

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Regular Council Meeting

Meeting No. 16-2010

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Members Present: Mayor Gord Minielly
Councillor John Dehondt
Councillor Bill Weber
Councillor Mark Simpson
Councillor Ruth Illman
Councillor Gerry Rupke
Councillor Doug Cook
Councillor John Russell

Members Absent: Deputy Mayor Carolyn Jamieson

Staff Present: C.A.O. John Byrne
Clerk Carol McKenzie
Treasurer Janet Ferguson
Director of Community Services Peggy Van Mierlo-West

Media Present: Lynda Rapley, Lakeshore Advance
Kim Powell, Forest Standard

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 with respect to the business itemized on the agenda and none were declared.

3. DELEGATIONS, PUBLIC MEETINGS & PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Ed Fluter and Sharon Weitzel – Lambton Shores' Community Association

Mr. Fluter, and Mrs. Sharon Weitzel, representing the newly formed Lambton Shores Community Association addressed Council to apprise members of the goals of the Association.

The collective concerns of the Association with respect to beach volleyball were outlined, and included parking issues that would result from increased usage of the beach, the need to include the contributions of cottagers when considering the economic impacts of the area, the concerns when dedicating a portion of the beach to private enterprise, the Official Plan objectives for the "Lakeshore zone", competition for

Main Street vendors if businesses are subsidized by the tax payers, and the actual size of the area of the beach that will be required for volleyball.

Mrs. Weitzel noted that the Association had approximately 120 members, comprised of residents, business owners and seasonal property owners, and one goal of the Association is to represent the members at the local, provincial and federal levels of government.

A brief discussion took place on the mandate and operating guidelines for the committee, and it was stated that the meetings are open to the public and that the minutes from the Committee meetings would be available on line. The Association has submitted a Recreation Master Plan questionnaire and hope to provide input into a long term strategy for the beach.

3.2 Mr. John Morrison – Not So Pro Volleyball

Mr. Morrison provided information on the past experiences of Not So Pro in the Municipality of Lambton Shores, and advised that the company has made annual donations to the community through the Optimist Club. He also noted that his company was not affiliated with the PVB Enterprises.

Mr. Morrison advised that the Grand Bend Not So Pro event is usually the weekend prior to the August long weekend, and the company provide first aid, fencing and ski patrol, and has a good relationship with the area motels and businesses. The participants in the Tournament tend to be young professionals between the ages of 24 and 44, and many people have booked hotel rooms and made arrangements to attend the event on the July 23-25 weekend.

When questioned on the number of Courts, Mr. Morrison stated that the plans were for 20 Courts, and the tournament would run from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, after which, everything will shut down. He noted that the speakers could be turned towards the water to reduce the impact on the neighbours.

Councillor Weber noted that last year, there was an issue with the licensed area and containing persons inside the regulated area. Mr. Morrison stated that the alcohol sales is not run by his company, and that there was a misunderstanding last year with the dimensions of the licensed area. He noted that Not So Pro was working with a local restaurant that will be providing the refreshments and that last year's issues have been discussed

Corporate and Strategic

4.1 C.A.O. Report No. 23-2010 Re: Moratorium on Beach Events – Grand Bend Beach

In Report No. 23-2010, Chief Administrative Officer John Byrne summarized for council the current status of the negotiations with PVB Enterprises and Not So Pro for volleyball tournaments on the Grand Bend Beach. He noted that as Council has initiated the Recreation & Leisure Master Plan study to review which services should be provided

Councillor Russell advised that at the time of amalgamation, the decision was made that Lambton Shores would be a “facilitator” of services, as opposed to a provider of services. With the Recreation Master Plan, it may be time to review and debate this decision.

Councillor Illman agreed that as Lambton Shores has allowed the private sector to provide services, there needs to be a review and discussion on how private companies deliver services.

Chief Administrative Office John Byrne advised that PVB Enterprises would like permission to host one tournament to demonstrate to the community what an O.V.A. tournament consisted of, and permission to hold a one week volleyball school, although the time to market the school may have passed. Mr. Byrne had discussed the possibility of allowing PVB to host a tournament with the municipal solicitor, who noted that as this would be a separate agreement, it would not compromise the municipal position with respect to the original agreement.

A recorded vote was requested on the following motion:

10-0615-03 **Moved by: Councillor Simpson**
Seconded by: Councillor Rupke

That P.V.B. Enterprises be granted permission to carry out one (1) of their proposed volleyball school programs on the municipally owned Grand Bend beach, with a maximum of 8 courts, and that they be granted permission to hold one (1) OVA sanctioned tournament this summer.

Carried

Councillor Dehondt -	No
Councillor Weber -	yes
Councillor Simpson -	Yes
Councillor Illman -	Yes
Councillor Rupke -	Yes
Councillor Cook -	Yes
Councillor Russell -	No
Mayor Minielly -	Yes

5. Councillor Reports

Councillor Illman referred back to the previous meeting at which the update on the strategic plan was briefly discussed. She noted that there were some issues, such as the community improvement plan that merit discussion, and that there are priorities that need to be determined to assist with the capital budget discussions. One of the reoccurring issues is that of economic development, and Councillor Illman recommended bringing people together to discuss this further later in the year.

Mayor Minielly concurred and noted that the County of Lambton Warden and Sarnia Chamber of Commerce would be looking at what should be done with Tourism Sarnia

