

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

COUNCIL

SESSION FOUR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2006

The Fourth Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Brock, in the Regional Municipality of Durham, was held on Monday, February 27, 2006, in the Municipal Administration Building Council Chamber.

Members present: Mayor: Keith Shier
Councillors: Karen Windatt
John Grant
Reg Starr
Debbie Bath
Allan Simpson

Members absent: Regional Councillor: Larry O'Connor – on vacation

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Keith Shier called the meeting to order at 10:10 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) 3rd council meeting – February 13/06

Resolution No. 1-4

MOVED BY Allan Simpson and SECONDED BY Debbie Bath that the minutes of the 3rd council meeting as held on February 13, 2006, be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

MOTION CARRIED

V. HEARING OF DEPUTATIONS

10:00 a.m. – Durham Regional Police Service, Chief Vernon White – Introduction to Council

SEE LATER IN THE MEETING

VI. PETITIONS – N I L

VII. COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL

Group I – Receive & File

321 Durham Regional Police Services Board – *Highlights* – February 13/06

325 Ministry of Tourism – Business Conditions Survey for the Traveller Accommodation Industry, First Quarter 2006

339 The Greer Galloway Group Inc. – Intersection RR#13 and Highway 7/12 – MTO Capital Contract 2005-2009

Councillor Allan Simpson provided council with an update insofar as the intersection at Hwy. 7/12 and Regional Road 13 advising that the stop lights have been programmed with a split phase system for east/west traffic which means that east bound traffic receives a red light until the west bound traffic is stopped, following which the west bound traffic proceeds while the east bound traffic is stopped. He advised that this system has greatly improved intersection safety.

Councillor Karen Windatt enquired exactly what the issue had been at this intersection which brought the split phase lighting into effect and was advised there were turning and site issues for east/west bound traffic turning south/north.

Mayor Keith Shier advised he has received concerns with respect to trucks with large trailers having problems turning at this intersection.

344 Durham Works Department – Waste & Wastewater Master Plan – Notice of Study Commencement

350 Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – Municipal Information Sessions for Nutrient Management

Councillor Debbie Bath advised that the information outlining where the information sessions are to be held in conjunction with communication number 350 appears to be missing, to which the Clerk-Administrator advised of the locations and dates of the various sessions, the closest of which is in Port Perry on March 31, 2006. Councillor Bath enquired whether municipal staff are attending a session and was advised in the affirmative.

353 AMO – Alert re: *Federal Gas Tax Implementation*

356 GTA 905 HealthCare Alliance – hospital funding

360 Rural Ontario Medical Program – Upcoming OHA Videoconference – February 28, 2006

361 Ministry of Tourism – Ontario Ministry of Tourism’s New Research Tool – eTAMS

362 Township of Brock Committee of Adjustment – Minutes – December 6, 2005

364 Ministry of Natural Resources, Wil Wegman – e-mail re: Information for Stakeholders re EBR postings and new fishery regulations

Councillor John Grant advised that for some years now local groups have been lobbying the MNR to close the walleye fishing season in Lake Simcoe, on March 16 each year for two weeks and that finally they have listened and agreed to this closure. Mayor Keith Shier noted that the Beaverton District Conservation Club was instrumental in lobbying for the two week closure of the walleye fishing season in Lake Simcoe.

366 Ontario Property and Environmental Rights Alliance – Land Use Planning by Conservation Authorities

368 Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission – Notice of Public Hearing – application by École Polytechnique de Montréal

370 Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario – Important Notice regarding Large Capacity Outdoor Events and Special Occasion Permits

372 Toronto Real Estate Board – *MarketWatch* – January 2006; *Commercial Realty Watch* – January 2006; and *Rental Market Report* – September 1, 2005 – October 31, 2005

