOVED BY: NEHER

SECONDED BY: JOHNSON

THAT we appoint Beryl Bertrand, Alison Rae, Janet Johnson, Marilyn Muehlegg, Nancy Huddleson and Roddy McLernon to the Brechin Community Centre Board of Management.

AND THAT we appoint Councillors Johnson and Appleby to the Committee.

CARRIED.

19.3 RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.89.17

MOVED BY: SHARPE

SECONDED BY: BROOKS

THAT we discussed a potential litigation matter (LSRCA);
AND THAT staff proceed as directed.

CARRIED.

19.4 RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.90.17

MOVED BY: O'DONNELL

SECONDED BY: BROOKS

THAT we receive the memo dated February 27, 2017 from the Manager of Building & Planning Services/CBO regarding a litigation matter;
AND THAT staff proceed as directed.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.91.17

MOVED BY: O'DONNELL

SECONDED BY: BROOKS

THAT we receive the correspondence dated February 23, 2017 from the AMO President;
AND THAT we request a deputation at the Ontario Legislature regarding the review of the Conservation Authorities Act;
AND THAT Patrick Brown M.P.P. be advised of our request.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.92.17

MOVED BY: NEHER

SECONDED BY: JOHNSON

THAT we support the application for the Seniors Grant Application;
AND THAT the Clerk be authorized to sign a letter of support.

CARRIED.

20. CONFIRMATION BYLAW

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.93.17

MOVED BY: O'DONNELL

SECONDED BY: BROOKS

THAT Bylaw 2016.13, a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of Council meeting held on the 27th day of February 2017, be considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

CARRIED.

21. ADJOURNMENT

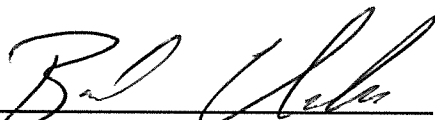
RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.94.17

MOVED BY: JOHNSON

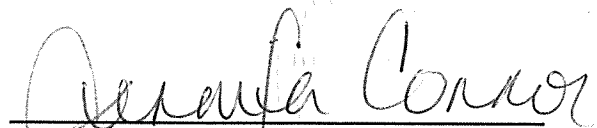
SECONDED BY: NEHER

THAT we now adjourn at 9:24 p.m. until March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED.



Basil Clarke, Mayor



Jennifer Connor, Clerk