



Township of Chatsworth Council Minutes

Wednesday February 17, 2016

Members Present:

Mayor – Bob Pringle
Deputy Mayor – Scott Mackey
Councillor – Brian Gamble
Councillor – Shawn Greig
Councillor – Elizabeth Thompson

Staff Present:

CAO/Clerk, Will Moore
Treasurer, Asst CAO/Clerk, Grace Nayler

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Pringle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Opening Ceremonies:

Mayor Pringle called for a moment of reflection before proceeding with the Council Meeting.

3. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion Number 83-2016
Moved by: Scott Mackey
Seconded by: Elizabeth Thompson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chatsworth adopt the Agenda as amended.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

Mayor Pringle reminded Council members to disclose any pecuniary interest that may arise during the course of the meeting. Councillor Thompson declared an indirect pecuniary interest regarding item 9.2.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

5.1 Regular Meeting February 10, 2016

Motion Number 85-2016
Moved by: Shawn Greig
Seconded by: Brian Gamble

Be it resolved that the council of the Township of Chatsworth approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2016 as circulated.

Carried

5.2 Minutes to Receive – Building Committee January 22, 2016

Motion Number 84-2016
Moved by: Elizabeth Thompson
Seconded by: Scott Mackey

Whereas the Council of the Township of Chatsworth has entered into deliberations for the 2016 Budget;

And Whereas Council has arrived at a Draft Budget for the 2016 year;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Draft Budget presented at the February 17, 2016 Council Meeting showing revenues of \$7,920,186.13 including a Taxation Levy of \$4,460,003.52 and expenditures of \$7,920,186.13 be adopted by Council.

Carried

Motion Number 86-2016
Moved by: Brian Gamble
Seconded by: Scott Mackey

Be it resolved that the council of the Township of Chatsworth receive the Joint Building committee minutes of January 22, 2016 as circulated.

Carried

6. Public Meetings: 6:30 p.m. Budget

A public meeting was held regarding the Draft 2016 See Finance report FIN 01-16 (Section 9.1)

7. Deputations: 7:30 p.m. Sherri Brick & Cathy Burnside

Sherrie Brick and Cathy Burnside attended Council to request financial support for the beautification of the Main Street in the Village of Chatsworth. See Resolution Number 91-2016.

8. Accounts:

Motion Number 87-2016

Moved by: Scott Mackey

Seconded by: Shawn Greig

Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Chatsworth approve the accounts in the amount of \$162,555.62.

Carried

9. Reports/Recommendations/Quotes/RFP:

9.1 Finance Report FIN 01/16 Budget

The Finance Report reflected the Draft Budget for the 2016 year. It showed an overall tax dollar increase of 2.49% with a tax rate reduction of 2.039%.

9.2 Finance Report FIN 02-16 Corporate Lawyer

The Report reflected the RFP that was generated by Georgian Bluffs in partnership with the Township of Chatsworth with regards to the engagement of a Corporate lawyer regarding a Biodigester agreement.

Councillor Thompson declared an indirect pecuniary interest as she provides accounting services for the engineering firm that provided services for the Biodigester proposal.

Motion Number 88-2016

Moved by: Scott Mackey

Seconded by: Shawn Greig

Whereas the Biogrid Joint Board has formed a committee consisting of Senior staff and Mr. Bob DeJong to establish a reputable and experienced Lawyers Firm with Corporate and United States business experience to complete work that will include background studies that will show that the Townships have done their due diligence before entering into an agreement with SUSGlobal;

And Whereas the committee has done it's due diligence in finding a suitable firm to complete the work;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chatsworth retain Aird & Berlis, LLP jointly with the Township of Georgian Bluffs to complete the work required.

Carried

9.3 Water Report WTR 03-16 OCWA Summary Reports

The Water Coordinator provided Council with the OCWA 2015 Summary Reports for the Chatsworth and Walters Falls Water Systems.

Motion Number 89-2016

Moved by: Scott Mackey

Seconded by: Brian Gamble

Whereas a summary report for Municipalities, Schedule 22, of Regulation 170/03 must be prepared annually for the Chatsworth and Walters Falls Water Systems not later than March 31 of the following year;

And Whereas the 2015 Summary Reports have been prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency and received by the Township of February 1, 2016;

Now Therefore the Council of the Township of Chatsworth acknowledges and accepts the 2015 Summary Reports submitted by the Ontario Clean Water Agency for the Chatsworth and Walters Falls Water Systems.

Carried

9.4 Fire Report for January 2016

The Fire Chief presented Council with the Chatsworth Fire Report for the month of January showing 3 incidents including a fire save of \$200,000 with one incident.

Motion Number 90-2016

Moved by: Elizabeth Thompson

Seconded by: Scott Mackey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chatsworth receive the Fire Chiefs report showing 3 incidents and a fire save of \$200,000 for 1 of the incidents.

Carried

Motion Number 91-2016

Moved by: Scott Mackey
Seconded by: Brian Gamble

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chatsworth support the Village beautification project in the amount of \$1,000 for 2016.

Carried

9.5 Building Report CBO 01-16 for January 2016

The Building Inspector presented Council with January's report showing a total Building Permit value of \$161,000.00 which included 3 Building Permits.

Motion Number 92-2016
Moved by: Scott Mackey
Seconded by: Elizabeth Thompson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chatsworth receive the Building Departments CBO 01-16 Monthly Building Report.

Carried

10. Unfinished Business:

10.1 Public Meeting/Idea Gathering Session – Date

Council discussed a Public Meeting for the Public to come and give positive ideas to Council. It is to be rescheduled for later in 2016.

10.2 Procedural By-law

Deferred

11. New Business:

11.1 Massie Community Centre Request

Massie Community Centre requested that the Township of Chatsworth give them relief from taxation as a Community Centre group.

Motion Number 93-2016
Moved by: Scott Mackey
Seconded by: Brian Gamble

Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Chatsworth support the request by the Massie Community Centre for tax relief.

Carried

11.2 Aurora Resolution re OMB

The Town of Aurora sent a motion to Council to support regarding the Province directing the OMB to limit questions to questions of law or process.

Motion Number 94-2016

Moved by: Scott Mackey

Seconded by: Brian Gamble

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chatsworth support the Resolution of the Town of Aurora asking the Province to limit the jurisdiction of the OMB to questions of law or process and to uphold any planning decisions of Municipal Councils unless they are contrary to the processes and rules set out in Legislation.

Carried

11.3 Building Department Fees and Budget

Council was presented with the 2016 budget for the Joint Building Department and the Building Committee's proposed building permit fees.

Motion Number 97-2016

Moved by: Brian Gamble

Seconded by: Scott Mackey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chatsworth support the proposed Building Department 2016 Budget of \$537,600.

Carried

Motion Number 98-2016

Moved by: Scott Mackey

Seconded by: Elizabeth Thompson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chatsworth support the proposed building permit fees as recommended by the Building Committee.

Carried

11.4 MMWTWG Annual Fees

The Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group are requesting that Council pay an annual membership fee of \$500.00.

Motion Number 95-2016
Moved by: Brian Gamble
Seconded by: Scott Mackey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chatsworth support a \$500 annual membership fee for the Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group.

Carried

11.5 Kincardine Resolution Requesting Province to Cancel RFP for Added Wind Power Generation

The Township of Kincardine is requesting that Council support their resolution for the Province to Cancel an RFP for Added WindPower Generation.

Motion Number 96-2016
Moved by: Scott Mackey
Seconded by: Elizabeth Thompson

WHEREAS the Independent Electrical System Operator, under Ministerial Directive, issued an RFP for additional renewable energy generation including 300 MW of wind generation and is considering issuing further RFPs for 2016;

AND WHEREAS the December 2015 Auditor General's report confirmed that Ontario is generating surplus electricity with capacity increasing by 19% in the last 8 years while demand fell by 7.5% in the same period – Additional capacity is not required at this time;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General also reported that the existing Feed In Tariff (FIT) contracts mean that Ontario power consumers will pay a premium of \$9.2 billion for renewable power with wind power pricing that is double the prices paid in other jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Chamber of Commerce reports that the escalating price of electricity is undermining their members' capacity to grow, hire new workers, and attract investment, and that Ontario's electricity costs are among the highest in North America, making the province uncompetitive for business growth;

AND WHEREAS adding wind with natural gas back-up to Ontario grid drives CO2 emissions higher – The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers estimated that wind with natural gas backup produces base-load electricity at about 200 grams of CO2 emissions/kWh compared with the current system average level of 40 grams CO2 emissions/kWh;

AND WHEREAS Nature Canada reports that wind power facilities have a substantial negative impact on endangered species including migrating bats and birds as well as destroying habitat for species at risk; **AND WHEREAS** wind power is an intermittent source of electricity generation meaning that it cannot be used to replace dependable generating capacity without natural gas as a back-up;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Chatsworth requests:

- 1) That the Province of Ontario exercise its rights in Section 4.13(12) of the current LRP/RFP to “cancel the process at any stage and for any reason” and not issue any new wind generation contracts;
- 2) That the Province hold off any further renewable procurement process until the capacity is actually required and focus on sources that will actually reduce carbon emissions;
- 3) That the IESO review the outstanding FIT contracts that have not achieved “Commercial Operation” and vigorously enforce the terms of the FIT contract with a view to eliminating further expensive wind generation capacity being added to the grid.

12. Information Items: None

13. Closed Meeting Session: None

14. Agreements: None

15. By-Laws:

Motion Number 99-2016
Moved by: Scott Mackey
Seconded by: Elizabeth Thompson

That By-Law(s) 2016-08 be introduced and taken as read a first and second time.

Carried

Motion Number 100-2015
Moved by: Brian Gamble
Seconded by: Scott Mackey

That the following By-Law(s) as passed by Council be taken as read a third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the By-Law book.

By-Law 2016-08 Municipal Service Boards

Carried

Motion Number 101-2016

Moved by: Scott Mackey

Seconded by: Brian Gamble

That By-Law(s) 2016-16 be introduced and taken as read a first and second time.

Carried

Motion Number 102-2016

Moved by: Elizabeth Thompson

Seconded by: Brian Gamble

That the following By-Law(s) as passed by Council be taken as read a third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the By-Law book.

By-Law 2016-16 Confirming By-law

Carried

16. Adjournment:

Motion Number 103-2016

Moved by: Scott Mackey

Seconded by: Elizabeth Thompson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chatsworth adjourn at 9:38 p.m.

Carried

**Original signed by
Mayor, Bob Pringle**

**Original signed by
CAO/Clerk, Will Moore**