377 AMCTO – *AMCTO Express* – Legislative Update, February 20, 2006

381 Aird & Berlis LLP – Municipal Privacy Law

- 384 Municipality of Clarington to Ministry of the Environment – Municipality of Clarington Comments – Durham/York Residential Waste Disposal Study – Proposed Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment
- 385 Toronto - advising of adoption of motion re: Request to Federal and Provincial Governments to Preserve the National Child Care Program – Protect High Quality Accessible Child Care in Toronto
- 391 Lakeridge Health, Rouge Valley Health System, The Scarborough Hospital - Joint Hospital Pharmacy Project Chosen as One of Top Two in Ontario
- 393 Township of Brock Committee of Adjustment – Notice of Decision re: File No. A-1/06 – Rhead
- 395 AMCTO – *AMCTO Express* – February 21, 2006
- 396 Ministry of Energy, Candice Johnson – e-mail re: Notification of Application for Permit to Take Water
- 397 Ministry of Tourism – Tourism Performance Update, February 2006
- 398 Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance – GTMA Hot News: February 2006
- 400 Central Lake Ontario Conservation – enclosing copies of *2005 Year in Review* publication
- 403 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – extending the length of term of office for municipal councillors and school trustees
- 404 Barry Devolin, MP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock – Devolin Column – *National Flag Week*
- 409 CMHC – Housing Awards 2006

Resolution Number 2-4

MOVED BY Karen Windatt and SECONDED BY John Grant that communications no. 321, 325, 339, 344, 350, 353, 356, 360, 361, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 377, 381, 384, 385, 391, 393, 395, 396, 397, 398, 400, 403, 404 and 409 be received for the information of council and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

Group II – Communications Referred to Committee

Public Works Committee

- 343 Judy Avery – memo re: No Exit Signs – Request for Permanent Installation
- 375 Durham Works Department – Brock Landfill – Annual Monitoring Report

Resolution No. 3-4

MOVED BY Allan Simpson and SECONDED BY Debbie Bath that communications no. 343 and 375 be referred to the next regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to be held on March 6, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

Parks & Recreation Committee

- 323 Sunderland Lions Club - requesting permission for community projects
- 352 Beaverton Lions Club – Leo Club of Beaverton – Easter Egg Hunt in Centennial Park

- 371 Parks & Recreation Ontario – soliciting membership and invitation to 2006 Educational Forum and Trade Show

Resolution No. 4-4

MOVED BY Debbie Bath and SECONDED BY Reg Starr that communications no. 323, 352 and 371 be referred to the next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee to be held on March 6, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

Finance Committee

- 340 Ministry of Finance – important decisions for the 2006 taxation year re: education taxes and municipal flexibility in setting tax policy
- 341 Ministry of Finance – information re: education tax rates, tax ratio flexibility and modified levy restriction

Resolution No. 5-4

MOVED BY Reg Starr and SECONDED BY Debbie Bath that communications no. 340 and 341 be referred to the next regular meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on March 13, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

Planning Committee

- 369 Toronto – Planning and Transportation Committee Report 1, Clause 4 – The Proposed Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- 389 T.G. Gettinby – Report 2006-PL-05 – Bill 51

Resolution No. 6-4

MOVED BY Karen Windatt and SECONDED BY John Grant that communications no. 369 and 389 be referred to the next regular meeting of the Planning committee to be held on March 20, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

Group III – Communications Submitted for Action

- 314 Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – Appointment of Area and Municipal Weed Inspectors 2006
- 330 Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation – 18th Annual George Richardson Conservation Dinner
- 354 Municipality of Morris-Turnberry – request for support re: Increase in Municipal Liability Insurance Premiums
- 359 Hunger Strike Support Group - Please Support Canadian Hunger Strike Against Human Rights Abuse in China
- 386 Sci-Tech Ontario – Youth Science Month

Resolution No. 7-4

MOVED BY John Grant and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that communications 314, 330, 354, 359 and 386 be received for information and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

- 331 Town of Halton Hills - request for support of resolution re: Federal Gas Tax Funding

Resolution No. 8-4

MOVED BY John Grant and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Township Council supports the resolution of Halton Hills and the copies be sent to FCM, AMO, MP Barry Devolin and MPP Laurie Scott, reference communication # 331.

MOTION CARRIED

336 Brock Citizen – soliciting ad for *Spring & Summer Recreation Guide*

Resolution No. 9-4

MOVED BY Debbie Bath and SECONDED BY Reg Starr that Brock Township Council requests staff to proceed with the placement of advertisements for the Golf Tournament and Summer Day Camp within the Spring and Summer Recreation Guide, reference communication # 336.

MOTION CARRIED

402 King's Bishop Pub & Eatery c/o 951434 Ontario Limited, Nick Kole Volchevski – Municipal Information re: liquor licence application

Resolution No. 10-4

MOVED BY John Grant and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Township Council has no objection to the liquor licence application as contained in communication 402.

