

MUNICIPALITY OF DUTTON/DUNWICH

Minutes of the Council of the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich held on Wednesday December 19, 2007, in the Council Chambers, 199 Currie Road, Dutton, Ontario

Present were: Mayor Bonnie Vowel
Deputy Mayor Cameron McWilliam
Councillor Donald Page
Councillor Ian Fleck
Clerk-Treasurer Administrator Ken Loveland
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Heather Bouw

Opening of the Meeting

07.23.332 **MOVED** by McWilliam and **SECONDED** by Page **THAT** the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich opens at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

07.23.333 **MOVED** by Fleck and **SECONDED** by McWilliam **THAT** the agenda be approved as prepared and presented to Council.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

07.23.334 **MOVED** by McWilliam and **SECONDED** by Page **THAT** we approve the minutes of the December 5th and 28th, 2007 meetings as printed and delivered to Council members and the Mayor and the Clerk Treasurer Administrator be authorized to sign same.

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared

Erie Thames Power

Bruce Smith, Managing Director with RDI Consulting Inc and Jeffrey Pettit, President of Erie Thames Power attended the meeting to discuss potential sale options for Dutton Hydro Limited.

Closed Session

07.23.335 **MOVED by McWilliam and SECONDED by Fleck THAT the meeting adjourn to enter into a closed session to discuss property and personnel matters.**

CARRIED

07.23.336 **MOVED by Fleck and SECONDED by Page THAT the closed session end and the regular session reconvene at 6:20 p.m.**

CARRIED

The Clerk-Treasurer Administrator will prepare comparisons, for review at the next meeting, summarizing the two proposals received for sale options for Dutton Hydro Limited.

Council also discussed wage settlements, negotiations, and sick time policy.

Payment of Accounts

07.23.337 **MOVED by McWilliam and SECONDED by Page THAT we approve the November 2007 General Account of \$231,144.44; Roads \$126,226.20; Water \$88,039.28; Recreation \$35,782.08 and Fire Department of \$8,588.77 plus GST Refund totaling \$504,544.89.**

CARRIED

Correspondence (Photocopied List #1-12)

Correspondence – December 19th, 2007

Item	Description	Page (s)
1	County of Elgin – Fax Announcing 2008 Warden	1
2	WSIB – Workplace Safety & Insurance Board	2-3
3	Shane Wood – Saw Landscape & Tree Service	4
4	AMO Member Communication – Alert No. 07/055	5
	Duplicate	6
6	Stewardship Ontario	7-8
7	Drew Madison – Email – 2007 Compliance	9
8	D. McLandress – Letter requesting Tax Penalty relief	10
9	Email Dave Armstrong – thank you for hard surfacing Pioneer Line	11
10	Resolution Owen Sound	12
11	Tyrconnell Heritage Society	13-16
12	Monthly Meter Readings	17-19

#1 – 7 Received & filed
#8 Received & filed – Clerk-Treasurer Administrator to send letter
#9 – 12 Received & filed

07.23.338 **MOVED by Fleck and SECONDED by Page THAT relevant correspondence was reviewed.**

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

St. Peter's Church Severance Application

Council discussed the request from representatives of St. Peter's Church, regarding the possibility of severing the manse from the church. As the manse is vacant, the purpose of this severance would be to sell it as this would reduce the financial burden on the church. As a condition of the severance, the church would be required to pay an additional water assessment and to rezone the severed portion to rural residential.

Lead Testing in Water System

Council reviewed an information sheet that was sent out with the most recent water invoices that summarizes water testing requirements for lead in our water system. Council discussed additional work load, and costs. Council also discussed the possibility of our employees performing lead testing for Southwold Township as well.

Herman Minnema Severance

Council discussed their decision of Herman Minnema's severance application and the conditions that were imposed.

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Belldoon Severance

Tony Gosnell attended the meeting to discuss a proposed severance application.

Police Services

Council discussed the interpretation of our policing agreement.

07.23.339 **MOVED by McWilliam and SECONDED by Fleck THAT the Council of the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich does not support with withholding of the payment of policing funds, however we recommend that the Police Services Board obtain a legal opinion as to interpretation of the agreement.**

CARRIED

Building Permits

Council reviewed the building permit applications.

07.23.340 **MOVED by Page and SECONDED by McWilliam THAT Council review the following Building Permits as passed by the Building Inspector:**

Steve Smith

Addition to Residence

CARRIED

Drain Repairs

07.23.341 **MOVED by McWilliam and SECONDED by Fleck THAT the following Drainage complaints be placed in the hands of Ralph Beharrell for repair:**

Stuart Stacey

CARRIED

Other Business

The 2007 Christmas holiday schedule was discussed. Office staff concerns were relayed to Council by the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.

Proposed By-Laws

By-Law #2007-62 - Daniel McArthur East Drain

07.23.342 **MOVED by Page and SECONDED by Fleck THAT By-law 2007-62, being a by-law to amend by-law 2006-46 and to establish the actual costs for the Daniel McArthur Drain East to be read a first, second and third time and passed.**

CARRIED

By-Law #2007-63 - Confirm proceedings

07.23.343 **MOVED by Page and SECONDED by McWilliam THAT By-law 2007-63, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich be read a first, second and third time and passed.**

CARRIED

Dates for Next Meetings

Feb 6th – 9:00 a.m.

Feb 20th – 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

07.23.344 **MOVED by Fleck and SECONDED by Page THAT the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich adjourn at 8:50 p.m.**

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer Administrator