

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK**

**MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**COUNCIL**

**SESSION THREE**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006**

The Third Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Brock, in the Regional Municipality of Durham, was held on Monday, February 13, 2006, in the Municipal Administration Building Council Chamber.

Members present:	Mayor:	Keith Shier
	Regional Councillor:	Larry O'Connor
	Councillors:	Karen Windatt
		John Grant
		Reg Starr
		Debbie Bath
		Allan Simpson

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 Keith Shier called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. MOMENT OF MEDITATION/PERSONAL REFLECTION

Council paused for a moment of meditation/personal reflection.

III. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – N I L

IV. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(1) 2nd council meeting – January 30/06

Resolution No. 1-3

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that the minutes of the 2nd council meeting as held on January 30, 2006 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

MOTION CARRIED

V. HEARING OF DEPUTATIONS

**11:00 a.m.** – Municipality of Trent Hills, Kari Parr – First Impressions Community Exchange (refer to Communications #95 and 96/06 attached)

Judy Coward, Economic Development Consultant for OMAF, Lindsay, Kari Parr, Economic Development Department and Brenda Otto, Economic Development Officer from the Municipality of Trent Hills were in attendance. Also in attendance is Ms. Bonnie O'Neal from the Belleville OMAF Office. Ms. Coward advised that they worked closely with Marlene Werry, Rural Economic Development Officer for Durham Region, who was also in attendance, and are here today to present the results of the First Impressions Program which is a community exchange program, in this case undertaken between Beaverton and Hastings, which compares communities of like size with similar features. The intent of the program is not to be analytical, but to point out the positive, following a one day visit. Ms. Coward pointed out Mr. Peter Prust, who was present and a member of the exchange committee from Beaverton who visited Hastings. She thanked the council for their support of this program.

Kari Parr proceeded with the presentation as follows:

First Impressions Community Exchange – Beaverton, Ontario  
Visiting Team: 5 residents of Hastings and 1 Municipal staff member

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2005  
Timeframe: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Weather: Cloudy, rain, drizzle and cool

#### Prior to the Visit

Very little knowledge of Beaverton  
One team member researched community via the Internet. Lots of information found using “google” search  
Contacted Chamber of Commerce to find out more facts on Beaverton, however, they weren’t able to provide assistance

#### The 5 Minute Assessment

Beaverton is a lot bigger than Hastings  
Nice and neat general appearance  
Homes were attractive and lawns were maintained nicely  
Not a lot of vacant storefronts  
Good first impression

#### Community Entrances

All entrances are similar  
Service club sign is great  
Very few miscellaneous signage  
Great idea to have sign indicating places and times of Worship  
Beaverton sign does not stand out  
Would look great if signage for Worship was repaired  
No signage to downtown and other tourist attractions

#### Housing and Residential Areas

Building boom  
Lots of new construction taking place – model homes and long-term facility  
Good mix of homes – old and new  
Availability of homes? – did not notice very many For Sale signs  
No traffic lights and intersections were a bit confusing  
No public transit and did not notice any taxis  
Road leading to Marina could use some repairs  
Appears to be a very mature community

#### Education, Health, Social and Emergency Services

No hospital present but community does have a Health Centre  
Benefit to have own ambulance, fire and police depots  
Variety of health services available – medical, dental, physiotherapist, chiropractor, optometrist  
Lots of social services available

#### Local Economy - Downtown

Very few unoccupied storefronts  
Decorations for Fall and Halloween were great  
Beautiful old town hall, however, did not notice promotion of heritage buildings  
Customer service at Farmer’s Kitchen was excellent. They were very knowledgeable about the community and had great things to say  
Very friendly crossing guard  
Excellent mix of merchandise  
Signage needs improving  
No markings on main streets for parking so we were unsure if you are allowed to park there  
Buildings are in great shape, a couple would benefit with a face-lift

#### Local Economy – Retail

Great diversity of stores  
Loved the Farmer’s Kitchen and great idea for the women’s clothing store that also carries fabrics  
Surprised to find a bridal salon, theatre and new and used clothing store

#### Local Economy – Industries

Currently construction is the primary industry  
Other obvious ones are agriculture, tourism and fishing

#### Tourism

Harbour and Yatch Club are definitely tourist attractions  
Museum is a unique building  
Did not notice any signs indicating other major tourist attractions  
Motel present which is excellent  
Are there any Bed and Breakfasts?

