

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK**

**MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**SESSION THREE**

**MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007**

The Third Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Township of Brock, in the Regional Municipality of Durham, was held on Monday, March 12, 2007, in the Municipal Administration Building.

Members present:	Mayor:	Larry O'Connor
	Regional Councillor:	John Grant
	Councillors:	Mike Manchester
		Harold Lodwick
		Anthony Woodruff
		David Marquis
		W.E. Ted Smith

Staff Members present:	Clerk-Administrator George S. Graham (recording the minutes)
	Deputy Clerk-Administrator Thomas G. Gettinby
	Clerk-Stenographer Susan Creighton

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Larry O'Connor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Regional Councillor John Grant advised he is a member of TIRA, however has no pecuniary interest in this regard.

**III. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- (1) 1st meeting – February 12/07
- (2) 2nd meeting – February 12/07

Resolution No. 1-3

MOVED BY John Grant that the minutes of the 1st and 2nd meetings of the Committee of the Whole as held on February 12, 2007, be adopted as typed and circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IV. HEARING OF DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS AS AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE OR COUNCIL**

- (1) **10:00 a.m.** – Strong Communities Coalition, Penny Contreras – invitation to Council to join the Town Hall Meeting on March 15/07 at the Cannington Community Centre re: Strong Communities Coalition

Ms. Penny Contreras attended before the committee on behalf of Edna Klazek, CEO for the United Way of Ajax, Pickering and Uxbridge, who unfortunately was unable to attend due to illness. Ms. Contreras advised that the Strong Communities Coalition is made up of the United Ways of York, Peel, Durham and Halton Regions and the 905/GTA Healthcare Alliance with the support of regional social services. The role of the Strong Communities Coalition is to address the inequity of funding of health and social services in the 905/GTA areas, inclusive of Brock which is a 705 area, and advised further of an audit undertaken by Price Waterhouse which confirmed the funding gap between the GTA/905 and other parts of Ontario in per capita funding for social services as well as the growing gap in CCAC Funding in comparison to other areas of Ontario. Members of the committee were provided with the report documentation created as the result of the audit.

Ms. Contreras invited members of the committee to attend the town hall meeting which has been arranged for March 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cannington Arena, where at

there will be an expert panel and opportunity to discuss the impact of this lack of funding in this area.

- (2) **10:10 a.m.** – Thorah Island Ratepayers' Association – Carolyn MacGillivray – update on Association activities and request for funds for road repair and maintenance

Carolyn MacGillivray, President of the Thorah Island Ratepayers' Association (TIRA) attended before the committee to provide an update on Association activities and to request funds for road repair and maintenance.

Ms. MacGillivray advised that TIRA was initially formed to address the problem of break-ins on Thorah Island and currently has 35 members and an Executive Committee of seven officers and directors.

Issues currently on TIRA's agenda are:

- Additional repairs in the harbour, although they are very pleased with repairs to date to the harbour deck and docks. At least one dozen derelict vehicles and a large amount of scrap metal has been removed from the harbor, improving its appearance and creating more parking space.
- TIRA appreciates the gravel that was delivered to the Island and the funds to disperse it. More gravel is necessary and they are requesting \$3,000.00 in funding to pay a contractor to distribute the gravel as the \$2500.00 previously provided has not covered the cost to disperse the gravel due to increased costs for this service.
- TIRA has obtained used culverts from the municipality and would appreciate funding for the purpose of installing the culverts as well as township staff expertise to identify the correct placement of the culverts.
- A letter has been submitted requesting that the seasonal garbage collection at the Island be commenced two weekends before Victoria Day weekend and extended two weekends past Thanksgiving weekend.
- As the result of the two colonies of cormorants at the south end of the Island which have had a negative impact on the water quality, fish habitat and the tree foliage, the island has been inundated with water snakes that have moved up the shoreline to get out of range of the colonies. The MNR are willing to remove the cormorant nests as long as they are not nesting but will require the approval of the municipality to remove the nests, the majority of which are located on the 66 foot shore allowance owned by the municipality.
- Residents of the Island are desperate for help with the mosquito problem on the Island and requested that the Island be included in any mosquito program Brock may have.

In closing, Ms. MacGillivray thanked the committee for their past support.

