

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK**

**MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**COUNCIL**

**SESSION SEVEN**

**MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2006**

The Seventh Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Brock, in the Regional Municipality of Durham, was held on Monday, March 27, 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 10:00 a.m.

II. MOMENT OF MEDITATION/PERSONAL REFLECTION

Council paused for a moment of meditation/personal reflection.

III. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Karen Windatt declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the first deputation pertaining to the application of sludge, as her husband is employed by Courtice Auto Wreckers. She therefore refrained from taking part in any discussions and/or voting in this regard.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (1) 5th council meeting – March 13/06
- (2) 6th council meeting – March 20/06

Resolution No. 1-7

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that the minutes of the 5th and 6th meetings as held on March 13 and 20, 2006, respectively, be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

MOTION CARRIED

V. HEARING OF DEPUTATIONS

- (1) 10:00 a.m. – Merlyn Doble – road conditions and sludge issue

Mr. Merlyn Doble and Mr. John Argue attended before the council to discuss the condition of the municipal roads and the issue of sludge. Mr. Doble referenced the previous delegation that attended the March 20, 2006 council meeting with respect to road conditions and enquired of the council whether they have a plan to implement road improvements. Mr. Doble added that the public is aware funding is limited for road improvements, however there appears to be lots of gravel on the roads and if they were better maintained by bringing the shoulders in and making a crown, the water would run off the roads. As the roads currently exist, water cannot run off a flat surface. Mr. Doble enquired who is in charge of deciding how and when our roads are to be graded and was advised by Mayor Shier that this falls under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department with any policy changes being approved by council.

Mr. Doble advised that Public Works Staff have advised that our roads are good. He then asked members of council whether they feel our roads are in good condition? Mayor Shier advised that everyone is entitled to their opinion and that Public Works Staff are doing their best to maintain the rural roads, to which Mr. Doble advised that their best is not good enough. He further advised of neighbours with a new vehicle who have just had extensive repairs undertaken to their car due to road conditions. Mr. Doble enquired of council what their opinion of road school is and was advised by Mayor Shier that council members are not experts on grading. Mr. Doble enquired whether grading our roads flat with six inch sides which makes it impossible for water to drain off, is appropriate, to which Mayor Shier advised that the purpose of the delegation is not to debate issues but to hear the issues and make decisions in that regard.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor advised that he has been contacted by one of the Region's grader operators and that it is his intent to speak to this operator, providing council with further input as the result of this conversation. He enquired of Mr. Doble whether he feels that the problem is no road crown and the build up of grass and gravel along the road edge which is preventing water from draining off the roads and was advised in the affirmative. Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor advised that the challenge to the municipality at this time of year is that of breaking our equipment if an attempt is made to grade our roads deeper.

Mr. Doble advised that money has been spent on gravel for our roads and they now need to be better maintained which means digging the grader blade into the roads below pothole grade. He feels it would be a good idea for Regional Councillor O'Connor to converse with the regional grader operator and that our roads need to be crowned and narrowed which would assist in improving their condition.

Regional Councillor O'Connor advised that the frost isn't out of the roads yet which impacts staff's ability to grade, although he hopes there have been some improvements to our roads with the grading that has been undertaken. He advised that the results of his conversation with the regional grader operator will be shared at the next Public Works Committee meeting and enquired of the deputation whether they would be willing to see concession roads closed temporarily to permit road grading to the standards addressed? Mr. Doble advised in the affirmative as long as the maintenance would be kept up following the initial grading. He enquired how many graders the municipality has and are they on the road working on a daily basis. He was advised the municipality has three graders which work daily, weather permitting.

Councillor Allan Simpson advised that he is Chair of the Public Works Committee and that the issue of our roads will be discussed at the next Public Works Committee meeting. He advised that he has also been the recipient of concerns from the public concerning the condition of our roads and that he has asked members of council to come forward with suggestions to fund road improvements. He advised that he has driven some of the rural roads previously and again today, finding them to be in better condition, however agrees that the roads need to be narrowed and crowned.

Councillor John Grant advised that the previous deputation identified road problems and this deputation is making suggestions as to how to deal with the problems. He advised that council will speak to staff in this regard and urged members of the public to speak with members of council in order that their concerns can be given consideration during budget discussions.

Mr. John Argue advised he is not an expert although he drove a grader shouldering the roads for the MTO for 20 years. He feels that our grader operators need to grade below the potholes and not just fill them in. He also feels that there is a lack of discipline within the Works Staff advising that there has been 5 bags of garbage on Sideroad 18A between the 13th & 14th concessions since September and that he does not feel it should be up to the taxpayers to report such issues in that the employees should be dealing with such issues when they are patrolling the roads. He commented he has never seen grader blades used as they are in Brock Township!

Mr. Ted English addressed the council with respect to the condition of our roads, agreeing with the comments previously made. He suggested that taxpayers be advised of the municipality's intent to crown the roads in order that they can change their driving habits accordingly. He acknowledged increasing amounts of traffic on rural roads and

that the taxpayers are most familiar with the condition of the roads. He agrees that our roads are becoming wider and need to be crowned to permit better runoff, advising this is apparent in that potholes do not exist where there is good drainage. Mr. English advised that some years ago he tried to assist the municipality by grading concession 8 to Hwy. 12, however was reprimanded for this action. He advised the municipality needs to investigate different methods in dealing with road maintenance.

Councillor Karen Windatt declared a pecuniary interest and refrained from taking part in any discussions and/or voting in this regard.

Mr. Merlyn Doble enquired of council what action they have taken since his deputation last summer to express his concerns respecting the spreading of sludge in Brock Township, advising that the piles of sludge being stock piled on the farm on concession 2 (Thorah) are bigger than ever. Mr. Doble advised of his conversation with the Clerk-Administrator last week when he was advised that letters sent out by the municipality had never been responded to and that maybe it is time to go to our MP for results in this regard as the MOE does not care as long as they are getting rid of the product. Mr. Doble advised of a meeting he attended last year with respect to sludge and of his disappointment that Brock was represented by one councillor only at this meeting. He further advised that both Georgina and Ramara have said no to the spreading of sludge. Mr. Doble advised that during a conversation with a MOE staff member he suggested that the MOE treat sludge like garbage and was advised that sludge had been stored in a gravel pit, however, had to be removed because of run off concerns. He asked whether sludge is safe for our fields but not safe in gravel pits.

Clerk-Administrator George Graham reiterated his conversation with Mr. Doble advising of the motions passed resulting in letters which were forwarded from the municipality to the MOE, Atlantic Packaging and Courtice Auto Wreckers, to which no replies have ever been received. Clerk Graham advised that he has had discussions with the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority with regard to the township's support of the recommendation of the expert panel on the issue and it has been confirmed that they have not received a response to any communications as well and that he has been advised that it is the opinion of the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority the MOE Central Office cannot deal with this issue without direction from the Minister, to which Mr. Doble advised that the MOE will take no action because they are getting rid of the product. He then mentioned the fact that the trucks hauling the sludge are not complying with ½ load requirements and was advised by the Clerk-Administrator that one charge has been laid in this regard.

Mr. Ted English commented that sludge is a man made product and that alternative methods of disposal need to be investigated. He further advised it is too bad that Brock is located close to the plant producing the sludge and that it is only logical that it be disposed of as close to the source of production as possible. Mr. English advised he would not object to the product being spread on farm lands if it were better regulated in that it would be applied to all land in Ontario every 20-25 years and then worked in, however the way it is being applied now, is creating pollution problems and affecting the health of residents and animals. He suggested that it be stored in a lagoon, and further enquired how it is dealt with in other countries, to which Mr. Doble advised that 90% of the sludge processed is as the result of product shipped in from the United States, and that it is his opinion that if the product can be shipped in, the by product (sludge) should be shipped back.

#### Resolution No. 2-7

MOVED BY Allan Simpson and SECONDED BY Larry O'Connor that the Township of Brock Council request staff to investigate and report on a proposed by-law to prohibit the spreading of paper fibre sludge within the Township of Brock.

Councillor Allan Simpson spoke to the motion advising he could speak on the issue of sludge all day, but will not. He acknowledged his attendance at the Whitby meeting referenced by Mr. Doble and to date has heard nothing more as the result of this meeting where at a certain individual from the MOE assured Councillor Simpson he would speak to council on this issue, but to date has yet to do this. During the Whitby meetings, Councillor Simpson advised of an attendee who asked where survey information was obtained and that the person was advised that the majority of the information was

provided by Atlantic Packaging and the MOE. Councillor Simpson advised that Courtice Auto Wrecker's licence to spread sewage sludge expired in 2005 and the emphasis should now be on the prevention of the spreading of paper sludge and that the MOE needs to provide answers in this regard.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor advised that the issue of sludge has been around for a number of years with concerns having been raised from a public health point of view. He advised of action over the years taken by the Regional Health and Social Services Committee by way of a motion to ALPHA which eventually influenced the formation of the Expert Panel. He advised of the need for the MOE to deal with this issue, noting that he and Councillor Simpson have discussed the issue of sludge many times and that they continue to champion this issue, Councillor Simpson at the local level and he at the regional level. He encouraged everyone present to contact our local MPP as well as those MPPs throughout Durham Region to express their concerns/objections in this regard.

Councillor John Grant expressed his support for the motion advising of improper storage and application of sludge and the fact that too much of anything is not good. He advised of the frustration experienced by a lack of response in this regard from the MOE and Courtice Auto Wreckers advising it is his hope that this motion will bring the players involved to the table to address the issue of the growing piles of sludge in the municipality.

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MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Keith Shier advised that some 10-12 years ago he met with Atlantic Packaging and the MOE regarding this issue and the need for the application of same to be regulated, and that to date nothing has been done. It is his hope that this motion will bring about some change to assist Brock.

Mr. Doble advised that the by-law proposed is a step in the right direction in dealing with the issue, noting further that when the former council approved the application of sludge in Brock they did not realize that Mr. Ambrose would buy up farms in the municipality on which huge piles of sludge would be stored. He advised that if the MOE will not take action in this regard that it is up to the Township of Brock to take action. Mr. Doble suggested that sludge be incinerated at the expense of Mr. Ambrose as an alternative to the spreading of the product on farm land.

Mayor Keith Shier thanked the deputation for attending. Mr. Ted English thanked the council for listening to the concerns of the citizens.

(2) 10:15 a.m. – Beaverton Chamber of Commerce – Gerard Vanschepen – 1st Impressions Community Exchange Program

Mr. Gerard Van Schepen attended on behalf of the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce to address the contents of the 1st Impressions Community Exchange Program report which was submitted on Beaverton by the Community of Hastings. Mr. Van Schepen advised that in November of 2005, the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce agreed to participate in the 1st Impressions Community Exchange Program, a program designed to be constructive and to make municipal governments aware of a visitor's first impression. The first results of the program came to the Chamber through the presentation to council when the Chamber was criticized for not being very helpful. This subsequently made the local newspaper the following week and he is here today to clarify some issues. Mr. Van Schepen advised that having read the 1st Impressions Report, he is convinced that first impressions are often very wrong. He pointed out just some of the many errors in the observations made within the report such as the benefit of a second bank, a swimming area, golf courses and walking trails. He hopes that the delegation from Hastings was informed otherwise with respect to these misconceptions and will corrections to this report be made prior to the report being forwarded to the Business Associations in Cannington and Sunderland? Mr. Van Schepen reminded members of council that the

Chamber does not have staff but relies on its volunteers, and that the questions asked by the delegation from Hastings, for which Chamber volunteers did not have the answers, could have been answered by municipal staff with the delegation being referred thereto. He advised that the Beaverton District Chamber of Commerce works hard to promote the community in a positive way by encouraging visitors and new businesses. A lot of time and effort has been spent on signage, brochures, slogans, web sites and a visitor's office. At the recent annual membership meeting of the chamber a new business owner complimented the Chamber and made it clear that the enthusiasm and assistance of the Chamber convinced them to open a business in Beaverton. Mr. Van Schepen advised that this is membership renewal time for Chamber members and that the 1st Impressions report does nothing to promote the Chamber in a positive manner. Our volunteers are a precious commodity and the directors who volunteer and dedicate their time deserve to be fairly represented. In closing, Mr. Van Schepen advised that inviting a group to view Beaverton in November is like sending a group to Wonderland in February. It is the hope of the Beaverton District Chamber of Commerce that Hastings be advised of the misconceptions contained within their report before "*Seeburns is asked to build another seniors home*", and that they are invited back to get the "right impression" of Beaverton.

Councillor Karen Windatt agreed with Mr. Van Schepen's comments concerning the misinformation within the report and that November is not the best time of the year for a delegation to visit for a first impression. She has taken the report on Beaverton simply as a first impression and recommended that Hastings be invited to return to Beaverton during a peak season. Councillor Windatt advised it was unfortunate that the Chamber did not receive the report at the same time as Council did, however that the comments contained therein should not be taken to heart but as a wake up to the area residents insofar as a visitor's first impression of the area.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor advised that the intent of the report is not to be critical of the Chamber but a reflection of what was viewed first hand. The purpose of sharing this report with Cannington and Sunderland is not to point out the misconceptions in the report but to show the first impressions of a stranger to the area. He enquired of Mr. Van Schepen whether the Chamber sat down with the group from Hastings and was advised that the Chamber did not know about this program until volunteers were requested. He advised that the report should not be a report card on the chamber, and that when answers to questions were not available, the delegation should have been referred to municipal staff for the answers. Regional Councillor O'Connor enquired whether Chamber staff volunteered to attend the Hastings First Impression and was advised the Chamber was invited as an observer only. Regional Councillor O'Connor suggested that the Chamber provide their written comments as to how the 1st Impressions Program could be improved.

Mr. Van Schepen commented it is his hope that the council knows where the community short falls are and his concern is that the area has not been well represented by a three hour visit at a bad time of the year. He advised that some of the recommendations within the report are acceptable, however that they are not all feasible.

Councillor John Grant shared his frustration in this regard, advising that he is still waiting for the phone call advising him of the trip to Hastings, which he was invited to attend. He agreed there are a lot in inaccuracies within the report, however it shows that Beaverton is heading in the right direction insofar as their trail system, streetscaping, and harbour development. Signage could be more visible to draw tourists in and it is his hope that the Chamber will focus on the positives of the report. By sending a copy of the 1st Impressions report to the Business Associations in Cannington and Sunderland, it is his hope that a vision of partnership could be created whereby Brock would be seen as one area and not as three separate urban areas.

Councillor Debbie Bath advised it is her opinion that the 1st Impressions Community Exchange Program is a fruitless exercise, including a list of questions that could not be addressed without community input, nor in such a short time span. She commented there was too much detail with no council, staff or community input. Councillor Bath further advised that every village wants economic development and tourism, however this program does not benefit the area. She agrees that the Chamber has been tarnished by this report and that the report could have been done better with the economic development people involved, being more professional.

Mr. Van Schepen advised that a meeting with the economic development people involved, prior to the visit, would have helped.

Councillor John Grant put forth the following motion for the consideration of council and benefit of the deputation from the Beaverton District Chamber of Commerce:

Resolution No. 3-7

MOVED BY John Grant and SECONDED BY Reg Starr that Brock Township Council request a deputation by South Shore Community Broadband.

Councillor John Grant thanked the council for the opportunity to present this motion, advising that he attended a recent meeting at the Briars where at a presentation on wireless broadband was presented. This service is in effect in the Town of Georgina and a loop through Brock to Udora and Newmarket is being investigated. It would be an exciting service for Brock in that it is 10 times faster than cable and would assist in attracting more business and economic development to the area. The company making the presentation is willing to speak to the Brock Council in this regard.

Councillor Debbie Bath advised of her support in this regard, advising that Larry Doble also provides this service and should be given the opportunity to make a presentation to the council. She put forth the following friendly amendment:

Resolution No. 4-7

MOVED BY Debbie Bath and SECONDED BY Larry O'Connor that Larry Doble be afforded an opportunity to make a presentation to council with respect to broadband.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Allan Simpson advised that there are other service providers in Brock and if one Brock resident gets the opportunity for a presentation they all should.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor advised that it is necessary to compare apples to apples and he is not aware of other broadband suppliers in Brock.

Resolution No. 5-7

MOVED BY Allan Simpson and SECONDED BY Larry O'Connor that all broadband service providers within the municipality be requested to make a presentation to council.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 3-7

MOVED BY John Grant and SECONDED BY Reg Starr that Brock Township Council request a deputation by South Shore Community Broadband.

Amendment: to include Larry Doble and other providers

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

The deputation was thanked for attending to express the concerns raised with respect to the 1st Impressions Community Exchange Program.

Resolution No. 6-7

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Keith Shier reconvened the meeting at 11:37 a.m. with the same members of council and staff in attendance.

VI. PETITIONS – N I L

VII. COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCILGroup I – Receive & File

- 495 Greenbelt Council to Durham Clerk's Department – response to letter dated December 14/05 re: Greenbelt Council (attachment to letter previously on March 13/06 Council)
- 529 Conservation Ontario – Conservation Ontario's response to Communication from "OPERA" regarding the Section 28 Regulation (Generic Regulations), *Conservation Authorities Act*
- 531 Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance – GTMA Invitation: The GTMA Presents Findings from its Recent Mission to India
- 532 Cara Pilgrim – expressing thanks for Sunderland Music Festival trophy
- 548 Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance – GTMA Hot News: March 2006
- 553 Ontario Water Works Association – New Regulations Regarding the MOE Permit to Take Water (PTTW) Program and Water Efficiency
- 554 Hydro One Networks – advising of application to Ontario Energy Board to increase rates
- 555 Durham Region – *Council Highlights* – March 8, 2006

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor pointed out the information contained within communication number 555, noting especially the paramedic training program at Lakeview Manor.

- 556 North House Newsletter – 2006 1st quarter – 14th Newsletter

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor suggested that future consideration be given to selling the Raising the Roof Toques at the municipal office in support of the North House Project.

- 559 Durham's Child Nutrition Project – promoting "March is Nutrition Month!"
- 570 Federation of Canadian Municipalities – FCM's 69th Annual Conference & Municipal Expo
- 571 Pathway to Prosperity, David Lindsay - Pathway to Prosperity Report – What We Heard
- 605 Cansult – *Cansult Newsletter* – Winter 2006
- 614 Olga Kuzmich – road conditions
- 615 Toronto Real Estate Board – *MarketWatch* – February 2006; and *Commercial Realty Watch* – February 2006
- 616 Federation of Canadian Municipalities – New Funding Opportunity for Municipal Solid Waste Projects
- 617 Durham Planning Department, Jeff Brooks – Draft Regional Cycling Network
- 621 Ministry of Tourism – Tourism Performance Update March 2006
- 622 Ministry of Tourism – 2004 Regional Tourism Profiles
- 625 Barry Devolin, MP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock – Devolin Column – *Why I Focus on Farmers and Food*

- 626 GTA 905 Healthcare Alliance – Front-Line Health Care Providers in Durham  
Call for Fair Hospital Funding – Ask Government to live up to commitment for  
growth funding

Resolution No. 7-7

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that communications  
no. 495, 529, 531, 532, 548, 553, 554, 555, 556, 559, 570, 571, 605, 614, 615, 616, 617,  
621, 622, 625 and 626 be received for the information of council and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

Group II – Communications Referred to Committee

Public Works Committee

- 539 Haywardesign, Jim Hayward – road conditions  
603 Durham Regional Police – Regional Road 13 and 12 Highway

Resolution No. 8-7

MOVED BY Allan Simpson and SECONDED BY Debbie Bath that communications no.  
539 and 603 be referred to the next regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to be  
held on April 3, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

Parks & Recreation Committee

- 541 Old Town Hall Committee (Cannington) – Meeting Minutes – February 15/06  
542 Beaverton Figure Skating Club – request for reinstatement of ticket ice  
567 George S. Graham – Report 2006-PR-05 – Application for Fee Exemption –  
Auxiliary to Lakeview Manor  
580 Mark Warvill – memo re: Beaverton Arena Renovations  
584 Wilfrid Community Hall Board – Minutes – January 26/06  
589 Denise Wilson – request re: tree planting

Resolution No. 9-7

MOVED BY Debbie Bath and SECONDED BY Reg Starr that communications no. 541,  
542, 567, 580, 584 and 589 be referred to the next regular meeting of the Parks &  
Recreation Committee to be held on April 3, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

Finance Committee

- 576 T.G. Gettinby – Report 2006-FI-03 – Website Proposal – Chryxus Corporation  
599 Cannington Lions Club – requesting support re: Canada Day 2006 activities  
600 CTM Brochure Display – 2006 Brochure Distribution  
618 Ministry of Education – 2006 Proportions of Enrolment for purposes of  
*Education Act*, subsections 238(2) and 257.83(3)

Resolution No. 10-7

MOVED BY Reg Starr and SECONDED BY Debbie Bath that communications no. 576, 599, 600 and 618 be referred to the next regular meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on April 10, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

Planning Committee

- 588 Denise Wilson – submitting ideas for Kaitlin Subdivision in Sunderland
- 591 Urban Development Institute/Ontario – EBR Number: AF05E0001 – Bill 51: *Planning and Conservation Statute Law Amendment Act, 2005*

Resolution No. 11-7

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that communications no. 588 and 591 be referred to the next regular meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on April 24, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

- 592 Rhonda Downey – Proposal for Dog Day Care Centre in the Township of Brock
- 619 Township of Gauthier – request re: pump for fire truck

Resolution No. 12-7

MOVED BY Karen Windatt and SECONDED BY Larry O'Connor that communications no. 592 and 619 be referred to the next regular meeting of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee to be held on April 24, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED

Group III – Communications Submitted for Action

- 536 Canadian Union of Postal Workers – update on campaign to stop plant and post office closures – further request for support
- 560 Township of King – Ontario Farmland Trust and preservation of agricultural land
- 628 Minister Responsible for Seniors – invitation to participate in 2006 Senior of the Year Awards

Resolution No. 13-7

MOVED BY Reg Starr and SECONDED BY Debbie Bath that Brock Township Council receive communications # 536, 560, 628 for information and file.

MOTION CARRIED

- 522 Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival – request for support re: various items

Resolution No. 14-7

MOVED BY Allan Simpson and SECONDED BY Larry O'Connor that Brock Council has no objection to the request made by the Maple Syrup Festival Committee as per communication # 522.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Allan Simpson advised that he has spoken with the Director of Public Works and that all of the arrangements are in place insofar as preparations for the Maple Syrup Festival.

Councillor Debbie Bath reminded members of council that they are invited to attend the opening ceremonies which will take place at 9:45 a.m. on April 1, 2006.

528 Sandra Cameron – Plan 851, Lot 5, Right-of-way to Lake Simcoe

Resolution No. 15-7

MOVED BY Karen Windatt and SECONDED BY John Grant that Brock Township Council ask staff to investigate the request as outlined in communication # 528/06 and report back with a recommendation for action.

MOTION CARRIED

564 The Steering Committee – Ontario Family Fishing Weekend – 2006 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend

Resolution No. 16-7

MOVED BY John Grant and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Township Council declare July 7th through July 9th, 2006 as Ontario Family Fishing Weekend, reference communication 564.

MOTION CARRIED

574 2006 Census – advising of upcoming census and request for assistance in promoting census to community

Councillor Karen Windatt enquired of staff whether the municipality has assisted previously in promoting the census in the municipality, adding that they do not appear to be offering any financial incentives to assist with the promotion. Clerk-Administrator George Graham advised that the municipality has never promoted the census previously or undertaken any advertising in this regard, however that the press might be depended upon to get the word out. He further advised that our tax bill is very near the postage limit and to include further information in our tax bill would result in increased postage costs.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor suggested that the municipality assist by way of making staff aware of the information number provided in communication 574 in order that public enquiries can be directed accordingly.

Resolution No. 17-7

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Council refer communication # 574 to staff to offer support where applicable and proclaim May 16, 2006 as "Census Day" in Brock.

MOTION CARRIED

607 Cannington Lioness Club – Annual Lioness Ducky Race – 2006

Resolution No. 18-7

MOVED BY Reg Starr and SECONDED BY Debbie Bath that Brock Township Council has no objection to the request contained within communication # 607.

MOTION CARRIED

623 Durham Clerk's Department – Provincial Commitment to Honour the Allocations for Best Start Program and National Early Learning and Child Care Program

Resolution No. 19-7

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt

WHEREAS the Region of Durham will receive \$25 million in Best Start funding which will add 770 new licensed child care spaces by the end of 2007; and

WHEREAS in Brock it means 20 spaces for JK/SK in Cannington and 20 spaces 0-4 years old and 26 school age spaces in Beaverton, with a total investment of over \$500,000 over the next two years;

WHEREAS the Region has approved the Child Care Service Plan for 2005-2006 and the Best Start Transitional Implementation Plan and Infrastructure Plan; and

WHEREAS purchase of service within the for-profit child care will be maintained at no more than the current level; and

WHEREAS the cancellation of the federal Early Learning and Child Care Program by the new Conservative government puts the Region of Durham's child care system and those new spaces for Brock Township families in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS the lost funding will leave many children in Brock Township and Durham Region without quality, accessible child care; and

WHEREAS the Conservative Government's proposed child care income support for families is a valid policy goal but is not a substitute for public investment in high quality early learning and child care programs; and

WHEREAS less than \$100.00 a month, after taxes, comes nowhere close to covering the cost of high quality child care, and tax credits for employers will not create sustainable, equitable child care programs; and

WHEREAS without a national child care program, there will be no choice in child care for parents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Brock Township request that Durham Children's services staff work with the federal and provincial governments to preserve the national child care program and the Ontario federal-provincial child care agreement;

- (i) introducing standards that guarantee quality, universally accessible, developmental, inclusive programming like the Canada Health Act, the principles of child care needs to be enshrined in legislation;
- (ii) maintaining existing federal commitments (Canada Social Transfer, Early Childhood Development Initiative and Multilateral Framework Agreement funding);
- (iii) dedicating a separate adequate designated funding stream for a new, long-term federal transfer to provinces and territories; and
- (iv) including provincial and territorial accountability, tied to five-year plans that include goals and objectives, timelines and targets, review and evaluation as they build new Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) systems;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Brock Council encourages the Region of Durham to work with families, child care programs, and child care advocacy groups to ensure that the federal government fulfills its five-year funding commitment to build a national early learning and child care system in Brock Township, Durham Region, Ontario and Canada;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be circulated to the other municipalities in Durham and all Durham MPPs and MPs, the Prime Minister, the Premier, Provincial and Federal Ministers responsible for childcare, Leaders of the Opposition Parties in Ottawa and Ontario and the Critics responsible for childcare, as per communication # 623.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor spoke to the motion advising that should the conservative government not follow through, there are two projects in Brock which could be impacted. In reference to the level of service for for-profit daycare being maintained at no more than the current level, Regional Councillor O'Connor pointed out that Brock's current level is next to nothing with the Beaverton Day Care Centre having closed and the Sunderland Day Care Centre just barely keeping their doors open. The Best Start Program could mean capital dollars to construct a day care at the Sunderland Public School similar to that proposed at the new Cannington Public School and with the provincial budget coming in two weeks time, we need to kept this in front of our MPs and MPPs.

Councillor John Grant stated his appreciation for the motion in light of the need for day care in Brock Township and a lack of funding which impacted the closure of the Beaverton Day Care Centre. He advised that the motion needs to include tax incentives for private day care operators which could contribute to the reopening of the Beaverton Day Care Centre.

Councillor Reg Starr advised of his support of the motion because \$100.00 per month per child for families, contributes nothing to day care costs.

Councillor Allan Simpson advised of his support for the motion and enquired of Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor where Durham Region obtained \$25 million in funding. He was advised that this was the regional allocation for the next two years for capital design and operational costs.

Resolution No. 19-7

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor and SECONDED BY Karen Windatt

WHEREAS the Region of Durham will receive \$25 million in Best Start funding which will add 770 new licensed child care spaces by the end of 2007; and

WHEREAS in Brock it means 20 spaces for JK/SK in Cannington and 20 spaces 0-4 years old and 26 school age spaces in Beaverton; with a total investment of over \$500,000 over the next two years.

WHEREAS the Region has approved the Child Care Service Plan for 2005-2006 and the Best Start Transitional Implementation Plan and Infrastructure Plan; and

WHEREAS purchase of service within the for-profit child care will be maintained at no more than the current level; and

WHEREAS the cancellation of the federal Early Learning and Child Care program by the new Conservative government puts the Region of Durham's child care system and those new spaces for Brock Township families in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS the lost funding will leave many children in Brock Township and Durham Region without quality, accessible child care; and

WHEREAS the Conservative Government's proposed child care income support for families is a valid policy goal but is not a substitute for public investment in high quality early learning and child care programs; and

WHEREAS less than \$100.00 a month, after taxes, comes nowhere close to covering the cost of high quality child care, and tax credits for employers will not create sustainable, equitable child care programs; and

WHEREAS without a national child care program, there will be no choice in child care for parents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Brock Township request that Durham Children's services staff work with the federal and provincial governments to preserve the national child care program and the Ontario federal-provincial child care agreement;

- (i) introducing standards that guarantee quality, universally accessible, developmental, inclusive programming like the Canada Health Act, the principles of child care needs to be enshrined in legislation;
- (ii) maintaining existing federal commitments (Canada Social Transfer, Early Childhood Development Initiative and Multilateral Framework Agreement funding);
- (iii) dedicating a separate adequate designated funding stream for a new, long-term federal transfer to provinces and territories; and
- (iv) including provincial and territorial accountability, tied to five-year plans that include goals and objectives, timelines and targets, review and evaluation as they build new Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) systems;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Brock Council encourages the Region of Durham to work with families, child care programs, and child care advocacy groups to ensure that the federal government fulfills its five-year funding commitment to build a national early learning and child care system in Brock Township, Durham Region, Ontario and Canada;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be circulated to the other municipalities in Durham and all Durham MPPs and MPs, the Prime Minister, the Premier, Provincial and Federal Ministers responsible for childcare, Leaders of the Opposition parties in Ottawa and Ontario and the Critics responsible for childcare, as per communication # 623.

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

3rd Finance Committee – March 13/06

Resolution No. 20-7

MOVED BY Reg Starr and SECONDED BY Debbie Bath that the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Finance Committee as held on March 13, 2006, be adopted as a report of that committee.

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MOTIONS – N I LX. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Resolution No. 21,22,23-7

By-law Number 1988-2006-PW – to prescribe a rate of speed of 40 kilometres per hour on the road allowances known as Main Street and Parklawn Boulevard within the Beaverton Urban Area, 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 provided further information regarding the funding of assisted living apartments at Gillespie Gardens advising that, further to the report received at the most recent BNPH meeting, that funding is available for assisted living apartments and that Gillespie Gardens/DNPH will proceed with an application for funding in this regard.

Mayor Keith Shier further advised that those residents along the Trent Severn Canal that experienced water issues involving the pumping of water at the area limestone pits will be pleased to know that the issue is being readdressed under the Source Water Protection Act, by Kawartha Conservation and LSRCA, although the outcome of further investigation in this regard is currently unknown. (There was reference to flawed information originally submitted regarding ground water use.)

Councillor Karen Windatt enquired whether the property owners Mayor Shier has referenced are owners in general or those involved with the McCarthy Pit issue and was advised homeowners in general.

Councillor John Grant expressed his shock when the issue concerning Gillespie Gardens was discussed at the recent BNPH meeting at which time it was suggested that Council might assist by requesting a two week extension period and is this extension period required at this time. Mayor Shier advised that he is waiting to hear from the General Manager of DNPH today in this regard.

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

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor thanked the members of council for supporting his motion on the Best Start funding program. He advised that this motion has been circulated to members of Regional Council as well for their support.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor provided further details with respect to supportive housing funding issue involving Gillespie Gardens advising that a funding application is being looked at from a couple of angles and that there have been no lost opportunities and no application deadline has been imposed. He advised that the proposed Brock Community Health Centre may have a role to play in the assessment process that may be required as part of the funding application.

Regional Councillor O'Connor advised that the Regional Health and Social Services budget has been referred to the Regional Finance Committee, and that it is his opinion that as the result of budget cuts and much questioning and input from the Regional Chair,

that the Associate Medical Officer of Health for Durham Region has tendered her resignation. Regional Councillor O'Connor advised that opportunity existed to see a new position 100% funded to assist the Associate Medical Officer of Health, however, this was cut from the budget.

Regional Councillor O'Connor advised that he has had some response respecting the upcoming Community Forum to be hosted by the Brock Community Health Centre at the Cannington Arena, and encouraged members of council to invite members of the public to attend to provide their input.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor advised that discussions are ongoing with respect to the Geriatric Assessment Program at Lakeview Manor and that he will keep Council updated in this regard.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor reminded members of council that they are invited to Greenbank on March 31, 2006 for the purpose of hearing Foster Loucks, the Chair of the area LHIN. He advised that anyone interested in attending to hear Mr. Loucks should RSVP to him in order that attendees can be provided with lunch.

Councillor John Grant thanked Regional Councillor O'Connor for his clarification concerning the Gillespie Gardens issue. He enquired further of the Regional Councillor whether funding for the two Brock Township day care projects has been pulled to which Regional Councillor O'Connor advised it is his hope that the Beaverton project will proceed and that regional staff are going ahead in preparation for final approval, however there are some rumblings among regional council about pulling out of this project. He will not have a definite answer in this regard until after the next regional council meeting.

- (3) Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor – Stoplights at Regional Road 13 and Hwy. 12

Regional Councillor O'Connor advised of an observation which has been brought to his attention with respect to the delayed timing of the newly installed stoplights at the intersection of Hwy. 12 and Regional Road 13, in that anyone not familiar with the way the stoplights work, the delayed green for east and west bound traffic, is running the red light, not realizing they have missed their green arrow until the next light change, and that in order to prevent this there needs to be a simultaneous period of green light for east/west bound traffic. Mayor Keith Shier advised that it has been acknowledged that there is a problem with the physical build of the intersection, something that the lights do not address. He suggested that letters advising of the concern be forwarded to Durham Region and the MTO in this regard.

- (4) Councillor Allan Simpson – Intersection at Hwy. 12 and Regional Road 13

Councillor Allan Simpson advised he has been monitoring this intersection quite closely and although it has been engineered to MTO specifications, there is a mound in the intersection that needs to be removed. He has spoken to the truckers traveling through the intersection on a regular basis from the local pits, and they do not like how the intersection has been engineered with trucks having been known to have stalled out and not able to make the turn. Councillor Simpson advised that DRPS are supposed to be monitoring this intersection, however he does not know whether this is or has been done.

- (5) Councillor Debbie Bath – Durham Transit Brochure Holders

Councillor Debbie Bath encouraged members of council to provide her with information on Brock Township which she will display in the Durham Transit Brochure Holder located within her business. It is her opinion that we need to develop a hub where information of Brock Township is readily available to the public.

- (6) Public Questions and Clarification

Keith Rynard advised that approximately one year ago he requested that council consider the installation of loud speakers within the council chamber due to the poor acoustics in the room. He enquired as to the status of this request and was advised that it is an item for consideration during 2006 municipal deliberations.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 24-7

MOVED BY Reg Starr and SECONDED BY Larry O'Connor that we do now adjourn at 12:37 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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MAYOR

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CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR