

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Held on February 17, 2009
In the Municipal Council Chamber
At 7:30 P.M.**

Present:	Rod Finnie	Mayor
	Barb Tocher	Councillor
	Josie Wintersinger	Councillor
	Ken Chapman	Councillor
	John Brennan	Councillor
	Kathryn Ironmonger	Clerk
	Lisa Hass	Town Manager
	Sharon Marshall	Director of Finance
	Sally Stull	Town Planner
	Larry Van Wyck	Road Superintendent
	Steve Goode	Fire Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finnie called the meeting to order. Council extended condolences to Jack Leachman and family regarding the passing of Millie.

2. DECLARATION PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Finnie declared a pecuniary interest on item 8.7 because he is working for the party.

3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution # 09 – 38

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the following meeting(s) be approved as amended:

- January 27, 2009 Regular Council Meeting
- February 11, 2009 Special 109 Main Street Meeting.

CARRIED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- **Idling By-Law:** Mayor Finnie updated Council on his meeting with the Police Services Board regarding the proposed Idling By-Law stating that the Board does not have any problem with enforcing the by-law in conjunction with the Town's Municipal Law Enforcement Official providing that it is done on a complaint basis and short form wording is completed.

- **Councillor Maieron's Solid Waste Services Survey**

Verbal Resolution # 09 – 39

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Wintersinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees to pay for the mail out cost of Councillor Maieron's Solid Waste Services Survey as modified at the anticipated cost of \$1,500.00 (mailing cost).

CARRIED.

Council noted that there would be additional printing and folding costs as well.

- **Town of Caledon's speed limit request on Winston Churchill Blvd.:** Staff was directed to send a letter to the Town of Caledon advising them that the Town of Erin is currently looking at our entire road system speed limit and that it is premature to make any changes until the review is completed.

6. ACCOUNTS**Resolution # 09 – 40****Moved by Councillor Tocher****Seconded by Councillor Brennan****BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the accounts in the amount of \$260,803.40 be paid.**CARRIED.****7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS****7.1 Mark Middleton and Bill Dunwoody re: proposed skateboard park:** Mr.

Middleton presented a petition and a student also presented a petition to demonstrate support for a skateboard/BMX park. Mr. Dunwoody stated that RACC still supports the project. Council directed Mr. Middleton to work with the RAC Committee regarding the design and location – projected cost. The bike component would change the direction of the original committee. Council stated that it is extremely important that the project is championed by adults from start to finish including fundraising.

7.2 Let's Get Hillsburgh Growing (Hillsburgh Fun Day – Spirit of the Hills)

Committee: following a lengthy discussion Council felt that the following issues could be addressed:

- safety issues
- ensure that the stores are happy
- that cars can get around
- that off-duty OPP would be contracted if so required.

7.3 Rockfort Quarry Water Concerns: Coalition of Concerned Citizens -Bob Gardner: Mr. Gardner went through his Rockfort Quarry Proposal dated 2009 resulting in the following resolution being passed by Council.**Verbal Resolution # 09 – 41****Moved by Councillor Brennan****Seconded by Councillor Chapman****BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Town of Erin opposes the Rockfort Quarry application at the OMB hearing scheduled to begin on May 25, 2009.**CARRIED.****8. REPORTS****8.1 CBO's Report****8.1.1 January 2009 Activity Report** – received for information**8.1.2 2008 Annual Report****Resolution # 09 – 42****Moved by Councillor Tocher****Seconded by Councillor Chapman****BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council hereby receives the Building Department Annual Report – Building Permit Fees – 2008, for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008;**AND THAT** the total of direct and indirect costs exceeded the total permit fees in 2008;**AND THAT** the Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$24,309.00 from the current "Building Administration Reserve Fund" to the Building Department current funds;**AND THAT** the Building Department Reserve Fund now has a balance of \$17,993.00.**CARRIED.****8.2 Treasurer's Report****8.2.1 Insurance Renewal:** RFP's have been sent out and are due back March 11th.**8.3 Road Superintendent's Report****8.3.1 Spring Sweeping Contract 2009 and 2010****Resolution # 09 – 43****Moved by Councillor Wintersinger****Seconded by Councillor Brennan**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby supports the Roads Superintendent's recommendation to award the Spring Sweeping Contract for 2009 and 2010 to Mobil Striping and Sweeping Limited at their quoted price as follows:

- 2009 \$83.00 per hour
- 2010 \$84.00 per hour

SUBJECT TO the Town supplying the fuel for the period of the contract.