#### Recreation, Faith, Culture and Heritage

Quite a few parks present and all seemed to be in good condition  
Excellent mix of recreation facilities – parks, skateboard park, tennis courts, arena, curling club, baseball diamonds and fairgrounds  
Community Playhouse sounds like fun  
Great to have a theatre  
Lots of variety for places of Worship  
Lots of apparent heritage buildings, however, no signage indicating so  
Are there any yearly events/festivals?

#### Information from Community Residents

Everyone was very friendly and knowledgeable  
Business owners take pride in their work  
Quite surprised at the lack of help received from the Chamber of Commerce before the visit

#### Positive Observations

Well maintained and attractive community  
Lots of great construction taking place  
2 elementary schools  
Easy access to downtown – All roads lead to the downtown  
Variety of businesses and services

#### Challenges Facing Beaverton?

Off the main route – more signage on major highways  
Is there a logo? Distinct sign?  
Lacking signage within town – Signage to attractions?  
Park entrances – Harbour would look great with entrance improvements and enhancements

#### Opportunities for Beaverton

Make connection between harbour and downtown – Creating a boardwalk would be inviting  
Land behind Yatch Club – lots of potential  
Enhance existing attractions with signage/promotion

#### First Impressions of Beaverton

Six months from now, we will all have positive memories of Beaverton

Thank you for the exchange.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor commented that the First Impressions Program is interesting and unique, commenting that our signage reflects Beaverton as part of the Township of Brock. He further advised that mapping of Beaverton has recently been received.

Brenda Otto commented that Hastings is also part of an amalgamated municipality, which like Beaverton has a strong community spirit, but faces a challenge in marketing/promoting a distinct community image.

Regional Councillor O'Connor commented on the good points mentioned for consideration by the municipality, noting that some of the suggestions are in the works, for example the boardwalk. He enquired as to a method in which to relay feedback to Hastings to which Ms. Otto suggested a revisit in one year for an update and/or to reaffirm issues.

Councillor John Grant explained he is the ward councillor for Beaverton and that we tend to sometimes forget the assets attributes of our community and the work of our volunteers. He agreed promotion of Beaverton could be better, and enquired whether the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce will be provided with a copy of the First Impressions

report, to which Brenda Otto advised that currently only the team members have the information but that it can be forwarded to the Chamber. Councillor Grant advised this is important information for the Chamber to have for consideration.

Councillor Allan Simpson thanked the deputation for their presentation and reiterated that the Hastings team visited the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce first, only to find that it was closed. Kari Parr responded this was correct, however when contact was made with the Chamber, they were unable to provide a community profile or any mapping and they were surprised respecting the lack of resources.

Brenda Otto advised that Hastings experiences similar problems, however, because you never know who is going to call at your community a welcoming first impression is required and you need to have the resources to provide to visitors. She commented that Beaverton has very good ambassadors and needs to provide the marketing tools.

Councillor Simpson enquired how the team's information was received and was advised by Ms. Otto that the first thing they did was go to the internet, however when internet resources were limited, they went to the Township of Brock website.

Councillor Debbie Bath thanked the deputation for their presentation, acknowledging that you can never have enough good information. She commented that after 30 years of amalgamation, we still have three very distinct villages each with their own arena, which is an asset to each village and serves as a meeting place, but with three of everything, it is a financial challenge to the municipality. She addressed the comments made respecting the unwelcoming atmosphere of the CERC and advised that they had most likely been speaking with clients and not the CERC staff. Councillor Debbie Bath advised that answers exist to some of the questions posed and would it have been an asset for the area councillor to have accompanied the team on their tour which would also have created more dialogue.

Judy Coward commented that the intent of the program is a true first impression, and in suggesting that the ward councillor attend the tour, she does not feel it is a good idea, and that perhaps the addition of the ward councillor would be better on a second visit, however that she would pass this suggestion onto program staff.

Councillor Debbie Bath reiterated the benefit of additional information and that she hopes there will be further dialogue in this regard.

Councillor Reg Starr commented on the importance of agriculture to a community, noting that if farmers are experiencing financial hardship they do not spend what they don't have which impacts the local economy, and that OMAF should likely realize this impact through the First Impressions program.

Brenda Otto commented that the agricultural community in Trent Hills also struggles and that they do realize the economic impact, however that they need to find a way to improve and develop despite the agricultural challenge. She commented that she sees huge potential for Beaverton by just putting the pieces in place for good things to happen.

Judy Coward commented that the issue of agriculture was discussed during the tour of Hastings at which time it was noted that the equipment dealer no longer exists and that as part of this program they do look at all economic factors that impact the town.

Councillor Karen Windatt commented that she is very impressed with the submission presented and that many of the items brought forth in the report have been discussed previously by council and have, subsequently been reinforced by the report. She reiterated the importance of a good first impression in that it gets someone back for further information.

Mayor Keith Shier asked the deputation how important they feel flowers on main streets are to which Brenda Otto advised that in Hastings it is very important, the area Revitalization Committee realizing it is something they can have an impact on by drawing attention away from vacant store fronts. Mayor Shier agreed with the need to make our main streets attractive in this way.

Councillor John Grant requested that this information be shared with the Business Associations in Cannington and Sunderland as well, noting that the local business associations could be looked to, to take a lead role to enhance their areas, for example

with respect to village signage. Councillor Grant commented that this report enforces deficiencies to encourage tourism dollars.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor commented that the MTO has very strict regulations concerning signage and he would appreciate any assistance from OMAF in support of entrance signage on provincial highways, to which Judy Coward advised that she is aware of the MTO's strict guidelines in this regard but will assist in convening a meeting to discuss this issue further.

Councillor Karen Windatt commented that the visitors from Hastings caught Beaverton on a not so good weather day at the end of the season and that during the summer, Beaverton sees an influx of population.

Councillor Debbie Bath advised of her support to send this report to the local business associations and acknowledged the challenges faced insofar as signage on provincial highways.

Resolution No. 2-3

MOVED BY John Grant and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Township appreciates the interest and report provided by the Community Hastings as provided by the First Impressions Community Exchange. Further that the information provided be shared between the municipality and the Beaverton & District Chamber of Commerce in order to explore the possibilities of enhancing the community.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 3-3

MOVED BY Reg Starr and SECONDED BY Debbie Bath that we break for a 5 minute recess at 11:55 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Keith Shier reconvened the meeting at 12:07 p.m. with the same members of council and staff in attendance.

VI. PETITIONS – N I L

VII. COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL

Group I – Receive & File

206 Government of Canada – CMHC – announcing free electronic reports starting November 14/05

210 City of Oshawa to Durham Clerk's Department – Rouge Valley Health System – Proposal to temporarily transfer obstetrical, pediatric and related services from Ajax-Pickering Site

Councillor Debbie Bath commented it was her assumption that the situation referenced in communication number 210 has been resolved and services back to normal. Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor advised that there has been a temporary reprieve in this regard, however time will tell what the long term arrangement will be. He further advised that Durham Region is monitoring this situation closely. Councillor Bath encouraged Durham Region to monitor the situation and strive to keep what existing services we have in this regard.

211 Durham Clerk's Department to Ministry of the Environment – EBR Reference #AA05E0001 – Regional Response to Bill 43, *The Clean Water Act, 2005*

Councillor Debbie Bath enquired whether a resolution in support of communication number 211 is required from the Brock Council as she is in agreement with Durham Region that the MOE should be responsible to implement and carry out this legislation. Regional Councillor O'Connor advised that the report is for the information of council only at this time, however if it is the wish of the Brock Council to send a letter of support it would be acceptable at this time.

Councillor Bath advised that a motion will be forthcoming under general items – other.

- 214 AMCTO – *AMCTO Express* – January 26, 2006
- 218 The Durham District School Board – Director’s Annual Report for 2005
- 230 The Durham Catholic District School Board – 2004 – 2005 Director’s Annual Report
- 237 Ministry of Culture – bulleting re: regulations to implement the amended *Ontario Heritage Act*
- 238 Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal – PIR Net News – January 2006
- 245 Durham Region – *Council Highlights* – January 25, 2006

Councillor Debbie Bath congratulated Durham Region on retaining their financial rating which subsequently impacts the cost of operating the Region.

- 253 AMO – Alert re: *AMO Pre-Budget Submission to Close the Fiscal Gap*

Councillor Debbie Bath commented that high taxes have not been created by the area municipalities, but as the result of provincial downloading, and the time has come to upload to the province, especially with regard to Bill 43 – The Clean Water Act. Mayor Keith Shier advised this is a complicated issue which involves several bills and at this time we know that Conservation Authorities will be the lead body, however insofar as funding, it is unknown at this time. If no provincial funding is to be made available the costs involved will come back on the taxpayers, and although this message is being relayed to the Province, we do not know if the Province is listening and that a resolution of support would be appreciated.

- 254 OI – OI comments to Stewardship Ontario Blue Box Funding Review Committee
- 258 Kawartha Conservation – *Kawartha Conservation Hosts Annual General Meeting in Scugog*
- 260 Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission – Notice of Public Hearing – Atomic Energy of Canada Limited
- 266 Durham Region Local Training Board – enclosing *Durham Region Trends, Opportunities & Priorities (TOP) Report 2005*

Councillor Allan Simpson enquired whether Brock Township is involved with immigrant employment and settlement, focus on agriculture and the annual farm tour, and career education and student awareness opportunities in association with the Durham Region Local Training Board and was advised by the Deputy Clerk-Administrator not directly, however that Brock has been involved in the farm tour sponsored by the Regional Planning Department.

Councillor Debbie Bath advised that the Training Board is a partner with CERC and provides sessions thereat, regularly.

Regional Councillor Larry O’Connor advised that the Training Board, Durham College and the North Durham Social Development Council is undertaking a survey involving farms and temporary help. He further advised that Brock has been part of previous farms tours, and that large geographic area of Durham Region being a challenge.

- 274 AMO – Alert re: *AMO Submission on Bill 36, Local Health System Integration Act, 2005*
- 281 AMO – Alert re: *Government Announces Changes to Ontario Disability Support Program*
- 282 Durham Clerk’s Department – Resolution Regarding Golf Course Policy of the Township of Uxbridge

- 283 Federation of Canadian Municipalities – *Seeking Environmental Expertise for the Green Municipal Fund Peer Review Committee*

Mayor Keith Shier enquired of the Clerk-Administrator whether Brock Township would be eligible to take advantage of Municipal Green funding and was advised this is a Federal initiative that the municipality could but has yet to avail themselves of. Mayor Shier enquired whether downtown improvements would be eligible for this funding and was advised in the affirmative.

- 284 Barry Devolin, MP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock – *Devolin Column – Thank you to the voters of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock*

Resolution No. 4-3

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that communications no. 206, 210, 211, 214, 218, 230, 237, 238, 245, 253, 254, 258, 260, 266, 274, 281, 282, 283 and 284 be received for the information of council and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

Group II – Communications Referred to Committee

Planning Committee

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor requested that communication number 285 from the Cedarvale Cemetery Board be removed from the referrals.

- 285 Cedar Vale Cemetery – enclosing comments to Durham Planning Department re: Official Plan Review – Cemetery Expansion

Resolution No. 5-3

MOVED BY Reg Starr and SECONDED BY Larry O'Connor that Brock Township council objects to the section of the draft proposal of the Durham Region Official Plan, sections labeled 5,3,6, that deals with cemeteries within Durham Region as this has a negative impact on cemetery expansion in Brock Township. Copy to the Planning Commissioners and Brock Township Planner.

MOTION CARRIED

Staff were directed to copy this motion to all Durham municipalities.

The Deputy Clerk-Administrator explained that it has been an urban policy of Durham Region since 1993 not to permit any new cemeteries outside of urban areas. He advised that in terms of the Greenbelt legislation, cemeteries could be argued as infrastructure. He advised that currently cemeteries are permitted to expand up to the limits of their cemetery licence however that a provision is required to permit minor lot line adjustments. This concern will be addressed at next Monday's Planning Committee meeting when a report on the Durham Official Plan will be under consideration.

Councillor Allan Simpson enquired whether this matter is an issue with other Durham municipalities and was advised it is not an issue as their cemeteries are contained within their urban areas. Councillor Simpson indicated that this is just another way in which Brock Township differs from the municipalities in southern Durham Region.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor commented that the challenge does not exist now but will 20 years from now.

- 203 UDI to Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal – Proposed Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe – November 2005 – Comments from Durham Region Chapter Urban Development Institute (UDI)

- 213 Durham Clerk's Department to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - EBR Reference #AF05E0001 – Ontario Municipal Board and *Planning Act Reforms: Bill 51, the Planning and Conservation Land Statute Law Amendment Act, 2005*

- 221 Alteng Inc. – Request for Resolution of Permitted Use Letter for Value Propane Inc. – Part of Lot 10, Concession 10, Durham Road 50, Gamebridge, ON
- 231 Durham Planning Department to Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal – Durham Region’s Response to the November 25, 2005, Proposed Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- 232 Durham Clerk’s Department to Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal – Province’s Proposed Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- 234 Durham Planning Department - Application for Approval of a Plan of Subdivision S-B-2005-01 – The Kaitlin Group Limited – Part Lot 11, Concession 6, Township of Brock (Sunderland)
- 256 Durham Clerk’s Department – By-law #01-2006 – tariff of fees for planning applications
- 271 Town of The Blue Mountains - advising of resolution re: new renewable and non-renewable energy projects
- 272 Municipality of Grey Highlands - requesting for support of resolution re: new renewable and non-renewable energy projects
- 286 Valerie Cranmer & Associates – Report 2006-PL-04 – Places to Grow: Better Choices, Brighter Future – Proposed Growth Plan for the Greater Horseshoe (Nov. 2005) - Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal

Resolution No. 6-3

MOVED BY Larry O’Connor and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that communications no. 203, 213, 221, 231, 232, 234, 256, 271, 272 and 286 be referred to the next regular meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on February 20, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

- 204 Township of Scugog to Town of Ajax – Replica and Imitation Firearms
- 287 Darlene Clark - concerns re: Fire Department equipment

Resolution No. 7-3

MOVED BY Karen Windatt and SECONDED BY Larry O’Connor that communications no. 204 and 287 be referred to the next regular meeting of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee to be held on February 20, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

Administration & Personnel Committee

- 246 Durham Clerk’s Department to Premier Dalton McGuinty – Bill 206: *Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act*

Councillor Allan Simpson enquired respecting municipal staffing in light of the proposed OMERS strike involving members of CUPE and was advised by the Clerk-Administrator that participation is optional and he does not feel it will be an issue in Brock Township.

- 250 AMO – News Release – *Province Determined to Impose New Pension Costs on Municipalities and Taxpayers*
- 252 AMO – Alert re: *OMERS – Bill 206 – More Amendments – Bill Remains Flawed*

273 Northumberland County to AMO President Roger Anderson – Bill 206 OMERS

Resolution No. 8-3

MOVED BY John Grant and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that communications no. 246, 250, 252 and 273 be referred to the next regular meeting of the Administration & Personnel Committee to be held on February 27, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

Public Works Committee

259 Ontario Good Roads Association – response re: e-mail previously received from André Rivest re: OGRA nomination process

261 SNC Lavalin – Highway 12 Widening from Highway 48 Northerly to Durham Road 48

Resolution No. 9-3

MOVED BY Allan Simpson and SECONDED BY Debbie Bath that communications no. 259 and 261 be referred to the next regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to be held on March 6, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

Parks & Recreation Committee

270 Region of Durham Economic Development & Tourism Department – e-mail from Marlene Werry – Cover Your Assets Seminar

275 Manilla Hall Board – Minutes – February 1/06

Resolution No. 13-3

MOVED BY Debbie Bath and SECONDED BY Allan Simpson that communications no. 270 and 275 be referred to the next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee to be held on March 6, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

Group III – Communications Submitted to Action

220 Pitch-In Ontario – Operation Clean Sweep and the “20 Minute Make-Over”

\*229 Durham College – request for nomination for candidate for Board of Governors

\*249 Niagara Region – request for support of resolution re: Minimum Capital Program Funding

264 Foundation for Rural Living – Call for Nominations for 7th Annual Awards

267 The International Awards for Liveable Communities – invitation for community to enter the 2006 Awards

Resolution No. 10-3

MOVED BY Reg Starr and SECONDED BY Allan Simpson that Brock Township Council receive communications # 220, 229, 249, 264, 267 for information and file.

MOTION CARRIED

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor enquired whether anyone on council is interested in putting their name forward to stand for nomination to the Durham College Board of Governors. Councillors Bath and Simpson advised that they would be willing to let their names stand in this regard.

\*Resolution No. 11-3

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Council presents Councillors Bath and Allan Simpson as candidates for consideration of nomination to the Durham College Board of Governors, reference correspondence # 229/06.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors Simpson and Bath thanked members of council for their support in this regard.

Resolution No. 13a-3

MOVED BY John Grant and SECONDED BY Larry O'Connor that we break for lunch at 12:53 p.m. to reconvene following the Finance Committee meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Keith Shier reconvened the meeting at 3:53 p.m. with the same members of council and staff in attendance.

\*249 Niagara Region – request for support of resolution re: Minimum Capital Program Funding

Resolution No. 14-3

MOVED BY John Grant and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that the Township of Brock support the resolution of Niagara Region and that Durham Region an AMO be advised accordingly, reference communication 249/06.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor John Grant spoke in favour of supporting the motion referenced within communication number 249, advising it is necessary to impress upon the Province the need to upload costs in view of the new costs that are being introduced and the hardship that downloading has created, especially for pensioners.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor indicated that public health funding has shifted with a move to a 65/35 split this year, however that this is the only area in which this can be considered good news.

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(1) 1st Administration & Personnel Committee – January 30/06

Resolution No. 15-3

MOVED BY John Grant and SECONDED BY Allan Simpson that the minutes of the 1st meeting of the Administration & Personnel Committee as held on January 30, 2006, be adopted as a report of that committee.

MOTION CARRIED

(2) 2nd Parks & Recreation Committee – February 6/06

Resolution No. 16-3

MOVED BY Debbie Bath and SECONDED BY Larry O'Connor that the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee as held on February 6, 2006, be adopted as a report of that committee.

MOTION CARRIED

- (3) 2nd Public Works Committee – February 6/06

Resolution No. 17-3

MOVED BY Allan Simpson and SECONDED BY John Grant that the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Public Works Committee as held on February 6, 2006, be adopted as a report of that committee.

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MOTIONS – N I L

X. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Resolution No. 18,19,20-3

By-law Number – 1983-2006-AP – to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock at its meetings held on January 16 and 30, 2006, was read three times and passed in open council. The Mayor and Clerk-Administrator were authorized to sign the by-law on behalf of the municipality and to have same engrossed in the by-law book of the municipality.

XI. GENERAL ITEMS AND ENQUIRIES

- (1) Mayor Keith Shier - Report to Council

Mayor Keith Shier advised that the bridges along Hwy 12/48 and at Blackwater along Hwy. 7/12 will be replaced/upgraded in 2006. The concerns which have been expressed concerning the intersection at Regional Road 13 and Hwy.12 are being worked on with delayed signal lights to be implemented for east/west bound traffic on Regional Road 13.

Mayor Shier advised that a conditional deal to sell 2.13 acres of industrial land in Sunderland is set to close on April 28, 2006. The purchaser is Thermo Mass Insulated Concrete Form Systems who will employ 10-20 persons.

Councillor John Grant enquired whether there has been any change to Durham Transit Routes in Brock Township as he has seen the Durham Transit bus in Beaverton on two consecutive days. Mayor Shier advised he is aware that Durham Transit is working to improve service but is not aware of any changes, however that he will enquire further in this regard.

- (2) Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor - Report to Council

As part of the Provincial Best Start Program, Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor advised that discussions are ongoing with respect to a child care centre to be located at the new McCaskill's Mills Public School in Cannington, in addition to the child care centre which is to be operational early in September at the Holy Family Catholic School in Beaverton.

Regional Councillor O'Connor advised that demolition of Lakeview Manor is slated for June of this year, in order that the site can be cleaned up for the official opening scheduled for September, 2006.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor invited members of council to the Kawartha Conservation information session on source water protection which is to be held in Lindsay at 7:30 p.m. on February 14, 2006.

Councillor John Grant commented that it is good news with respect to the opening of a child care centre at the Holy Family Catholic School in Beaverton, enquiring further whether the former operator of the Beaverton Day Care Centre would have an opportunity to bid on the operation of the new child care centre. Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor advised in the affirmative in that rfps will be sent out followed by the preparation of a three party agreement between the school board, operator and region.

- (3) Councillor Allan Simpson – Regional Road 13 and Hwy. 12

Councillor Allan Simpson explained the split phase operation proposed for the traffic signals at Regional Road 13 and Hwy. 12 as follows:

Westbound traffic on Regional Road 13 will receive a green indication while the eastbound traffic is held with a red indicator. Once the westbound traffic has been serviced it will then be held with a red indicator while the eastbound traffic is serviced.

Mayor Keith Shier commented that he does not feel this action will be a solution in that these lights are not easily seen.

- (4) Councillor Debbie Bath – Bill 43 – The Clean Water Act

Resolution No. 21-3

MOVED BY Debbie Bath and SECONDED BY Larry O'Connor reference communication # 211 – Regional Response to Bill 43, the Clean Water Act, 2005, that Brock Township Council supports the recommendations as outlined. Also that Brock Township Council encourages the Region of Durham to continue their role of advocate and they stand firm that the Province should retain primary responsibility to enforce source protection plans.

MOTION CARRIED

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor stressed the need to continue to pressure the Provincial Government to fund the huge costs municipalities will be facing in the immediate future, for example who will reimburse who for the loss of industrial lands in Cannington in the well head area.

- (5) Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor – Village Signage

Resolution No. 22-3

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor and SECONDED BY Debbie Bath that Brock Council request that a follow-up meeting be undertaken to address our signage into the three villages and gateway signage with staff from Durham Economic Development and Ministry of Agriculture in preparation for a future presentation to the Ministry of Agriculture and Transportation.

MOTION CARRIED

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor commented that signage in this regard on provincial highways appear to be an issue for other municipalities as well and that there must be a solution.

- (6) Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor - Child Care Program

Resolution No. 23-3

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Council supports and encourages the Federal Government to up holding the Child Care Agreement with the Province of Ontario to the full term and conditions of the agreement and all Durham MPs and MPPs and all Durham municipalities.

Councillor Allan Simpson commented it was his understanding that the federal daycare agreement is to be cancelled as of month's end for the Conservative Party's \$100.00 rebate plan. He further advised he is not supportive of Resolution No. 23-3.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor advised it is his hope that the agreement will continue as all communities will gain from the program.

Councillor John Grant advised he is supportive of anything to further day care in Brock Township, advising further that commuters formerly using the services of the Beaverton Day Care are taking their children outside of Durham Region for care, which does not help local residents.

Resolution No. 23-3

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Council supports and encourages the Federal Government to up holding the Child Care Agreement with the Province of Ontario to the full term and conditions of the agreement and all Durham MPs and MPPs and all Durham municipalities.

MOTION CARRIED

(7) Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor – February 13, 2006 public meeting

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor reminded members of council of the public meeting this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sunderland Memorial Arena with respect to the Urban Farms Subdivision proposal.

(8) Public Questions and Clarification

There were no public questions for clarification.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 24-3

MOVED BY Reg Starr and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that we do now adjourn at 4:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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MAYOR

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CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR