

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MCDOUGALL

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor D. Robinson
Councillor D. Adams
Councillor J. Johnson
Councillor K. Dixon
Councillor J. Gilchrist
and
Administrator G. Eaton
Fire Chief B. Leduc
Public Works Supervisor T. Hunt
Deputy Clerk C. Vankoughnett

The General Committee meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. and was chaired by Councillor Dixon.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

2. **DEPUTATIONS**

i) Ken Weeks.

- Re: a) Driveway entrance on Oakridge Road.
b) Stop signs on Oakridge Road.

Mr. Weeks was present to discuss the proposed stop sign for Oakridge Road. Mr. Weeks stated that he didn't think a stop sign was required but that a better approach was to redefine the existing corner where the proposed stop sign is to go. He presented names and signatures of ratepayers whom he has spoke to and who also agree that a stop sign was not needed but a redefined corner was. Mr. Weeks expressed his concerns with regards to the resolution to place the stop sign, with out contacting the ratepayers. He noted that he had spoken to Mr. Hunt on Tuesday and relayed his concerns to him.

The Committee questioned whether the stop signs have been put up. The Public Works Supervisor noted that there is a posting period that is required before new signs are erected.

The Committee requested staff to bring forward to the next committee meeting the procedures for posting new signs as well as accident statistics for this corner. The Committee also requested the Public Works Supervisor to obtain cost figures to redefine this corner.

Mr. Weeks also expressed concerns with regards to the maintenance of the railway crossings, noting that they are in bad shape. The CAO responded that he has put in several calls to CP rail and is still pursuing this matter.

Mr. Weeks then questioned whether he needed a driveway entrance permit to do work on his property. The CAO responded that if he is not using it as a driveway then the permit is not required.

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Councillor Adams expressed concerns noting that if a driveway is being created, then we have policies in place that should be adhered to.

Councillor Adams requested a clear understanding that a one-time use of property does not need a driveway permit.

The CAO noted he would review this process and bring this forward to Committee.

Matters Arising.

Nil.

3. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

- i) Report from Jeff Stevenson, By-law Enforcement Officer
Re: Traffic Speed Nobel Area – Community Safety Zone.

The Committee reviewed this report and noted that they would like to see the O.P.P. involved in the next traffic survey.

- ii) Correspondence from Jeff & Sherry Rosin, 307 McDougall Road.
Re: Concerns regarding the operation of a gravel pit next to their property.

Councillor Adams declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the Council Chambers.

The CAO noted he reviewed the pit area in question and couldn't pin point the actual area that was rezoned for pit operations.

The Committee requested staff to review with the owners some of the concerns of Mr. & Mrs. Rosin.

The Committee also requested staff to bring forward the bylaw which rezoned the property, so that it could be reviewed at the Council meeting.

Matters Arising.

Nil.

4. PLANNING/BUILDING

- i) George Snizer consent application.
Re: Planning report.

This item was deferred to the Committee meeting of June 2, 2004.

Matters Arising.

Nil.

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5. FIRE PROTECTION

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Nil.

6. RECREATION

i) Report on 2004 Swim Program.

The CAO gave a report on the above noted program and noted that the interviews have been completed for the swim instructors positions. He also noted that the program will be run in two sessions this year.

The Committee requested a resolution be brought forward accepting the recommendation of the Fire Chief to hire the swim instructors.

Matters Arising.

7. PUBLIC WORKS

i) Piddington & Newman/Wilbert Mallory.

Re: Requesting that the Township take over ownership of the roadway known as parts 3, 6, 7 and 9 on Plan 42R-7768.

The Public Works Supervisor reported on this request noting that he reviewed the area which is in the Township of McKellar as well as calling the proponent's lawyer who informed him his client was looking toward having a natural severance created.

The Committee noted that they would not support this and instructed staff to notify the proponents of this.

ii) Stop sign and intersection at Oakridge Road.

Re: Correspondence from Paul Bushey and Robert Christie.

This item was reviewed under deputations.

iii) Status of C.P. rail crossings at Oakridge, Felsman, George Hunt and Murray Point Road.

The CAO reported on the efforts taken to try and have C.P. repair these crossings, he noted that perhaps payments for maintenance on crossings could be withheld.

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8. ENVIRONMENT

i) The Public Works Supervisor noted that last Wednesday Conestoga Rovers shut down the purge well and noted the difference in leachate flows. He also noted that this was done in conjunction with the Ministry of the Environment.

Matters Arising.

i) The Committee questioned what work was being done on the Park to Park trail. The Public Works Supervisor noted that he was just fixing the washouts and necessary repairs.

9. FINANCE

i) Ministry of Finance.
Re: 2004 education property tax rate regulations.
The CAO explained that the Province has adjusted the education rate for the upcoming year.

ii) Accounts Payable.
The Committee approved of the payable.
Councillor Adams declared a pecuniary interest with regard to a cheque on the payroll and did not participate in discussion or vote on this matter.

Matters Arising.

Nil.

10. ADMINISTRATION

i) West Parry Sound Health Centre.
Re: Supper meeting with Municipal representatives and CAO's on Monday May 31, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.
The CAO reviewed this correspondence with the Committee.
It was noted that Mayor Robinson and Councillor Dixon would be attending.

ii) Association of Municipalities of Ontario.
Re: Effective Municipal Councillor Program.
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.

iii) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
a) Municipal performance measurement program, release of 2001 summary data report.

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The CAO noted that this summary is 140 pages and is available for review.

- b) Municipal costs incurred in response to the power outage of August 14, 2003.

The CAO noted that this does not impact us.

Matters Arising

The Director of Parks and Recreation requested permission to investigate the costing of the proposed emergency power system for the Municipal office. The Committee approved this request.

11. **NOTICES AND INFORMATION**

- i) Parry Sound Information Centre.
Re: Minutes of a meeting held January 22, 2004.

It was noted that this agreement should be coming to Council in the very near future.

- ii) Ministry of Natural Resources.
Re: Province signs protocol with police on response to human bear conflicts.

Reviewed by Committee.

- iii) Federation of Canadian Municipalities.
Re: Municipalities call for a new deal on rights-of-way.

Reviewed by Committee.

- iv) Ministry of Consumer and Business Services.
Re: Statutory framework for licensing electrical contractors, master electricians and the compulsory electrical trades.

This item was reviewed by the Committee noting that this will drive up the cost of hiring these tradesmen.

- v) Industrial Park Board.
Re: Minutes of a meeting held April 15, 2004.

Reviewed by Committee.

- vi) Ann Haines, Assessment Office.
 - a) Assessment questions.
 - b) Garage Assessments.
 - c) Managed Forest Category.

The CAO gave a report on the above and noted that he would get information on how the Ministry of Natural Resources identifies managed forest properties.

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- vii) Township of the Archipelago.
Re: Notice of a second public meeting concerning proposed official plan amendment.

The Committee reviewed this correspondence noting that there is no direct impact to McDougall.

Councillor Dixon requested a copy be put in his file.

Matters Arising

Nil.

12. **REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT**

- i) Township of North Kawartha.
Re: Expressing concerns with Ontario regulation 170/03 and requesting the municipality to support their concerns.

The Committee requested a resolution be brought forward.

- ii) Town of North Perth.
Re: Requesting support of a resolution which requests the Ministry of Environment exempt small non-residential facilities which supply washroom facilities only, from all portions of O. Reg 170/03.

The Committee requested a resolution be brought forward.

Matters Arising

Nil.

13. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- i) By-law for uses on Park to Park Trail.
No activity

- ii) Ownership of Lock Erne Cemetery.
No activity

- iii) Scars Family Cemetery.
No activity

- iv) Hydro One pole rental agreement.
No activity

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v) Municipality of McDougall Strategic Plan.

No activity

vi) John Jackson / Updated Zoning By-law

No activity

vii) Nabrotzky Subdivision.

Re: CAO Report No. 2004-31.

Councillor Adams declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the Council Chambers.

The CAO provided a summarized report on this subdivision. He noted that the planning board is the authority for subdivision approval and that application should be made to them.

Mrs. Debbie Adams was present and noted that they do not plan to make changes to the existing plan and noted that both phase one and two were approved at the same time, therefore she noted that phase two has already been approved and does not need to be resubmitted. The Committee noted that according to reports, phase two has expired, therefore it was the decision of the Committee that a letter be sent to the proponents advising them that the Municipality is a commenting agency and that the subdivision application should be presented to the Parry Sound and Area Planning Board.

viii) Leachate Contract Town of Parry Sound.

Re: CAO Report No. 2004-32.

The CAO reported on the recalculation of the leachate haulage.

The Committee questioned if the CAO's recommendation made in April is substantial. The CAO noted that it was. The Committee directed staff to draft an agreement with the Town of Parry Sound for the treatment of leachate on an as needed basis.

Matters Arising.

Mayor Robinson requested staff to look into the possibility of the displaying of history plaques in the Municipal Council Chambers.

14. **NEW BUSINESS**

i) The CAO noted a funding announcement was being made at the industrial park on May 14, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.

15. **REPORT OF THE CAO**

i) Report No. CAO 2004-27.

Re: 2003 Season west Nile virus report.

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The CAO reported on this and noted that he would like to send the By-law Officer to a seminar regarding the west Nile virus.

ii) Report No. CAO 2004-29.

Re: POA meeting of April 22, 2004.

The CAO reported on the above noted meeting. Some of the issues reviewed were job descriptions and licences suspensions. Some clarification was requested regarding the responsibility of the POA Committee and it was noted that they are just an advisory Committee.

Councillor Adams requested a copy of the POA report.

iii) Report No. CAO 2004-33

Re: Landfill TOR, MOE Comments.

The CAO reported that Connestoga Rovers is off schedule and that they were to deliver a letter on Thursday.

iv) A resolution regarding O.P. 55 will come forward on May 19, 2004.

v) The CAO reminded the Committee of the Roads tour to be held May 13, 2004.

vi) 200 trees were planted at the landfill site.

Matters Arising

i) Hans Muysson was present on behalf of Park to Park trail and requested clarification of the Park to Park by-law. Mayor Robinson explained that the by-law was to regulate use of the trail but under the present situation this has been left as unfinished business.

Mr. Muysson provided the Committee with a repair schedule and costs for the trail and noted that it was considerably lower than that which was provided by the Public Works Supervisor.

16. **BUDGET CHANGES AND REVISIONS**

17. **CLOSED SESSION**

There were no items for closed session.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 9:30.