

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH**

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, February 13, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

**Mayor: Raymond Tout
Councillors: Mark Goetz
 Andy Lennox
 Dan Yake**

Absent:

Councillor: Sherry Burke

**Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk: Lorraine Heinbuch
 Executive Assistant: Cathy Conrad
 Treasurer: John Jeffery**

The meeting was held in the Municipal Office Council Chambers, Kenilworth.

A. **CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Tout called the meeting to order.

B. **O' CANADA**

C. **PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**Moved by: Councillor Goetz
Seconded by: Councillor Lennox**

THAT the Agenda for the February 13, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

Resolution Number: 1

Carried

D. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE
THEREOF**

None declared.

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E. MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of Council, February 6, 2012

**Moved by: Councillor Goetz
Seconded by: Councillor Lennox**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 6, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

Resolution Number: 2

Carried

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Richard and Mabel Cole
Re: Severance Application 145/11 – Amended Survey Sketch
(deferred from December 5, 2011 Regular Council Meeting)

Council discussed the application with Mr. Cole in regards to the size of the retained portion, zoning of the retained portion and the entrance for the severed portion.

A meeting will be arranged for the applicant, planning staff and Council to discuss the application.

G. DELEGATIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS

1. Jim Coffey, CAO, Saugeen Conservation Authority
Re: 2012 Draft Budget

Jim Coffey, CAO, Bill Scriven, Chair, Laura Molson, Manager of Accounting and Mark MacKenzie, Township Representative appeared before Council to discuss the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority 2012 Draft Budget.

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G. DELEGATIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS (continued)

1. Jim Coffey, CAO, Saugeen Conservation Authority
Re: 2012 Draft Budget (continued)

Mr. Coffey explained that this is a maintenance budget with very few capital projects being proposed. The increase in Wellington North's portion of the 2012 levy is \$4,200. The Township's share of the total levy is 3.6%. Salary and benefits make up a large portion of the 2012 levy. The budget reflects preparation for a staff member returning who had been seconded to Source Protection. The Board will give consideration to no longer borrowing from reserves to offset operating costs.

Mayor Tout questioned the percentage increase for the Conservation Authority levy. Mr. Coffey stated that the overall increase was 9% and explained that funding for Conservation Authorities is very different than for municipalities and there are limited sources for funds. Conservation Authorities do not work with assessments the way municipalities do.

Councillor Yake commented that the municipalities are the source of funds for the Conservation Authority. The Township struggles to keep their numbers down and it is hard to swallow the large increase from the Conservation Authority. The same discussion takes place every year.

Mayor Tout informed Mr. Coffey that Council will be meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources to discuss funding.

Mr. Coffey stated that a report had been prepared four or five years ago regarding funding for Conservation Authorities asking the Province for funding. The Conservation Authorities had 85% support from municipalities in this request. Funding was cut by the Province in 1995.

Mayor Tout asked Mr. Coffey for any information that can be provided prior to the meeting in a couple of weeks. Mr. Coffey will provide copies of the report.

Councillor Lennox confirmed with Mr. Coffey that the amount of funding from the Province has not changed. There have not been inflationary increases. This is downloading from the Province and the Province should be asked for an inflationary increase.

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G. DELEGATIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS (continued)

1. Jim Coffey, CAO, Saugeen Conservation Authority
Re: 2012 Draft Budget (continued)

Mr. Scriven explained that the OMERS benefits have increased 10.71%. The general levy is for non-revenue producing properties. A 3% increase will not cover hydro or benefits. If they can't operate the camp grounds then they will have to close the camp grounds. The non-revenue properties appeal to families because they can be used free of charge. Without funding these areas may be closed. The Province has made changes to the way projects are funded with the municipalities now responsible for a larger portion.

Mr. MacKenzie asked for a letter of direction from Council prior to the Board meeting.

Council did not support the proposed levy. Mayor Tout thanked the delegation for coming to Council and will have a letter prepared for Mr. MacKenzie.

H. STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Fire Committee
- Minutes, January 17, 2012

**Moved by: Councillor Goetz
Seconded by: Councillor Lennox**

THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Fire Committee meeting held on January 17, 2012.

Resolution Number: 3

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H. **STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND
RECOMMENDATIONS** (continued)

1. Fire Committee
- Minutes, January 17, 2012 (continued)

**Moved by: Councillor Goetz
Seconded by: Councillor Yake**

THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the proposed amendment to the Fees and Charges By-law, Schedule "D" as recommended by the Fire Committee and forward the amendment to the Clerk for inclusion when the by-law is amended.

Resolution Number: 4

Carried

**Moved by: Councillor Goetz
Seconded by: Councillor Yake**

THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North authorize the purchase of a portable pump from C-max at an approximate cost of \$5,300.00 plus taxes for the Mount Forest Fire Station using funds donated to the Fire Station from the Pike Lake Golf Tournament as recommended by the Fire Committee.

Resolution Number: 5

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H. **STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND
RECOMMENDATIONS** (continued)

2. Wellington North Fire Services
 - Arthur Fire Station
 - January 2012 Report
 - January 2012 Fire Prevention Officer's Report
 - Mount Forest Fire Station
 - January 2012 Report
 - January 2012 Fire Prevention Officer's Report

**Moved by: Councillor Yake
Seconded by: Councillor Goetz**

THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington North Fire Services January 2012 Reports and the January 2012 Fire Prevention Officer's Reports for the Arthur and Mount Forest Fire Stations.

Resolution Number: 6

Carried

3. Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
 - Minutes, February 7, 2012

**Moved by: Councillor Yake
Seconded by: Councillor Goetz**

THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee meeting held on February 7, 2012.

Resolution Number: 7

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I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION AND DIRECTION

1. Goderich & Area Disaster Relief Committee
Re: Thank You for Donation
- Received as information
2. Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration
Re: Lincoln M. Alexander Award 2012
- Received as information
3. Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
Re: 2012 Priorities, Budget and Levy

**Moved by: Councillor Lennox
Seconded by: Councillor Yake**

THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North forward the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority priorities, draft budget and levy for 2012 to the Finance Committee for review.

Resolution Number: 8

Carried

4. Ontario 9-1-1 Advisory Board
Re: 9-1-1 Advisory Board Seeks Your Assistance
- information from Linda Dickson, CEMC that the County will be covering \$100.00 from each municipality in Wellington County with respect to this request for financial assistance

**Moved by: Councillor Yake
Seconded by: Councillor Lennox**

THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North advise the Ontario 9-1-1 Advisory Board that the Township currently supports the Ontario 9-1-1 Advisory Board through the County of Wellington.

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J. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

None.

K. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION

Cheque Distribution Report dated February 9, 2012

Grand River Conservation Authority
- New Terminology Effective Feb. 15, 2012

Noah Green
- Thank You for Scholarship

L. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

M. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

N. CLOSED MEETING SESSION

1. "Legal" matters

Moved by: Councillor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT Council go into a meeting at 8:00 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsections 239 (2) (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001

- to consider advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

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N. **CLOSED MEETING SESSION** (continued)

1. "Legal" matters (continued)

Moved by: Councillor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT Council rise from a closed meeting session at 8:53 p.m.

Resolution Number: 11

Carried

O. **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor Lennox

THAT By-law Number 8-12 being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North at its Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2012 be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.

Resolution Number: 12

Carried

P. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor Lennox

THAT the Regular Council meeting of February 13, 2012 be adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Resolution Number: 13

Carried

C.A.O./CLERK

MAYOR