Regional Councillor John Grant commented that a number of issues have been identified for the information of the new members of council. He enquired whether the cormorant nests are located on the township shore allowance and was advised in the affirmative.

Councillor Mike Manchester enquired how the gravel is taken to the Island and was advised that the municipality provides three truck loads of gravel which is taken over by barge. The contractor has purchased a backhoe to distribute the gravel on the Island roads, said backhoe remaining on the Island all year around. Councillor Manchester enquired as to the amount of gravel remaining at the harbour for distribution and was advised there is approximately one load waiting to be dispersed.

Councillor Anthony Woodruff enquired whether the municipality has any mosquito spraying programs and was advised by Mayor O'Connor there are none, other than the West Nile Virus larviciding program which mostly targets catch basins, through the Regional Health Department.

Councillor W.E. Ted Smith commented that mosquitoes are normally associated with swampy stagnant water and enquired whether there are areas of this nature on the Island and whether there are drainage issues, to which Ms. MacGillivray advised in the affirmative and thus the request for assistance in having culverts strategically placed to assist with drainage problems.

Councillor Harold Lodwick enquired whether TIRA has ever contacted the Township of Ramara to be included in their mosquito spraying program and was advised that programs have been investigated, however are too cost prohibitive to the residents.

Regional Councillor John Grant enquired whether the Durham Region Health Department does any West Nile Virus mosquito testing and was advised by Mayor O'Connor that this is a question for the Health Department, however residents of the Island could be on the look out for dead vectors, birds such as crows and blue jays which are carriers of West Nile Virus, and if such birds are found they can be tested for the virus. Ms. MacGillivray advised that Island residents will be apprised of this information.

Resolution No. 2-3

MOVED BY Mike Manchester that the TIRA requests for funds and gravel be included in the 2007 budget process.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 3-3

MOVED BY Harold Lodwick that Brock Committee of the Whole have no objection to remove the nests of cormorants on the 66 foot shore allowance, reference in communication from TIRA.

MOTION CARRIED

Regional Councillor John Grant advised that the municipality and the Federal Government are working towards further repairs at the Thorah Island Harbour and that an extended season of garbage collection will be implemented starting this season.

- (3) **10:20 a.m.** – Barry Hobbs – Resolution 10-5 – February 5/07 Council re: Brock Landfill

Mr. Barry Hobbs of Cannington attended before the committee to speak to Resolution No. 10-5 which was passed by the Brock Council at their meeting held on February 5, 2007 with respect to the Brock Landfill and which reads as follows:

Resolution No. 10-5

MOVED BY David Marquis and SECONDED BY John Grant

WHEREAS the only open Durham Region landfill site is located in the Township of Brock, and;

Whereas Brock Township Council has very serious concerns about the future of the landfill site on behalf of all its ratepayers, and;

Whereas Brock township Council supports the Ministry of the Environment in its order to remediate the landfill site;

Be it therefore resolved that the Durham Region Works Committee be notified of the following:

- That Brock Township Council and its citizens are unwilling hosts for any landfill from outside our Township
- That the landfill be closed at the earliest possible date
- That when the Durham-York energy from waste facility is completed, that Brock Township's garbage will be taken there to be incinerated
- That in advance of the closing of the Brock landfill site that planning be done by Durham Region to construct anew transfer station in central Brock, similar to the facility near Port Perry.

In his presentation to the committee, Mr. Hobbs advised that he and his wife have lived in Cannington since 1988, advising further that although he is currently a cartoonist/game developer/entrepreneur, his first career was that of a teacher of geography, environmental science and GIS. As well he has taken a number of university programs on groundwater movement and protection.

Mr. Hobbs advised of his shock that consideration to expand the landfill is a consideration and even more so shocked by council's response to the proposal, as this issue is one that people will remember and is a legacy issue with explosive implications.

He provided information about the heavy metals and toxin in leachate and the fact that an annual precipitation of 36 inches will percolate an average of 1 million gallons of leachate per acre/year. As well he noted that the height of the garbage and mass of the leachate will create a higher hydrostatic pressure and the potential for greater leachate migration. He advised that containing leachate in an unlined dump is very problematic and expensive and that landfill sites are never approved in a wetland because of the problems created by leachate and runoff migration. The Brock Landfill sits on the edge of a significant wetland with surface runoff from the wetland draining into Lake Simcoe. Mr. Hobbs suggested that the scale of the expansion planned, creates in reality a new facility and that it is illegal to build an unlined dump in Ontario without an environmental assessment. He commented on the impact of truck traffic, smell, contaminated streams and groundwater, scattered paper refuse and potential health effects and decreased real estate values, to the area residents.

Mr. Hobbs suggested that the Region's incinerator project will take longer than the 2010 target date and that the 120,000 tonnes of waste slated for the Brock Landfill will rise to 800,000 tonnes and that the Region has been reluctant to increase the infrastructure to permit growth and economic development in the area but are more than prepared to send us their waste!

Mr. Hobbs referenced Resolution No. 10-5 as being casual, cavalier and complicit, suggesting that Council should recognize the risk to its residents and show anger, a sense of urgency and layout a call to action, none of which is evident. He is suggesting:

- An increase in information flow and open dialogue in the form of a letter or email to all residents outlining the risks, the timetable of events and a contact list.
- A door-to-door notification campaign to the residents in the immediate area of the landfill who will be most seriously affected.
- Formation of a committee to create a plan to seriously oppose the initiative and help mitigate the negative impacts on the residents.
- Get political and lobby the province to revoke any permit for garbage expansion into this site.
- Threaten to tear up roads leading to the landfill or have a symbolic dumping of gravel on a road to the landfill to make a point.
- Cancel garbage collection for a couple of weeks and tell the residents to take it to the Region.
- Request a change in boundaries so that Brock can join a region that protects the rights of its citizens.
- Involve the media.
- Explore the possibility of using Toronto's dump in London as a stop gap, improve recycling to divert waste from the landfill, pressure the Ministry and Region to bring the incinerator on line more quickly and explore alternative close and seal alternatives that exist other than adding more garbage to the mix.

In closing, demonstrate you understand the seriousness of the problem and will do something about it as you are either part of the solution or part of the problem, and help protect the citizens of this community.

Councillor David Marquis enquired of Mr. Hobbs whether he feels that resolution number 10-5 is not specific enough and whether he supports the MOE order to clean up and was advised by Mr. Hobbs that he is in favour of the clean-up, however he has grave concerns with respect to leachate migration. Councillor Marquis commented that Mr. Hobbs has raised some good points and requested that he leave a copy of his presentation with staff. Mr. Hobbs advised that he would ensure that council each receive a copy of his presentation in this regard.

Councillor Anthony Woodruff agreed with Mr. Hobbs' insofar as the distribution of information to keep residents informed, agreeing that the newspaper as a source of information is not enough.

Councillor W.E. Ted Smith requested clarification with respect to Mr. Hobbs' comment that the landfill was sold to Durham Region for \$1.00. He was advised by the Clerk-Administrator that in 1974 Durham Region automatically inherited the landfill as they are responsible for water, sewers and waste. Councillor Smith enquired of Mr. Hobbs whether he is suggesting that the landfill be excavated and removed to which Mr. Hobbs advised there are a number of alternatives to consider one being to pressure the MOE to speed up the incineration process which is also problematic but not as much as the

landfill. He advised that Edmonton has been successful in diverting 60% of their waste from the landfill, as have other areas, but this takes active resident involvement. Mayor O'Connor advised that Durham is currently at 60% waste diversion.

Councillor Smith enquired of Mr. Hobbs whether he is skeptical of Durham's remedial plan for the landfill which is the reverse to the Keele Valley site, to which Mr. Hobbs advised that the landfill will be full of moisture creating leachate, prior to the remedial works being undertaken.

Regional Councillor John Grant advised that Mr. Hobbs and council are not far apart in their thinking when it comes to the landfill in that council wants the landfill cleaned up and closed, but is having difficulty in finding out when the landfill will be closed. He reiterated that more than 126,000 tonnes of waste at the landfill will require regional council approval and that Durham Region is currently looking for alternative landfill sites other than Brock in case the incinerator is not operational by 2010. It is his understanding that the MOE is moving quickly insofar as the Region's remedial plan for the landfill and that the LSRCA is requesting information in order to comment on the situation. Regional Councillor Grant enquired of Mr. Hobbs whether he would be willing to speak to Regional Council in this regard and was advised in the affirmative.

Councillor Harold Lodwick commented he feels that council is acting responsibly and working with Durham Region. He advised that homes are still being built in the vicinity of the Keele Valley site and there would be no need to ship our waste to London if every one looked after their own. Mr. Hobbs advised that the citizens disagree in this regard in that they feel there is a dialogue problem in that they would like to see notice of meetings posted in the newspaper or post office. Many residents are not aware of the issue and the potential scale of the landfill and it is his experience that the landfill will just keep increasing in size.

Mayor Larry O'Connor advised that council are on record as not being a willing host to Durham's waste and want the landfill cleaned up and closed. He does not expect Durham Region to change their plan insofar as more than the currently approved 126,000 tonnes of material that is required for the remedial works. He enquired of Mr. Hobbs whether he would be willing to sit on the Region's Community Liaison Committee respecting the landfill and was advised in the affirmative.

(4) **10:30 a.m.** – Brock Economic Development Committee – Peter Prust – Business Retention & Expansion Program

Mr. Peter Prust, Chair of the Brock Economic Development Committee attended before the committee to request consideration be given to providing funding in the amount of \$3500.00 to the Brock Economic Development Committee for a Business Retention and Expansion Program (BR&E).

Mr. Prust advised of the mandate of the committee and that they have identified a number of projects, the first being the BR&E Program. This project has been endorsed by the Region, Province and Nation, with the basic outcome being a road map to support local business development to the benefit of the entire community. Beneficiaries of the program would be the residents, businesses, and the municipality.

Mr. Prust described the project process as follows:

Stage 1 – Project planning and business visits – Introduction to community, team recruitment, work plan design, volunteer recruitment and training, business interviews – 6 months

Stage 2 – Immediate follow-up – Identify “Red Flag” issues, urgent response – immediate

Stage 3 – Data Analysis & Recommendations – Data entry & analysis, Task Force Retreat, Identify Key Actions – 9 - 12 months

Stage 4 – Public Meeting and Implementation 4 – Share results, form work groups, implement projects, monitor projects – 12 months to 2-3 years

The project will be run mostly by volunteer, community leaders who will conduct questionnaires and interpret analysis. A paid program coordinator will be required as will

workspace and office supplies, with most costs being borne by other levels of government as follows:

Provincial Rural Economic Development – 50%	\$17,500
South Lake Development Community Futures	\$11,000
Durham Region Economic Development	\$ 3,000
Township of Brock	<u>\$ 3,500</u>
	\$35,000

In closing, Mr. Prust requested that the municipality consider including \$3500-5000 in the 2007 municipal budget and consider providing office facilities to provide the basis to kick-start this program.

Regional Councillor John Grant advised that he and Mayor O'Connor are aware of the committee's activities and appreciate this township-wide initiative to improve the municipality. He enquired of the deputation, the benefits of such a program and was advised of the successes realized in other municipalities such as broadband service, improved street signage and customer service, reduced tax rates and additional jobs. Mr. Prust stressed the need for successful training to complete the project and a program coordinator.

Regional Councillor Grant acknowledged the request for funding, enquiring further whether in kind services are also being requested and was advised in the affirmative.

Councillor Anthony Woodruff enquired whether the request for funding will be a one time or annual request and was advised it will be a one time request, with most of the funds being required to pay the project coordinator over a 12-18 month period. Councillor Woodruff enquired whether \$3500.00 will cover the staff cost for one year and was advised that \$3500.00 is the municipal funding portion being requested, with the total budget being \$35,000.00.

Councillor Woodruff enquired whether the committee has spoken with the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce insofar as partnering for office space and was advised that the committee has not.

Councillor Mike Manchester enquired whether the purpose of this project is for businesses to come for assistance or is its intent more general, and was advised it is more general, the intent being to set the business environment in Brock, although over time, the Economic Development Committee will be available to businesses on a one on one basis.

Councillor Harold Lodwick commented on the importance of the municipality getting involved and that this involvement will assist in leveraging other funding. He advised that a successful BR&E Program in Havelock has resulted in their annual jamboree.

Mayor Larry O'Connor stated that the outcome of this process will be a template for businesses. He enquired of other anticipated outcomes and was advised greater cooperation and a better working relationship. Mayor O'Connor enquired whether volunteers will be required to undertake the required surveys and that possibly members of council could assist in this regard. Mayor O'Connor also enquired as to the timeframe for the funding requested in that it would need to be a budget consideration and was advised by Mr. Prust that this would be acceptable and that the assistance of council in providing assistance with the surveys would be appreciated.

Councillor W.E. Ted Smith enquired how the Brock Economic Development Committee was formed and who are its members and was advised that the committee evolved through conversation, its members being volunteers and business people from throughout the entire municipality.

#### Resolution No. 4-3

MOVED BY John Grant that the request of Brock Economic Development Committee be referred to 2007 budget discussions.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 5-3

MOVED BY Harold Lodwick that we break for a 5 minute recess at 11:12 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Larry O'Connor reconvened the meeting at 11:21 a.m. with the same members of council and staff in attendance.

V. PETITIONS – N I LVI. COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCILGroup I – Receive & File

- 414 LSRCA – Appointment to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Administrative Committee
- 416 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – News Release – *Ontario Celebrates Greenbelt's Second Anniversary*
- 420 Durham Radio Inc. – CKDO-FM-107.7's Technical Update – Thank You
- 424 Durham Clerk's Department to Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty – Bill 172 Direct Election of Regional Council Chair
- 433 Durham Region Local Training Board – enclosing copy of 2006-207 *Trends Opportunities and Priorities (TOP) Report* for Durham Region
- 436 Durham Region Safer Bars Coalition – enclosing sample cards and posters re: St. Patrick's Day Campaign; *Reducing Your Risk* Newsletter – Winter/Spring 2007; Round Table Discussion; and *A Guide for Bar Workers* (NR)
- 449 Office of the Leader of the Official Opposition – Eastern Ontario Deserves Some Respect: Tory

Resolution No. 6-3

MOVED BY David Marquis that communications # 414, 416, 420, 424, 433, 436, 449 be received and filed for information.

MOTION CARRIEDGroup II – Communications Submitted for Action

- 427 Durham Health Department – Letter authorizing the use of larvicide to control mosquitoes

Resolution No. 7-3

MOVED BY John Grant that the Township of Brock authorizes the use of a larvicide to control mosquitoes, reference communication 427/07.

MOTION CARRIED

- 451 Cannington Lioness Club – Annual Lioness Ducky Race – 2007

Resolution No. 8-3

MOVED BY Anthony Woodruff that the Committee of the Whole approves of the 2007 Cannington Lioness Club annual ducky race, reference communication # 451/07.

MOTION CARRIED

VII. GENERAL ITEMS AND ENQUIRIES

- (1) Councillor Anthony Woodruff – Brock Landfill

Resolution No. 9-3

MOVED BY Anthony Woodruff that Committee of the Whole recommend to council that residents in proximity to the dump be notified of any changes to the use of the dump by way of delivery of notification to each household by Durham Region within 1000 metres or adjacent properties and local media, on the web etc.

MOTION CARRIED

Staff were directed to forward a copy of this and other motions which have been passed with respect to the Brock landfill, to the Ministry of the Environment.

- (2) Councillor Harold Lodwick – West Nile Virus Flyer to TIRA Members

Councillor Harold Lodwick suggested that residents of Thorah Island be provided with a flyer on West Nile Virus and that said flyer be included in their tax notices, to which Mayor O'Connor advised that this issue impacts all residents and Durham Health will be commencing their annual campaign in this regard in the near future.

Regional Councillor John Grant advised that he and Councillor Manchester contribute to the TIRA newsletter and will do an article on West Nile Virus for the newsletter.

- (3) Regional Councillor John Grant – MOE Comment on Brock Landfill Remedial Plan

Regional Councillor John Grant commented that MOE comment on the Region's remedial plan for the Brock landfill is imminent.

He further advised that the LSRCA will be meeting this week to discuss the role of the conservation authority in conjunction with the Region's remedial plan for the landfill.

- (4) Mayor Larry O'Connor – Public Works Staff

Mayor Larry O'Connor requested that appreciation be relayed to the Public Works Staff for their efforts in clearing the roads during the recent snow storm which resulted in school buses in the three northern municipalities being delayed as the result of the snow and poor visibility. He also expressed his appreciation to the school bus drivers insofar as their efforts to safely transport the students home.

- (2) Public Questions and Clarification

There were no public questions for clarification.

VIII. ADJOURNMENTResolution No. 10-3

MOVED BY John Grant that we do now adjourn at 11:43 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY