

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

SESSION THREE

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006

The Third Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Corporation of the Township of Brock, in the Regional Municipality of Durham, was held on Monday, March 6, 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)
	Clerk-Stenographer Susan Creighton
	Facilities Coordinator Mark Warvill

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Debbie Bath called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.

II. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(1) 2nd meeting - February 6/06

Resolution No. 1-3

MOVED 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 typed and circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

III. HEARING OF DEPUTATIONS

(1) **1:30 p.m.** – Beaverton Figure Skating Club – Margaret Munro – plans for the future of the club re: Trillium Foundation application (refer to Communication #412/06 attached)

(2) **1:45 p.m.** – Sunderland Historical Society – Larry Doble – update on activities of the Sunderland Historical Society

(3) **2:00 p.m.** – Beaverton and Cannington Horticultural Societies; Beaverton Chamber of Commerce; and Beaverton 2000 Beautification Committee – John Nowakowski – request re: daily watering of hanging baskets

SEE LATER IN THE MEETING

IV. PETITIONS - N I L

V. COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED OR SUBMITTED TO 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

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

- 451 Durham Region Safer Bars Coalition – enclosing current newsletter and information on 2006 workshops

Resolution No. 2-3

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that the Parks & Recreation Committee receive and file correspondence # 270, 275, 371, 451.

MOTION CARRIED

*Resolution No. 7-3

MOVED BY Reg Starr that Brock Township Parks & Recreation Committee requests the Township to incur the costs associated with any councillor attending the Durham Economic Development & Tourism Seminar, reference communication # 270.

MOTION CARRIED

- 323 Sunderland Lions Club – requesting permission for community projects

Resolution No. 3-3

MOVED BY Allan Simpson that the Parks & Recreation Committee grant the request of the Sunderland Lions Club re their community projects as per communication # 323.

Mayor Keith Shier enquired as to what the municipality knows about the tubular gas heaters proposed by the Sunderland Lions Club, for example are they used in other arenas, safety, extra gas/electrical costs, life span and maintenance. He suggested the motion be amended to permit a report from the Facilities Coordinator as he feels more information is required before approval for either the heating or dishwasher project can be approved.

Resolution No. 4-3

MOVED BY Keith Shier that the motion be directed to Mark Warvill for report.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Shier advised that it is his understanding that certain upgrades are required in conjunction with the installation of an industrial dishwasher.

Councillor Karen Windatt commented that the information requested in the report is important for budget discussions.

- 352 Beaverton Lions Club – Leo Club of Beaverton – Easter Egg Hunt in Centennial Park

Resolution No. 5-3

MOVED BY John Grant that the request of the Beaverton Lions Club for an easter egg hunt be approved subject to municipal compliance, reference communication 352.

MOTION CARRIED

- 443 Canada Day Committee-Beaverton – requesting permission to hold Annual Canada Day and invitation to Council to attend
- 444 Canada Day Committee-Beaverton – request to use fairgrounds and to sign Heritage Canada Grant Application
- 445 Canada Day Committee-Beaverton – requesting permission to hold Annual Canada Day Fireworks Display
- 450 Canada Day Committee-Beaverton – request for use of portable toilets; road closures/barricades; and trash bins

Resolution No. 6-3

MOVED BY John Grant that the requests of the Beaverton Canada Committee be approved subject to municipal compliance, reference communications 443, 444, 445 and 450.

MOTION CARRIED

453 Mark Warvill – Report 2006-PR-04 – Brock Pride Phase 1 Planting/Landscaping Proposals

In order to afford the Facilities Coordinator the opportunity to try and contact Mr. Turnbull personally with respect to a revised submission for the Brock Pride Phase 1 Planting/Landscaping proposal the following motion was passed:

Resolution No. 8-3

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that Parks & Recreation Committee refer correspondence # 453 to the Finance held on March 13, 2006 for decision.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Keith Shier enquired of staff whether deferral of this issue for one week would jeopardize the proposal in terms of meeting the project deadlines and was advised that we have until March 31, 2006 to finalize the matter.

VI. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES - N I LVII. GENERAL ITEMS & ENQUIRIES

(1) Facilities Coordinator Mark Warvill – 2006 Facilities Tour

Facilities Coordinator Mark Warvill enquired of the committee whether they would like a facilities tour prior to 2006 budget discussions commencing, to which Chair/Councillor Bath advised that a facilities tour was held in 2005 and a road tour has been requested in 2006, so unless there is something specific with one of our facilities that the road tour only be conducted and if there is something specific to a facility, perhaps a stop could be incorporated into the road tour.

Councillor Allan Simpson suggested that the Manilla Hall be visited in light of the request from the Hall Board to paint the interior and refinish the floors.

The Facilities Coordinator was requested to provide the applicable information pertaining to the Manilla Hall to the committee.

(2) Councillor Reg Starr – Arena User Groups

Councillor Reg Starr enquired of the Facilities Coordinator whether our arena user groups are up to date insofar as ice rental payments. Mr. Warvill advised he has not been advised of anything to the contrary, however that he will have to check with Treasury to confirm this and report if there is an issue.

(3) Councillor Allan Simpson – Status of Sunderland Town Hall Doors

Councillor Allan Simpson enquired of the Facilities Coordinator the status of the Sunderland Town Hall doors and was advised that the doors are ready for installation pending an installation date which has yet to be determined.

(4) Councillor John Grant – Petition re Youth Activities

Councillor John Grant advised that he has heard that a petition is being circulated by a Beaverton resident in an attempt to provide youth activities in the area. Councillor Grant advised he will contact the author of the petition to advise of options through the Brock Youth Centre for area youth and that he will keep the committee informed in this regard pending receipt of a petition.

(5) Public Questions and Clarification

Denise Wilson advised she has spoken to no avail, to the Director of Public Works, Sunderland Lions Club members and members of the Fair Board with respect to the replacement of trees in the Sunderland Park. Chair/Councillor Debbie Bath advised her to put her concerns in writing in this regard and that they will be addressed.

Councillor Karen Windatt advised that people think that if a tree is removed it will be replaced in the exact location from which it was removed, however this is not always the case as sometimes the removal location is not suitable for replanting.

Resolution No. 9-3

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that we break for lunch at 11:45 a.m. to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Debbie Bath reconvened the meeting at 1:33 p.m. with the same members of committee and staff in attendance.

III. HEARING OF DEPUTATIONS

- (1) 1:30 p.m. – Beaverton Figure Skating Club – Margaret Munro – plans for the future of the club re: Trillium Foundation application (refer to Communication #412/06 attached)

Margaret Munro, Sandra Wicket and Christine Reid attended the meeting on behalf of the Beaverton Figure Skating Club (BFSC). Ms. Munro advised that the BFSC is working towards three goals, these being increased membership, increased volunteer support and improved facilities. In order to reach these goals application has been made to the Trillium Foundation. A copy of the application was provided to members of the committee along with a request for their support in this regard. The major components of the application include funding for a safety skating harness at a cost of \$3,000.00, an audiovisual system inclusive of speakers and spotlights at a cost of \$14,500.00, a vent less counter french fryer at a cost of \$8000.00 and a desk top photocopier at a cost of \$800.00 for a total cost of \$33,928.67. The BFSC is unable to meet the cost of these items through their membership fees which are approximately \$9,000.00 annually. The Club's ice time costs alone were approximately \$16,000.00. They rely heavily on the proceeds from the food booth in addition to other fundraisers such as a silent auction at their annual carnival, bake and yard sales, car washes and skate-a-thons. The items requested within their Trillium application will improve the Club and income generation possibilities at the food booth.

Mayor Keith Shier referenced a previous conversation with members of the BFSC and enquired whether club members followed up on his suggestion to speak with staff from the Trillium Foundation. Ms. Munro advised that this was done and that the response from Trillium was positive, although they were advised that 1000s of applications are received. It is the Club's hope that their application will make the shortlist which will be announced in about a month's time, to which Mayor Shier advised the applications are not short listed but either approved or not. He commented he would be interested to see whether or not the french fryer requested would be eligible for funding to which Ms. Reid advised that direction had been received from Trillium insofar as the items to apply for and that there was support for this item for the food booth and the role of the food booth in assisting to sustain the Club.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor enquired whether members of the BFSC have spoken to the local Health Unit insofar as offering "healthy" food choices on their menu and was advised by Ms. Reid that the Health Unit is to provide a copy of the Eat Smart Survey so that healthy choices can be added to their menu. She advised further that the Club menu includes home-style cooking such as, muffins, soups, stews, and chili which has been well received, however that more input is always welcome in this regard.

Regional Councillor O'Connor enquired whether there would be liability/safety concerns with respect to the french fryer and was advised by the Clerk-Administrator that this unit

is unlike the old style fryer in that it is totally enclosed and will shut down in the case of a fire.

Councillor John Grant expressed his appreciation to the BFSC for the challenge they have taken on to attract new members and sustain their Club, advising that he is putting forth a motion in support of their Trillium application.

Councillor Reg Starr enquired whether more ice time will be required if more members join the Club to which Ms. Munro advised it will depend on the members. She advised that the goal of the harness is to retain older skaters so that they can safely train more advanced moves and not have to leave their local club to do so. The audiovisual aids will include a video camera which will enable skaters to see themselves and learn from their mistakes.

Councillor Starr advised that the Cannington Figure Skating Club has had a skating harness for some years now, to which Ms. Munro added that the CFSC has double the members as well. Councillor Starr wished the BFSC good luck with this venture.

Councillor Karen Windatt commented that groups in the past have fundraised for items which were subsequently turned over to the municipality to maintain. She suggested that the BFSC work closely with the Facilities Coordinator to ensure that no upgrades are required in the food booth to accommodate the french fryer. Councillor Windatt enquired whether the french fryer is a permanent fixture and whether there will be a maintenance agreement and should the Club cease to operate, what would happen to this equipment? Ms. Munro advised that the french fryer is a compact, portable piece of equipment that could be removed and sold from the food booth. It does have a maintenance program and the BFSC feels it will pay for itself as there is a big demand for french fries. Ms. Munro further advised that a revamp of the food booth kitchen may be a future Trillium grant consideration, noting that the Beaverton Curling Club was successful in obtaining funding to revamp the kitchen in their facility, although prior to an application being made in this regard, a long term lease with the municipality will be required. The municipality would benefit as well if the food booth kitchen were to be refurbished.

Councillor Karen Windatt commented concerning the strict regulations pertaining to food handling and enquired whether kitchen improvements would be required in order to meet these regulations. Ms. Munro advised that the Club struggles daily with the cleanliness of the kitchen and are always mindful of this issue. Councillor Windatt enquired whether any BFSC members have taken the Food Handler's Course, noting further that one person per shift is required to have this training. She also enquired concerning safety issues in conjunction with the fryer and was advised by Ms. Reid that this fryer is safe and not like the old open style fryers.

Councillor Allan Simpson commented on the work involved in making application for Trillium funding adding that the Sunderland food booth was revamped using Trillium funding. He advised further that the Sunderland Agricultural Society's request for funding for a new photo copier was denied because they did not have a permanent office. Ms. Munro advised that the BFSC does have a small office.

Chair/Councillor Debbie Bath enquired whether the BFSC has taken into consideration the fact that population in the area is projected to decrease in conjunction with their goal to increase club membership, to which Ms. Munro advised this has been discussed however that she does not agree that this will be the case. Ms. Reid pointed out that the BFSC draws their membership from outside the municipality (Brechin, Udney), and not just the Beaverton area. She also noted that some people do not realize the BFSC exists and it is important for the Club to be more publicly visible.

Chair/Councillor Debbie Bath enquired whether the Club is losing older members to larger clubs to which Ms. Munro advised there have been a few who moved to Orillia where there is more opportunity, however that the biggest detriment has been the cancellation of ticket ice with some members now traveling to Port Perry for ticket ice.

Chair/Councillor Bath enquired that when using ticket ice in Port Perry does the coach attend and is the coach allowed on the ice, to which Ms. Wickett advised that their coach does attend and is permitted on the ice because the coach is also a coach for the Port Perry Figure Skating Club. There is no ice time charge for the coach with the student being charged \$6.00 for ticket ice time. Ms. Reid commented that they would like to have ticket ice back at the Beaverton Arena as it is an integral part of figure skating training.

Chair/Councillor Bath suggested that this request be put in writing for the consideration of the committee.

Resolution No. 10-3

MOVED BY John Grant that Parks and Recreation Committee recommends support of the Beaverton Figure Skating Club Trillium Foundation application, reference communication 412.