MOTION CARRIEDV. HEARING OF DEPUTATIONS

10:00 a.m. – Durham Regional Police Service, Chief Vernon White – Introduction to Council

At the invitation of council, DRPS Police Chief Vernon White attended the meeting. Also in attendance with Chief White was Stan McClelland, head of the DRPS Human Resources Department. Chief White thanked the council for the invitation and acknowledged the areas of interest determined as the result of the recent town hall meetings held in each of the three urban areas of Brock Township. He advised of the challenges facing DRPS insofar as youth, guns and gangs and the influx of crime from Toronto into Durham Region, noting further that there are approximately 100 gang members currently in Durham Region, and although to their knowledge the gang members are not currently active in Durham Region, their plan is to implement intelligence led policing whereby individuals are targeted for each offence committed in order to deter large scale illegal activity. Chief White advised that precursor drugs (i.e. Sudafed) to crystal meth are starting to surface in Durham Region. Chief White advised there is nothing good to say about crystal meth, noting further that the recipe for this lethal drug is available on the internet. He further advised that 22 pounds of hash oil was seized recently in Bowmanville.

Chief White acknowledged that 99% of the youth in Durham Region are good, however there is that 1% that they have to deal with. He advised that their plan is to “keep the heat” on those youth who are moving into Durham Region from other “hot” areas and to try and assist those youth who are feeling hopeless by getting them the help they need to overcome these feelings. Chief White advised that regional transit will not help crime as it will provide the means for mobility throughout the region, especially in North Durham Region. The extension of Hwy. 404 will also extend criminal activities throughout the region, however it is the intent of DRPS to be aggressive and not make the same errors which have previously been made in adjacent areas.

Chief White advised that the concerns raised at the recent Town Hall meetings are not too serious, noting further that the issues in North Durham Region vary from those experienced in South Durham Region.

Councillor Karen Windatt thanked Chief White for his support at the Town Hall meetings. She enquired of the Chief whether the role of the Village Constable, Dave

Pugh is to change as rumors to this effect are circulating. Chief White advised he is not aware of any changes in this regard. Councillor Windatt commented that Constable Pugh's familiar presence has created a sense of security in the area and that his continued presence would be appreciated.

Chief White commented that the only way to be part of the community is to be part of the community. He reiterated that no issues have been raised with him insofar as this position and that from feedback he has received, Constable Pugh has been most helpful in dealing with local issues. Councillor Windatt pointed out Constable Pugh's valuable assistance with community activities such as Canada Day, traffic matters and by making the police office available for community meetings.

Chief White addressed the issue of DRPS providing input insofar as crime prevention through environmental design, providing the example that 14 bars within a 2 block radius is not good planning! He suggested that the DRPS can provide input from a policing perspective for example when a park is being developed. Councillor Windatt enquired whether the DRPS should be included as a commenting agency insofar as development proposals and was advised by Chief White that this would be beneficial, however that their intent is not to tell the municipality what to do.

Councillor John Grant enquired whether there are any specific criminal trends in Brock Township and has crystal meth been discovered in any Brock parks? He also enquired with respect to marijuana grow operations and that he would like to see DRPS play an active role in the environmental design of our parks. Councillor Grant expressed his appreciation for the active role that DRPS played in the Town Hall meetings, advising further of two recently confirmed incidents of vandalism and one unconfirmed incident at churches in the Beaverton area, and enquiring how the DRPS will deal with these incidents?

Chief White advised he is not aware of any crystal meth issues in Brock Township. He advised that there have been some street arrests and arrests involving the cooking of the product in Durham Region and that the DRPS is looking to create pamphlets pointing out what to watch for insofar as gang awareness/activity, i.e. colors, and the lingo they use. He advised that grow operations are a country wide issue and of the need to educate the public as to what to look for. i.e. vapor coming from a chimney in the summer. He advised of the role that DRPS can play in the design of parks for instance with respect to the location of lighting, noting further that some municipalities do not want their input. Chief White advised that he will discuss the church vandalism issue with Inspector Mike Ennis.

Councillor Allan Simpson enquired as to police policy/procedure regarding school lockdowns and was advised that this issue is currently under discussion with the local school boards. Chief White advised that DRPS is currently reviewing their school liaison program to determine whether the service is being delivered and the students feel secure. He further advised that the community also needs to take some responsibility in this regard. He noted the VIP Program which targets Grade 5 students, advising that it may also be necessary to target students in Grades 6-8. Chief White advised he is against suspending youth from schools to the streets and that when there is a suspension that it should be to another facility, i.e. a church basement where a program can be offered. Councillor Simpson enquired what the DRPS have in mind with the onset of the warmer weather and was advised by the Chief that he will speak to Inspector Mike Ennis in this regard in that they need to have programs that met the needs of the community.

Councillor Reg Starr commented positively on the role of Constable Dave Pugh and the Brock Road Watch Program, noting further that Road Watch will be sponsoring a child car seat clinic this spring. Councillor Starr advised he was most pleased with the manner in which the DRPS dealt with the public by answering their questions/concerns, commenting further that the public does expect a police presence in the area. He enquired whether enhanced police presence can be expected in Brock this year and was advised by the Chief that DRPS will receive 30 new officers this year under a provincial program, however that these officers are not 100% funded under this program and in order to take advantage of these new officers some budget cuts will be required. Programs are being reevaluated as to their success, however that it is the intent of DRPS to provide 100% service for 100% dollar value.

Councillor Debbie Bath welcomed Chief White and Mr. McClelland. She complimented Inspector Mike Ennis on being personable and accessible to the community. She

commented that it is unsettling to know that “undesirables” are moving north into our community and it is her concern that 1 police station for 54% of Durham Region’s geography is not enough police presence. She further commented that the police need to get out of their vehicles and speak to the residents. She acknowledged the role that Constable Dave Pugh plays in the community and that with the onset of nice weather, problems will return. Councillor Bath commented that the public does not have the same respect for police officers as they once did, however that police presence does give a level of comfort in a community.

Chief White commented that Brock Township is the safest part of Durham Region in that the problems in Brock are minor as compared to those in south Durham Region. He advised that officers should be taking the time to get out of their vehicles to speak with the residents and to promote a career in police services to our youth as there is a big demand for police officers.

Councillor Bath advised she has had the opportunity to participate in the Durham College Police Foundations program and enquired of the Chief whether there is an opportunity for some of the ideas from this program to be implemented by the DRPS. Mr. Stan McClelland responded to this question answering yes and no to the implementation of new ideas. He further advised that for the first two to three years a police officer is very engrossed in the policing and community commitment and it is difficult to act on things as an individual.

Chief White commented on the Police Foundations program advising that the average age of a police cadet is 29 years of age.

Councillor Reg Starr advised that if a package of recruiting information was to be forwarded to him that he would ensure it was placed at the local libraries and youth centre. Chief White commented that youth still don’t believe policing opportunities are available to them when in fact there are no greater opportunities than now.

Councillor Allan Simpson enquired of Chief White whether DRPS has applied for any proceeds of crime to which the Chief advised in the affirmative.

Mayor Keith Shier commented that Constable Dave Pugh is well respected in the municipality and that it would be unfortunate to lose him. Mayor Shier commented that the most problem free summer was experienced in Brock some 7-8 years ago when a bicycle patrol was implemented within the municipality.

Chief White advised that he recognizes the differences between rural and urban policing and that this comment will be relayed to Inspector Mike Ennis for his consideration when reviewing the programs that will provide the best service to the community.

Mayor Shier thanked the deputation for attending today’s meeting.

Resolution No. 11-4

MOVED BY Reg Starr and SECONDED BY Debbie Bath that we break for 5 minutes at 11:22 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Keith Shier reconvened the meeting at 11:41 a.m. with the same members of council and staff in attendance.

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- (1) 3rd Planning Committee – February 13/06
- (2) 4th Planning Committee – February 20/06

Resolution No. 12-4

MOVED BY Karen Windatt and SECONDED BY John Grant that the minutes of the 3rd and 4th meetings of the Planning committee as held on February 13 and February 20, 2006, respectively, be adopted as reports of that committee.

MOTION CARRIED

- (3) 2nd Finance Committee – February 13/06

Resolution No. 13-4

MOVED BY Reg Starr and SECONDED BY Allan Simpson that the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Finance Committee as held on February 13, 2006, be adopted as a report of that committee.

MOTION CARRIED

- (4) 2nd Protection to Persons & Property Committee – February 20/06

Resolution No. 14-4

MOVED BY Karen Windatt and SECONDED BY John Grant that the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee as held on February 20, 2006, be adopted as a report of that committee.

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MOTIONS – N I L

X. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Resolution No. 15,16,17-4

By-law Number 1985-2006-AP – to authorize the Township of Brock to enter into an agreement with the Regional Municipality of Durham with respect to third party agreements to install and maintain bus stops, bus shelters and benches at locations in the Township of Brock, 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.

Mayor Keith Shier requested that staff arrange a deputation from Durham Transit in May or June of this year in order to provide council with an update.

XI. GENERAL ITEMS AND ENQUIRIES

- (1) Mayor Keith Shier - Report to Council

Mayor Keith Shier reported further to his attendance at the 2006 OGRA/ROMA Conference which was quite informative. The Premier spoke during the conference and his message to municipal leaders was to look to the future. The Premier then announced the 4 year election term which got mixed reviews and could result in increased council salary costs in some smaller municipalities. A common thread throughout announcements at OGRA was that of increased program funding with the greatest funding coming in the third and final year. Mayor Shier advised of the land ambulance reform which impacts Durham Region and the 50/50 financial split which was announced. Some concern was expressed that the funding program announced could impact the creation of community health centres, however that many unanswered questions remain in this regard. The leader of the opposition, John Torrey announced that if he is elected, he proposes a commission for fairness between levels of government. Mayor Shier advised that he attended a session entitled “Keeping them on the Farm, and that it was at that session he realized the common frustration of many rural council’s.

Councillor John Grant commented that the DRPS are asking for \$1 million more than what Durham Region is willing to provide insofar as budget funds to which Mayor Shier commented that Chief White is doing a good job however that he voted in favour of the regional motion to decrease the DRPS budget, stating it is his opinion that the dollars saved could be better used elsewhere as Brock does not have a high police presence.

Councillor Allan Simpson commented on the need for DRPS to focus on obtaining proceeds of crime which would benefit the area.

Mayor Shier advised that the motion passed at Durham Region will force the DRPS to take a hard look at funding.

Councillor John Grant requested an update with respect to the status of the daycare proposed in Cannington and Beaverton and was advised by Mayor Shier that he cannot currently provide information in this regard, however that he will look into the issue and report back to the council.

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

Regional Councillor O'Connor was absent from the meeting, however members of council were provided with a copy of the email forwarded to municipal staff which contained his comments regarding Bill 36, the Local Health System Integration Act, Child Care, Lakeview Manor and the Wraparound Process in conjunction with North House.

(3) Confirm: 90th Birthday – Rosetta Sosnicki – February 14/06

Resolution No. 18-4

MOVED BY Karen Windatt and SECONDED BY John Grant that Brock Township Council acknowledge the 90th birthday of Rosetta Sosnicki on February 14, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

(4) Councillor Reg Starr – Communication No. 386 – Youth Science Month

Resolution No. 19-4

MOVED BY Reg Starr and SECONDED BY Debbie Bath that Brock Township Council declare March as Youth Science Month, reference communication # 386/06.

MOTION CARRIED

(5) Councillor Reg Starr – Enhancement of municipal PA System

Resolution No. 20-4

MOVED BY Reg Starr and SECONDED BY Debbie Bath that Brock Township Council requests staff to review the purchase of additional mikes for our PA System in 2006 budget discussions.

MOTION CARRIED

(6) Councillor John Grant – Durham Trails Committee Open House

Councillor John Grant reminded members of Council of the Durham Trails Committee Open House which will be held at the Cannington Arena on March 1, 2006 from 7-8 p.m.

(7) Councillor Reg Starr – Cannington Dog Sled Races

Councillor Reg Starr advised that he and Mayor Shier attended the dog sled races held in Cannington this past weekend to bring greetings and congratulations on behalf of the Township of Brock. He advised that there were twice as many race participants and double the size of last years crowd and that organizers are considering a two day event in 2007. Feedback about the event was positive. Mayor Shier commented that if a two day event is arranged in 2007, that accommodation might be a challenge and that billets may be required.

(8) Public Questions and Clarification

There were no public questions for consideration.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 21-4

MOVED BY Karen Windatt and SECONDED BY John Grant that we do now adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR