

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Regular Council Meeting

Meeting No. 07-2010

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Members Present: Mayor Gord Minielly
Deputy Mayor Carolyn Jamieson
Councillor John Dehondt
Councillor Ruth Illman
Councillor Doug Cook

Members Absent: Councillor Bill Weber
Councillor Mark Simpson
Councillor Gerry Rupke
Councillor John Russell

Staff Present: Clerk Carol McKenzie
Treasurer Janet Ferguson
Director of Community Service Peggy Van Mierlo-West

Media Present: Lynda Rapley, Lakeshore Advance

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Minielly asked members to declare any pecuniary or conflict of interest that they may have and none were declared.

3. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT

3.1 D.C.S. Report No. 17-2010 Re: Grand Bend & Port Franks Prop Washing Maintenance Agreement

Director of Community Services Peggy Van Mierlo-West provided an update on the request for proposals previously advertised for the maintenance of the Port Franks and Grand Bend Harbours. The Municipality received 2 proposals, and neither proposal was suitable as submitted. The two bidders have since formed a company and have submitted a joint proposal that addresses all the Municipal concerns. The joint proposal will save the Municipality approximately \$3,000.00 over 2009 rates, and Director of Community Services Peggy Van Mierlo-West noted that the Grand Bend Harbour

maintenance costs are subsidized 50% by the Federal Government. It was also noted that although the term of the proposed agreement is 5 years, the agreement calls for an annual performance review.

**10-0309-01 Moved by: Councillor Dehondt
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jamieson**

That D.C.S. Report No. 17-2010 is approved and that the proposal for the Grand Bend and Port Franks Prop Washing Maintenance is awarded to MITOI Works under a 5 year agreement. Carried

3.2 D.C.S. Report No. 16-2010 Re: Annual Drinking Water Systems Report

Director of Community Services Peggy Van Mierlo-West presented the annual drinking water system reports for the various supply and distribution systems that deliver drinking water to the Municipality. Provincial regulations require the Municipality to indicate any requirement that the systems failed to meet, and there were no failures in 2009.

**10-0309-02 Moved by: Councillor Illman
Seconded by: Councillor Cook**

That D.C.S. Report No. 16-2010 is approved and that the Annual Drinking Water Reports for the 5 water supply and distribution systems in Lambton Shores be posted on the Municipal website for public review. Carried

3.3 D.C.S. Report No. 18-2010 Re: PVB Enterprises

The progress made to date on the negotiations between the Municipality and PVB Enterprises pertaining to the proposed beach volleyball school on the north beach in Grand Bend was detailed in D.C.S. Report No. 18-2010.

The report detailed the draft communication plan to notify the residents of the proposal, the revised site plan with the number of courts reduced to 15 and locates the courts in a more suitable location, and the plans for the installation of the posts and maintenance of the site.

During the discussion, questions were raised as to the notice area for the communication plan, the proposed start date and the restriction on the number of events that amplified noise will be permitted and the ways of minimizing the impact of the noise on the residents. Director of Community Services Peggy Van Mierlo-West advised that the Municipal concerns had been addressed, and PVB would like approval for the proposed plans so that communications with the residents can commence. She further noted that there will be an "out clause" contained in the agreement if the

residents' concerns cannot be resolved, and there will also be an annual review to ensure that the program remains appropriate for the area.

**10-0309-03 Moved by: Councillor Dehondt
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jamieson**

That the draft agreement between PVB Enterprises and the proposed beach volleyball program as outlined in D.C.S. Report No. 18-2010 be approved, and that PVB. be directed to proceed with the communication plan to area residents. Carried

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor Minielly reported on correspondence he had received from the Sarnia Lambton Business Development Corporation, requesting financial support for the "Lambton MainStreet Players". The correspondence noted that the Lambton MainStreet Players' project provides local youth with a sense of belonging in the community, and helps to build their confidence and self-esteem, while contributing to the program goal of youth retention and job creation. Furthermore the project has played a role in promoting local businesses and encouraging downtown revitalization for communities throughout Lambton County.

**10-0309-04 Moved by: Councillor Illman
Seconded by: Councillor Cook**

That the Municipality of Lambton Shores donate \$1,000.00 to the Sarnia Lambton Business Development Corporation in support of the Lambton MainStreet Players. Carried

Councillor Illman reported on her recent presentation on Communities in Blooms made to the Thedford Spirit Club, and noted that the Club appreciated the opportunity to discuss plans for the area with the Director of Community Services.

Councillor DeHondt reported that the Grand Bend Horticultural Society was not successful in their funding request to Trillium for the gazebo at the Optimist Park on 81 Crescent, and also reported that the Grand Bend Winter Carnival may be approaching Council for support for a Trillium Grant for their events.

Councillor Illman noted that the Anglican Church in Forest looking to have the church designated as a heritage building, not the United Church as reported in the minutes.

Also noted was the recent discussion paper from George Mallay, Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership and Mayor Minielly noted that there would be further information forthcoming.

Mayor Minielly also reported on the success of the meeting with the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure for support for the expansion of the sewers to serve the lakeshore

areas, and noted that representatives from all the three of the area municipalities were in attendance at the meeting. It was noted that there will be a community initiated meeting on April 8th at the Grand Bend Public School to discuss the sewage expansion to service Lambton Shores' "Zone 3".

Director of Community Services Peggy Van Mierlo-West provided an update on the status of the Grand Bend Main Street project, and advised that a spring newsletter was being prepared to advise the Main Street business owners of the proposed work schedules.

With respect to the Thedford Village Green, work is anticipated to commence again in mid April, and Ms. Van Mierlo-West noted that the tenders received for the playground equipment were currently being reviewed, and the construction of the pavilion is underway.

Treasurer Janet Ferguson reported that the Municipality had recently been advised of the approval of the low interest loan from infrastructure Ontario for the Legacy Centre, and reported on the \$10,000.00 grant received from Hydro One under the Power Play program in support of children's sports and recreation facilities towards the improvements at the Legacy Centre.

Jim Hansen asked for clarification on the implications of the 2010 budget on the average homeowner, which was provided by Treasurer Janet Ferguson.

ADJOURN

**10-0309-05 Moved by: Councillor Dehondt
Seconded by: Councillor Illman**

That the meeting adjourn at 3:31 p.m.

Carried