MOTION CARRIED

- (2) 1:45 p.m. – Sunderland Historical Society – Larry Doble – update on activities of the Sunderland Historical Society

Mr. Larry Doble was present representing the Sunderland Historical Society to provide the committee with an update on the activities of the Society. He advised that their most recent project has been the compilation of a computer data base in CD and book form containing 2000 surnames to 100 cemetery sections in Durham inclusive of the former municipalities of Brock, Thorah, Uxbridge, Scugog, Scott and Reach. Ten copies of this valuable resource have been sold, with copies having been provided to the Cannington Historical Society, the local libraries and the libraries in Whitby and Oshawa.

Through funding from the South Lake Futures Development Corporation an outreach program has been created whereby museum artifacts pertaining to early settlers, explorers and native settlements in Brock and Scugog Townships, are taken into the classroom, specifically Grades 3 and 6 as this ties in with their curriculum.

Mr. Doble reviewed the list of activities undertaken during 2005 to promote Brock's heritage:

- Attended the CNE along with 9 other museums. This is a tremendous promotional opportunity for Brock Township where any promotional material on Brock can be displayed.
- Attended the Sunderland Fair and Maple Syrup Festival
- Guest Speaker Lynn Hodgson speaking on the Contributions of Durham Region to WWII
- Guest Speaker Mark Welsh on Tiger Welsh, Soldier/Politician in Brock
- Attended the Lions Club Annual Bazaar
- Joint meetings with the Cannington and Beaverton Historical Societies
- Participated in Heritage Week in February promoting the Historical Plaque Program
- Member of the York/Durham Museum Association
- Working on a Trillium Foundation Grant with Community Heritage Ontario
- Obtained over \$12,000 in grants for outreach programs
- Heritage Day at the Harder Maple Syrup Bush
- Assisting visitors discover info about their ancestors in a 43000 name database.

Mr. Doble presented three recommendations from the Sunderland Historical Society for the consideration of the committee as follows:

- Municipal Recognition of community volunteers (i.e. Provincial medal presentation in Brock)
- Appointment of a Municipal Heritage Committee
- Membership in the Community Heritage Ontario Organization.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor commented that the province currently acknowledges heritage work with awards that are held province wide, to which Mr. Doble advised that the awards closest to this area are held in Whitby. Regional Councillor O'Connor suggested that the province be contacted to ascertain whether they would consider an awards event for the three northern Durham Region municipalities. Regional Councillor O'Connor advised that further to his previous conversation with Mr. Doble, that the municipality has a supply of brochures available for display at the Society's CNE display. He enquired of Mr. Doble whether an example of a Heritage Committee by-law is available for review by the municipality and was advised that a copy of Scugog Township's heritage by-law will be left with the recording secretary. Regional Councillor O'Connor enquired concerning membership in Community Heritage Ontario and was advised that membership is \$60.00 annually and that their mandate

includes trying to work with as many municipalities as possible. They will also interpret the impact of the Ontario Heritage Act on municipalities.

Regional Councillor O'Connor enquired whether members of all three area historical societies are involved in the Heritage Plaque Program and was advised in the affirmative. Mr. Doble further advised that this program does not just refer to heritage buildings but landscapes as well, however that the cooperation of the municipality is a must. He further commented that we must gain awareness with respect to our heritage which is quickly disappearing.

Regional Councillor O'Connor urged Mr. Doble to attend the upcoming public meeting pertaining to the Brock Official Plan Review to ascertain whether the cultural heritage conservation section of the proposed official plan has been captured by the Review Committee.

Mayor Keith Shier enquired of Mr. Doble what is unique about Brock's heritage and was advised by Mr. Doble that there is our heritage with the German Paletines and the United Empire Loyalists who received land for service in Brock just as land in Brock Township was opening up in 1818. He also referenced the support of Brock settlers insofar as the 1837 rebellion.

Mayor Shier recognized the request to recognize Brock's volunteers with an event and was advised by Mr. Doble that in the Township of Scugog the Mayor recognizes 10-12 residents annually for their contribution to the community and that it is considered quite an honour and is very well attended. He commented that this little bit of recognition would go a long way in light of the many volunteer hours put forth by residents in Brock. Mayor Shier thanked Mr. Doble for this suggestion, noting that it has been a consideration of council for some years now.

Councillor John Grant enquired how accessible the database is that has been created by the Sunderland Historical Society and as previously advised was told it is at the Sunderland Library, Oshawa, Whitby and Port Perry Libraries as well as at the Cannington Historical Society. Councillor Grant enquired whether the Beaverton Historical Society has access to this information and was advised that the Beaverton Society currently has a more detailed system for their area.

Councillor Grant enquired whether it would be beneficial to link this information to a website and was advised that the University of Guelph website would be a logical choice. Councillor Grant enquired regarding the possibility of this information being linked to the Township of Brock website.

Councillor Allan Simpson acknowledged Mr. Doble's volunteer hours in the community noting that the membership at the Sunderland Historical Society has increased from 29 to 70 members since his involvement. Councillor Simpson thanked Mr. Doble for his dedication to the Sunderland Historical Society, and further acknowledged Mr. Doble's participation in applying for another Trillium Foundation grant.

Mr. Doble explained that this is his 13th Trillium Foundation grant application and that he is working with the Community Heritage Ontario Organization. He advised that the previous 12 grant applications have brought in half a million dollars to groups in the Townships of Brock and Scugog.

Resolution No. 11-3

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that the Parks & Recreation request that staff review options to a) approach the Ontario Government about the possibility of their Volunteer Award Program for the three North Durham Municipalities; b) that staff prepare a report on the creation of a Township Recognition Program based on the Scugog Program.

MOTION CARRIED

Regional Councillor O'Connor advised he appreciates the support for a volunteer recognition program in Brock, something he has been lobbying for a number of years as he feels it is important to recognize and thank our volunteers.

Councillor Debbie Bath pointed out that some years ago a Brock resident received the Senior Volunteer of the Year and that only 5 members of her family were able to attend the reception and that it is sad that the area had to miss out on this important event.

Resolution No. 12-3

MOVED BY Keith Shier that staff report to council how we might have a recognition night or ceremony in Brock Township for worthy Brock residents.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Keith Shier acknowledged the many worthy volunteer applicants in Brock Township adding the importance of a recognition ceremony. He further commented that although Federal and/or Provincial recognition is appreciated, local recognition would be better appreciated.

Resolution No. 13-3

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that the Parks & Recreation Committee recommend to council the membership in the Community Heritage Ontario.

MOTION CARRIEDResolution No. 14-3

MOVED BY Allan Simpson that Brock Parks & Recreation Committee look at the Township of Scugog's Heritage By-law with a view to establishing a Heritage Committee to liaise with Brock Township Council and request that staff report back to committee.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Allan Simpson acknowledged the importance of a Heritage Committee for Brock Township noting that there are numerous heritage sites in Brock and the fact that development in the municipality is ongoing.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor recommended that staff circulate a copy of the Township of Scugog's Heritage Committee by-law to the three local historical societies for their input and further invite them to a meeting where this issue will be further discussed.

Chair/Councillor Bath thanked Mr. Doble for attending to make his presentation.

- (3) **2:00 p.m.** – Beaverton and Cannington Horticultural Societies; Beaverton Chamber of Commerce; and Beaverton 2000 Beautification Committee – John Nowakowski – request re: daily watering of hanging baskets

Mr. John Nowakowski, President of the Beaverton Horticultural Society and Mr. Don Real, President of the Cannington Horticultural Society, et al, attended before the committee on behalf of the Beaverton and Cannington Horticultural Societies, the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce and the Beaverton 2000 Beautification Committee to request that the Township of Brock Public Works Staff assist by watering hanging baskets and plantings 5 days per week during the summer months. Mr. Nowakowski advised that watering the plants 3 days per week, which is the current practice is not sufficient as the plants dry out daily. He further advised that many of the members of these organizations are older and unable to carry water. Furthermore, the Horticultural Societies do not have the equipment to transport the water to undertake the watering. The Beaverton Chamber of Commerce has offered their assistance in installing and removing the hanging baskets. Mr. Nowakowski provided examples of local municipalities who are assisted by their Public Works staff in providing this service.

Mr. Don Real spoke on behalf of the Cannington Horticultural Society advising that the Society is prepared to prepare 8 baskets to hang on Cameron Street in Cannington, in addition to the ½ barrels that the Society plants each year. They to will require assistance with hanging the baskets and placing the barrels as well as with water and fertilizing which will need to be done daily even if it rains. Mr. Real advised that unless the plantings are watered daily, especially the hanging baskets proposed, they dry out quickly and the plants die. The members of the Cannington Horticultural Society are aging and cannot look after the watering regularly. In addition, the Society is looking to some plantings at the nature kiosk in MacLeod Park which will also require watering. Mr. Real

advised that the Society's Civic Beautification Committee logged 132 volunteer hours in 2005, with 1300 volunteer hours having been logged on the nature trail. He advised that the Society will require assistance if our main street is to look attractive.

Chair/Councillor Debbie Bath advised that the request for 5 day watering would be from Monday until Friday and was advised in the affirmative. She enquired as to the type of liners used within the hanging baskets and was advised that those lined with plastic are being replaced with a fibre liner which lasts for 3-5 years and costs \$3.50-\$4.00.

The following motion was put forward:

Resolution No. 15-3

MOVED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Township Parks & Recreation Committee ask staff to work with the local Horticultural Societies to provide a watering program for baskets and beds in our villages and report back with a recommendation for 2006 budget considerations.

Councillor Karen Windatt addressed the motion advising that the intent is to include a watering program for all three villages and that Horticultural Society representatives should speak with staff and address areas of concern. She stressed that volunteer hours are important but that staff time costs money which impacts the municipal budget, therefore input is necessary for budget deliberations. She enquired of the deputation how this timing will impact Society plans and was advised by Mr. Nowakowski that if the baskets are not watered there will be no baskets. Mr. Real confirmed that the same would stand in Cannington, although the ½ barrels would remain. Mr. Nowakowski advised that input would be appreciated no later than the end of March.

Chair/Councillor Debbie Bath advised the deputation of the township's need to identify costs in this regard, to which Mr. Nowakowski advised that last summer in Bobcaygeon, the municipality spent approximately \$14,000.00 on staff time.

Councillor Reg Starr advised that approximately 5 years ago a meeting was held with the Cannington Horticultural Society at which time it was determined that municipal works staff would water the plants in Cannington 3 days per week, with Society members looking after the actual planting and weeding. At that time an attempt was made to provide students with community service hours as well, however there was no student response in this regard. He advised he is in favour of municipal staff undertaking the watering of the plantings 5 days per week based on the fact that staff are working anyway and it is only two extra days.

Mr. Nowakowski commented that if those municipal staff who cut the grass were unable to cut grass due to a dry season, that they could be watering the plants.

Mayor Keith Shier stated his support for the motion.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor enquired whether it would be possible to use drought resistant plants and was advised that based on past experience geraniums are not suitable for use and the baskets will be planted with wave petunias and foliage.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor stressed that there is a value to staff time to which Mr. Nowakowski advised that if wave petunias are planted and each basket has a fibre liner that they may retain water better, however that they will still require to be watered daily.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor advised that the \$14,000.00 quoted which was spent by the Village of Bobcaygeon on staff time for watering plants translates into a .23% of the tax rate and would there be some equipment that the municipality could purchase for use by volunteers who could look after the watering? Mr. Nowakowski advised that in the Town of Lindsay staff use a gator pulling a trailer equipped with a water tank with water wand which is run from the sidewalk, and that Brock staff could use one of the riding lawn mowers to pull a trailer with water tank. Regional Councillor O'Connor advised that workload in the Works Department would also be an issue in delegating staff to this job and recommended that this issue be referred to staff for their input. Mr. Nowakowski advised that 40 hanging baskets could be watered in 1-1.25 hours.

Mr. Nowakowski further advised that this year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Beaverton Horticultural Society and that they would like to make Beaverton a show piece this year.

Councillor John Grant voiced his support for the motion advising that he would like to see staff input prior to budget discussions. He agrees that beautification of our villages is important as is the partnership which will be required for the watering that will be required.

Mr. Nowakowski advised that the Beaverton Lions Club propose to purchase the plants required around the gazebo, which the Beaverton Horticultural Society will plant, these being in addition to the plantings at the library and cenotaph.

Councillor Allan Simpson thanked the deputation for their commitment to the community agreeing with Councillors Starr and Grant that it need not be a budget consideration and simply being the cost to do business. Councillor Simpson reiterated that municipal staff are being requested to water flower beds as well and was advised by Mr. Nowakowski that Society members do not have the means to water the flower beds. Councillor Simpson enquired who will be responsible for deadheading and was advised that there will not be much deadheading to be undertaken insofar as the hanging baskets. Councillor Simpson enquired of staff what equipment the municipality currently has for watering flowers and was advised we have a ½ ton truck equipped with a water tank, water wand and pump and that the costs incurred during the summer of 2005 to water plants were in excess of \$10,000.00 and anticipated based on the subject proposal, will likely be in the area of \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00.

Mayor Keith Shier expressed concern that by supporting Resolution No. 15-3 above, a decision could not be made soon enough to accommodate the Societies time line and that possibly a special meeting could be held to consider staff input. Mr. Nowakowski advised that a response by April 3, 2006 would be sufficient.

Councillor Reg Starr enquired of the Clerk-Administrator to confirm whether the municipality has the equipment and staff and that costs are already allocated in the budget to which the Clerk-Administrator advised that while allocated costs are deemed specific to a project.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor advised that we don't have staff just waiting for work to be completed and that staff input in this regard is necessary.

Resolution No. 15-3

MOVED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Township Parks & Recreation Committee ask staff to work with the local Horticultural Societies to provide a watering program for baskets and beds in our villages and report back with a recommendation for 2006 budget considerations.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair/Councillor Debbie Bath urged the deputation to speak with municipal staff to discuss the details of this project.

Mayor Keith Shier thanked the deputation and their supporters for their hard work in beautifying our main streets and the need to enhance our main streets in order to attract people, noting further how improvements are being added yearly. He advised that Markham was likely one of the first municipalities to enhance their main street with plants and that 8-10 years ago their budget for this was \$18,000.00. He noted that even small areas like Pepperlaw and Udora are enhanced by their plants. He advised he is glad that the Cannington Horticultural Society is considering hanging baskets on a trial basis and noted it is a show of community pride.

Resolution No. 16-3

MOVED BY Keith Shier that Leola English be permitted to speak to the committee.

MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Leola English enquired of the committee what is the practice for dealing with weeds on private property on our main streets and was advised by the Clerk-Administrator that the Weed Control Act relates to agricultural properties only, however that if a complaint is put in writing that staff can deal with an issue through the Property Standards By-law.

Resolution No. 17-3

MOVED BY John Grant that we break at 3:30 p.m. for a 5 minute recess.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Debbie Bath reconvened the meeting at 3:45 p.m. with the same members of committee in attendance. Staff members George Graham and Susan Creighton were present.

VII. GENERAL ITEMS (cont.)

- (6) Golf Tournament Committee – Township of Brock Amendment to Application for Criteria for Golf Tournament Proceeds

As the result of direction from council, the Golf Tournament Committee met to discuss amending the Township of Brock criteria for golf tournament proceeds. Members of the Parks & Recreation Committee were provided with an amended copy of the criteria, the main change reading as follows:

An innovative project that promotes the health, wellness and physical activity of our youth; general operating costs are excluded.

This clause originally read:

A new capital project.

As well, the deadline for review of projects applied for as the result of the 2005 golf tournament has been extended until 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2006.

A general discussion took place with Councillor Allan Simpson raising the question who determines the most deserving projects. Concern was also expressed insofar as the removal of the criteria stating *a new capital project* in that it was felt that a capital project has a more lasting effect in the community. It was explained that *capital* is different to each group and that the intent is not to limit groups as to what can be funded as long as it meets the criteria, and to obtain the most value for the funding available.

The Clerk-Administrator suggested amending the clause which references *deserving projects* which would be replaced with the following sentence:

Given the proceeds may fluctuate from year to year, not all projects will be able to be funded. The Township of Brock shall at its sole discretion approve the applications.

Resolution No. 18-3

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that the Parks & Recreation Committee accept the new wording of the criteria as presented by Brock Township Golf Tournament Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 19-3

MOVED BY Reg Starr that Brock Township Parks and Recreation Committee adopt the rewording of the application criteria for golf tournament proceeds, as provided by George Graham.

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 20-3

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that we do now adjourn at 4:19 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY