

Mayor Anderson/Noel called the Council Meeting to order with all members in attendance.

No member declared a pecuniary interest with any matter as listed on the agenda.

With regard to the minutes of December 22, 2003 and Special Meeting of January 5, 2004, the following verbal Resolutions were then presented:

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather
Seconded by: Duncan McKinlay

THAT the minutes of December 22, 2003 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED...

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather
Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT the minutes of Special Meeting of Council of January 5, 2004 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED...

As business arising from the minutes, Deputy-Mayor McKinlay reported that in response to previous winter maintenance concerns noted by ratepayers the Public Works Committee has recommended a pilot project of a more urban style of snow plowing, and any impact on drainage and clearing will be monitored.

The Clerk then presented correspondence as previously circulated.

Regarding correspondence from 12th Sideroad residents concerned with a previous request to rescind an existing snowmobile operation prohibition, Mayor Anderson/Noel clarified the Town's position being that the Community Trails Committee would work with snowmobile groups to review and achieve an alternate route but the prohibition would remain, Council concurring interested parties be so notified.

Council then received correspondence from Andrew Webster on behalf of Craigleith Ski Club with regard to the Craigleith Road lane, pending a report from solicitor John Metras.

Regarding correspondence from Ev Goldsmith noting concern with abandoned orchard near her property Council concurred to refer the matter to the Abandoned Orchard Advisory Committee.

Regarding correspondence from J.J. Barnicke noting concern with a portion of Arrowhead Road following recent reconstruction, Councillor Ardiel noted the Public Works Committee had recently reviewed the matter and a report would be forthcoming.

Regarding correspondence from John Fortin noting concern with area disruption following servicing installation on Kandahar Lane, Environment Services Superintendent John Caswell reported on the private extension project, noting the municipal engineer had been brought in to move the project forward and roads were now passable and plowed, adding existing, substandard water services were not mapped or identified and many were hit or damaged during construction.

Regarding correspondence from Joan Fairfield noting concern with winter maintenance parking by-laws, Council concurred Mrs. Fairfield be forwarded correspondence giving details of the by-law.

Regarding correspondence from Nancy Eagleson questioning shortened winter office hours

during the holiday season, Councillor Ardiel noted the office hours were posted in the newspaper, Mayor Anderson/Noel adding the decision was made by Council and allowed staff time with their families over Christmas.

Correspondence from Meaford and Collingwood hospitals were then forwarded to the Finance Committee for budget consideration.

Regarding correspondence from Ontario Play Works for Children, Council concurred the matter be referred to the B.V.C.C. Committee of Management and Parks and Harbour Committee.

During New & Unfinished Business, Mayor Anderson/Noel reported on a recent meeting of the Clarksburg Ice Management Committee following a period of high water levels in the Beaver River in the Clarksburg area.

Ellen reported the Ministry of Natural Resources was requested to lower the Mill Pond level at the Thornbury Dam to see if it would assist in lowering the upstream water level and the Committee was advised the M.N.R. would not consider lowering the dam as a result of a previous engineering opinion.

Ellen continued the Committee believed it may assist in alleviating the high water situation by lowering the dam level, and asked Council to adopt the Committee Report and advise the M.N.R. of the position of the Town and the Committee.

Council then dealt with the following verbal Resolution:

Moved by: Duncan R. McKinlay
Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council does hereby adopt the Beaver River Ice Management Committee minutes of January 11, 2004 and supports the recommendations contained therein.

CARRIED...

Next, as Debbie Perks, Elaine Beard, Rita Mary Cote, Muriel Anderson and others of the Partners for Affordable Housing were in attendance, it was Council's pleasure to hear them regarding affordable housing in the community, Debbie noting the group's aim was to increase the availability of affordable housing opportunities in the Town by working with Council.

Elaine then explained that Partners were entering into a partnership with Grey Bruce Habitat for Humanity so as to raise awareness in the community, an initial public presentation to be made January 14, 2004, a second meeting to be held January 21.

Elaine noted it is hoped that volunteers will come out and participate, adding the Grey Bruce Habitat group has constructed several dwellings to date.

Rita Mary then requested Council consider assisting in securing a building lot, as well as forming a Task Force that might address affordable housing within the Town.

Mayor Anderson/Noel noted Council had been very recently discussing the issue and striking a Committee, adding the matter could be addressed at the next Council meeting.

Deputy-Mayor McKinlay noted such a Committee would be publicly advertised for interested members to represent the public-at-large.

Debbie noted a lot was preferred in the Thornbury/Clarksburg area so as to be close to services

and amenities.

The Committee then thanked Council and retired from the meeting.

Next, as Environment Services Superintendent John Caswell was in attendance, it was Council's pleasure to hear him regarding awarding of a tender for the Combined Environmental Assessment for Craigleith, Osler and Castle Glen Service Areas.

John then reviewed a draft Request for Proposal for the Comprehensive Environmental Assessment, Phase II works, Camperdown Service Area, it being noted a separate Request for Proposal will be tendered for the Comprehensive Environmental Assessment, Phase II works, Lora Bay Service Area..

During Committee Reports, Council then received CAUSE Committee minutes of November 13 and 27, 2003.

The following verbal Resolutions were then presented:

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

THAT the Environment Services Committee minutes of December 11, 2003 be adopted as circulated together with the recommendations contained therein.

CARRIED...

Moved by: Bob Gamble

THAT the Tourism & Economic Development Committee minutes of December 22, 2003 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED...

Council then received the Development Services Committee minutes of January 5, 2004.

Council then dealt with the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 1

Moved by: R. J. Gamble

Seconded by: G. Ardiel

THAT the December Accounts in the amount of \$371,165.52 be submitted to the Treasurer for payment. (Less any accounts authorized by separate Resolution.)

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 2

Moved by: G. Ardiel

Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

WHEREAS the Environment Services Committee has previously prepared and distributed a Request for Proposal for engineering services for the completion of a Combined Environmental Assessment to evaluate alternatives for the provision of municipal water and sanitary sewer services to new and existing development in the Craigleith, Castle Glen and Osler Service Areas;

AND WHEREAS the Environment Services Committee has recommended a proposal as received from one of four consulting firms in response to the Request for Proposal;

NOW THEREFORE this Council does hereby accept the proposal of Skelton Brumwell / MacViro at a cost of \$154,640.35 plus G.S.T. for the completion of the Craigleith, Castle Glen and Osler Service Areas Combined Environmental Assessment, as recommended by the Environment Services Committee.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 3

Moved by: G. Ardiel
Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

WHEREAS Council has previously authorized the preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for engineering services for the completion of an Environmental Assessment to evaluate alternatives for the provision of municipal water and sanitary sewer services to new and existing development in the Camperdown Service Area;

AND WHEREAS Town Staff have substantially completed preparation and review of the Request for Proposal document for distribution on January 16, 2004;

NOW THEREFORE Town Staff recommend that Council does hereby approve in principle the Request for Proposal document, subject to final Staff and legal review, for distribution to engineering consultants to contract for engineering services for the completion of a Camperdown Service Area Environmental Assessment to evaluate alternatives for the provision of municipal servicing.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 4

Moved by: R. J. Gamble
Seconded by: G. Ardiel

THAT the Tax Bills for Town of The Blue Mountains properties in the amount of \$56,873.07 be submitted to the Treasurer for payment.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 5

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather
Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT this Council does hereby receive Building Staff Report SRB.04.01, "2003 Building Permit Statistics", dated January 12, 2004, for information purposes.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 6

Moved by: John McKean
Seconded by: D. R. McKinlay

THAT this Council does hereby declare its intent to use the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF) Allocations that will be received by the Town for the benefit of the taxpayers;

AND THAT Council hereby accepts the CRF Allocations in accordance with the terms and conditions of the CRF Allocations program.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 7

Moved by: John McKean
Seconded by: Harold Holden

THAT this Council does hereby waive a \$100.00 Permit Fee for Collus Power Corp. (Collingwood P.U.C.) for a Long Load Permit to be in effect on municipal highways to allow the transport of electrical utility poles;

AND THAT Council does hereby further waive any application of Clause 1 of the Long Load Permit Form to Collus Power Corp., being a restriction on travel to daylight hours, in recognition of the possibility of emergency response and maintenance.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 8

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather
Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT this Council does hereby authorize the Clerk to execute consent documents with regard to 880618 Ontario Limited (Nottawasaga Gardens) and a Certification of Title Application for part Lot 21, Concession 3 and a proposed plan of subdivision, it being noted Planning Staff have reviewed the Application with no objection.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 9

Moved by: R. J. Gamble
Seconded by: G. Ardiel

THAT this Council does hereby appoint the following persons to area Physician Recruitment Committees:

Meaford General Hospital - Harold Holden

Collingwood General & Marine Hospital - G. Ardiel

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 10

Moved by: Harold Holden
Seconded by: D. R. McKinlay

THAT By-law No. 2004-01, being a By-law to authorize temporary borrowing to meet the

current expenditures of the municipality for the year ending December 31, 2004, be hereby enacted as passed this twelfth day of January, 2004.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 11

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay
Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the following Councillor's expenses and per diems be submitted to the Treasurer for payment:

Ellen Anderson/Noel	\$185.00 per diem	\$184.17 Expenses
Bob Gamble	\$300.00 per diem	\$81.60 Expenses

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 12

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay
Seconded by: John McKean

THAT this Council hereby rescinds Resolution No. 6, adopted by Council on October 20, 2003, with respect to the suspension of enforcement of Town By-law No. 99-53 as it relates to the placement of landscaping elements within Town Right-of-Ways. It being noted that the Public Works Committee at its meeting of December 18, 2003 considered a Report from the Development Review Committee with respect to this matter and adopted the following Resolution:

“THAT we would support the comments dated November 4, 2003 from the Public Works Road Superintendent, as supported by the letter provided by Rob Davies of Ainley & Associates dated November 28, 2003 and that By-law No. 99-53 satisfies the need for the protection of our right-of-ways and road infrastructure.”

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy-Mayor McKinlay related the history of the matter including private landscaping of roadside ditches following construction of subdivision works with negative impacts on ditch grades, drainage and water flow.

Duncan noted Council deferred previously initiated By-law Enforcement of such private works on public lands pending a review of the matter.

Councillor Gamble noted perhaps Town Staff could meet with affected landowners and provide a sufficient amount of time to rectify any unacceptable placement of landscaping features.

Councillor Fairweather noted the drainage ditches are the property of the Town and must be kept clean, but any by-law enforcement must be uniform throughout the Town.

Deputy-Mayor McKinlay noted perhaps the Town could initiate roadside plantings for aesthetics where appropriate, Councillor McKean noting the Town would be better equipped to complete such plantings in terms of the location of services and engineered drainage.

Councillor Holden noted he viewed the landscaped ditch area and considered it quite attractive when homeowners improve ditch areas where previously cat-tails grew.

Council then concurred to briefly hear interested parties from the floor, Rick Bergmann then stating general lot improvements where the drainage system is still functional should be permitted.

Bill North then spoke, noting the Town did not clean out drainage ditches, resulting in water pooling and cat tails.

Deputy-Mayor McKinlay then spoke, questioning how much Town funds should be spent on maintaining open drainage ditches with landscaping planted, noting a certain number of ditches are cleaned on a prioritized basis on an annual basis.

The following verbal Resolution was then presented:

Moved by: Duncan R. McKinlay
Seconded by: Wayman Fairweather

THAT the Motion be tabled pending a full report from By-law Enforcement Services prior to spring planting season.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 12 is TABLED...

Resolution No. 13

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay
Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Clerk be instructed to prepare for Council's consideration a draft Terms of Reference for a Council/Community Committee to address and explore the matter of Affordable Housing; and,

THAT the draft consider 7 members including 2 members of Council and 5 members of the Community at Large; and,

THAT applications be solicited via local advertising and that the Georgian Triangle Development Institute, Service Clubs, Churches and Habitat for Humanity be invited to submit applicants for Community at Large positions.

CARRIED...

Councillor Gamble then reported on the Grey County Municipal Septage Management Plan Task Force Committee to review treatment of septic waste pumped from septic systems.

Bob noted in the near future all such hauled waste shall have to be treated at a sewage treatment plant, Henderson-Paddon & Associates having recently been chosen to complete a study to address the matter, 50% funded by the Ministry of Environment.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 14

Moved by: G. Ardiel
Seconded by: Wayman Fairweather

THAT this Council do now move In Camera in order to address matters pertaining to discussion of an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing scheduled for March 1, 2004 with regard to appeals of development applications made by Castle Glen Development Corporation;

AND litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Town;

AND the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

AND that Development Services Manager Peter Tollefsen and Town Clerk Stephen Keast be requested to attend.

CARRIED...

Council moved In-camera at 8:13 p.m.

Council rose from In-camera to public session 8:45 p.m.

As there was nothing further before the Chair, Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 15

Moved by: G. Ardiel
Seconded by: Wayman Fairweather

THAT this meeting do now adjourn to meet again on January 26, 2004 at 6:30 pm or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED...

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Ellen Anderson/Noel, Mayor

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Stephen Keast, Clerk