CARRIED.

8.3.2 Request for Replacement of the Bridge on the Erin/Eramosa Boundary.

Resolution # 09 – 44

Moved by Councillor Wintersinger

Seconded by Councillor Chapman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby requested the County of Wellington to replace the Bridge on the Erin/Guelph Eramosa Boundary;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Township of Guelph Eramosa requesting their support.

CARRIED.

8.3.3 Calcium Contract

Verbal Resolution # 09 – 45

Moved by Councillor Tocher

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby accepts the quotation received for the supply and application of calcium chloride by Da-Lee at 19.2 cents per litre for 2009 as recommended by the Road Superintendent.

CARRIED.

8.3.4 Grant Application: Mr. Van Wyck advised Council that our application under the Building Canada Fund was unsuccessful. The Town of Erin was one of the 11 unsuccessful applications. Council requested staff to organize a meeting with OMAFRA to sit down with them to get a better understanding where our application fell short.

8.4 Water Superintendent's Report – no report

8.5 Town Manager's Report

Wall of Fame: A notice has been placed in the newspaper requesting nominations to be submitted by March 17th.

8.6 Clerk's Report

8.6.1 Establishment of a County Wide Remuneration Program

Resolution # 09 – 46

Moved by Councillor Tocher

Seconded by Councillor Chapman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports in principle the County of Wellington working with the Ministry of Natural Resources to establish a remuneration program to address livestock wolf and coyote claims.

DEFEATED.

Mayor Finnie declared and left the room with Councillor Tocher presiding.

8.7 Planner's Report

8.7.1 7th Line Road Allowance, unopened, 17 Sideroad to 15 Sideroad

Resolution # 09 – 47

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Chapman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Town Planner's report regarding the 7th Line Road allowance, unopened, 17th Sideroad to 15th Sideroad dated February 17, 2009; **AND FURTHER** Council hereby deems the unopened 7th Line road allowance from 17th Sideroad to 15th Sideroad to be surplus;

AND THAT the Town of Erin will permit the transfer of the unopened 7th Line road allowance to adjoining property owners as shown on the attached Schedule "A" subject

to the expenses relating to the survey and transfer being the responsibility of the owners benefiting from the transfer.

CARRIED.

Mayor Finnie returned.

8.8 Municipal Law Enforcement Officer's Report

8.9 Fire Chief's Report

8.9.1 January 2009 Activity Report – received for information.

8.10 Recreation Director's Report – no report

8.11 Committee Reports

8.11.1 Committee's of Council

8.11.1.1 **EACoE Minutes:** September 11, 2008, October 9, 2008 and November 13, 2008 – received for information. Committee Member Tocher advised Council that Terry Lewis resigned from the committee and she asked that a letter of appreciation be sent wishing him the best.

8.11.1.2 **Heritage Committee Minutes:** December 15, 2008 – received for information.

8.12 Mayor's Report

- **Braiding Bridges:** Mayor Finnie advised Council that he attended the Braiding Bridges session which he found very interesting.
- **County's Budget:** The AF & P Committee will be presenting their proposed 2009 budget (2.4% increase) recommendation to County Council shortly.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 **GRCA 2009 Budget and Levy Meeting** – information available in office

9.2 **CVC 2009 Budget and Workplan Estimates and Levy Notice:** including power point presentation available in office.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion and Reply

10.1 Town of Newmarket letter dated January 30, 2009 seeking support for their resolution R1-2009 – Earth Hour – participation and challenge.

Resolution # 09 – 48

Moved by Councillor Tocher

Seconded by Councillor Chapman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Town of Newmarket letter dated January 30, 2009 seeking support for their resolution R1-2009 – Earth Hour – participation and challenge

AND FURTHER Council hereby supports their request.

CARRIED.

10.2 Township of South Algonquin seeking support for their resolution #09-026 dated January 16, 2008 petitioning the Ontario Government to look into using low grade wood waste as an alternative to wind-generated power and an alternative energy source.

Resolution # 09 – 48

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Wintersinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby received the Township of South Algonquin resolution # 09-026 dated January 16, 2009 petitioning the Ontario Government to look into using low grade wood waste as an alternative to wind-generated power and an alternative energy source;

AND FURTHER Council hereby supports their request.

CARRIED.

10.3 Township of Madawaska Valley seeking support for their resolution #23-1215-08 dated December 15, 2008 petitioning the Provincial Government to increase funding, support and assistance relating to Homecare Access Programs.

Resolution # 09 – 49

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby receives the Township of Madawaska Valley resolution #23-1215-08 dated December 15, 2008 petitioning the Provincial Government to increase funding, support and assistance relating to Homecare Access Programs;

AND FURTHER Council hereby supports their request.

CARRIED.

10.4 Township of Madawaska Valley seeking support for their resolution #07-0105-09 petitioning the Provincial Government for assessment legislation changes as set out in their resolution.

Resolution # 09 – 50

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Chapman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby receives the Township of Madawaska Valley resolution #07-0105-09 petitioning the Provincial Government for assessment legislation changes as set out in their resolution;

AND FURTHER Council hereby files their request.

CARRIED.

10.5 Prince Edward County letter dated January 30, 2009 seeking support for resolution #2008-605

Resolution # 09 – 51

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Chapman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby receives the Prince Edward County letter dated January 30, 2009 seeking support for resolution 2008-605 petitioning the Federal and Provincial government agencies responsible for public health, energy creation and energy management to dedicate resources to the necessary scientific research to:

- consider the impact of low frequency noise and electrical and electromagnetic disturbances in areas of industrial wind turbines with the intent to confirm/deny public health implications; and
- create and provide authoritative regulations and guidelines for the locating of wind turbines to municipalities and wind energy developers.

AND FURTHER Council hereby supports their request.

CARRIED.

10.6 City of Hamilton letter dated February 3, 2009 seeking support for their resolution supporting Bill 138, Protection of Public Participation Act, 2008.

Resolution # 09 – 52

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby receives the City of Hamilton letter dated February 3, 2009 seeking support for their resolution supporting Bill 138, Protection of Public Participation Act, 2008;

AND FURTHER Council hereby supports their request.

CARRIED.

10.7 Tay Valley Township seeking support for their resolution requesting the Province of Ontario, Waste Diversion Ontario and Stewardship Ontario to

confirm that the 50% cost-sharing of recycling costs, will not be jeopardized by the current state of affairs in the recycling industry.

Resolution # 09 – 53

Moved by Councillor Wintersinger

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby receives the Tay Valley Township resolution requesting the Province of Ontario, Waste Diversion Ontario and Stewardship Ontario to confirm that the 50% cost-sharing of recycling costs, will not be jeopardized by the current state of affairs in the recycling industry;

AND FURTHER Council hereby supports their request.

CARRIED.

10.8 Town of Ajax letter dated February 10, 2009 seeking support for their resolution petitioning the Province to provide the authority for municipalities in Ontario to pass a by-law that would prohibit a municipal election campaign contribution from a corporation that carries on business in Ontario or a trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario.

Resolution # 09 – 54

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Wintersinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby receives the Town of Ajax letter dated February 10, 2009 seeking support for their resolution petitioning the Province to provide the authority for municipalities in Ontario to pass a by-law that would prohibit a municipal election campaign contribution from a corporation that carries on business in Ontario or a trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario;

AND FURTHER Council hereby supports their request.

CARRIED.

10.9 FCM February 12, 2009 letter re: lights out across Canada for Earth Hour March 28, 2009.

Resolution # 09 – 55

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Wintersinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby receives the FCM February 12, 2009 letter re: lights out across Canada for Earth Hour March 28, 2009;

AND FURTHER Council hereby supports their request.

CARRIED.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Information: Items 11.1 to 11.15 was circulated for information

12. RESOLUTION TO MOVE TO A CLOSED SESSION - none

13. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION - none

14. BY-LAWS

Resolution # 09 – 56

Moved by Councillor Wintersinger

Seconded by Councillor Tocher

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law numbers 09 - 05 to By-law number 09 - 06 , inclusive, having their first and second reading, be numbered;

CARRIED.

By-Law # 09 - 05
2009 Interim Tax Levy By-Law

By-Law # 09 - 06
Confirming By-Law

Resolution # 09 – 57

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law numbers 09 - 05 to By-law 09 – 06 inclusive, having their first and second reading and receiving their third and final reading, be passed as read, and signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

CARRIED.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION - none

16. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk