



Minutes of the Regular Town of Erin Council Meeting

August 11, 2015

7:30 pm

Municipal Council Chamber

PRESENT

Allan Ails	Mayor
John Brennan	Councillor
Matt Sammut	Councillor
Rob Smith	Councillor
Jeff Duncan	Councillor

STAFF PRESENT: Kathryn Ironmonger

Dina Lundy	CAO/Town Manager
Larry Wheeler	Clerk
Larry Van Wyck	Financial Analyst
Dan Callaghan	Road Superintendent
Bob Cheetham	Fire Chief
	Economic Development Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ails called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution # 15-287

Moved By Councillor Brennan

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as amended to add:

- Administration item - Economic Development Coordinator - Trillium SEED Grant Application
- Roads Report - 2015 Resurfacing Projects
- Move up Zoning related by-laws (after item 8.1.1)

Carried

3. Declaration Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Smith declared a pecuniary interest on the following items due to being the owner of a similar business:

- 5. Adoption of Minutes - July 13, 2015 Public Information Meeting - Sanderson
- 8.1.1 Report - Zoning Amendment Z15-03
- 13. By-laws relating to the Zoning Amendment

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4. Community Announcements

August 12 - Blood Donor Clinic at Erin Legion 2:30-7:30 PM
August 15 - Spirit in the Hills Family Fun Day
Fridays - Erin Agricultural Society Farmers' Market 3-7 PM
PanAm Games - wrapping up, well run
Parade of Horses - also wrapping up, and was quite successful

5. Adoption of Minutes

Councillor Smith moved away from the table.

Resolution # 15-288

Moved By Councillor Duncan

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that Council hereby adopts the following meeting minutes as circulated;

July 13, 2015 Public Information Meeting - Sanderson
July 13, 2015 Regular Meeting

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Smith returned to the table.

None.

7. Accounts

Resolution # 15-289

Moved By Councillor Brennan

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the accounts in the amount of \$541,771.77 be paid.

Carried

8. Reports

8.1 Building/Planning/By-Law

Councillor Smith left Council Chambers.

8.1.1 Aldo Salis, Manager of Development Planning - Zoning Amendment Z15-03

Mr. Salis presented the planning report for this application, highlighting the former uses of the property, agency review and comments, as well as public comments. The proposed amending by-law and agreement were also presented.

Resolution # 15-290

Moved By Mayor Alls

Seconded By Councillor Sammut

Be it resolved that Council receives the report from Aldo Salis, Manager of Development and Planning for the County of Wellington regarding the zoning amendment application to allow for a recycling drop-off facility at 1, 3, and 5 Main Street;

And that Council does not support the related by-laws for this application.

Carried

8.2 Roads

8.2.1 Road Superintendent - Halls Dam Update

Councillor Smith returned.

The Road Superintendent presented the report. Linda Dickson, Emergency Manager for the County of Wellington, also commented from a risk assessment perspective. There have been no issues downstream, and there is no public safety concern at this point. The Road Superintendent will report back to Council with more information as it becomes available.

Resolution # 15-291

Moved By Councillor Brennan

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be It Resolved that Council receives the Road Superintendent's Halls Dam Environmental Assessment update report 2015-16R for information.

Carried

8.2.2 Road Superintendent - Intersection of the 2nd Line and Wellington County Road 22

Resolution # 15-292

Moved By Councillor Smith

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that Council receives the report of the road superintendent regarding the intersection of the 2nd Line and Wellington County Road 22;

And that Council endorses the proposal to make this intersection a three way STOP.

Carried

8.2.3 Road Superintendent - Reconstruction of George Street

The Road Superintendent informed Council that one bid was received for the project which is well above the budgeted amount. As a result, the project may be delayed to 2016.

Resolution # 15-293

Moved By Councillor Duncan

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that Council receives the report of the Road Superintendent regarding the proposed reconstruction of George Street.

Carried

8.2.4 Road Superintendent - 2015 Road Resurfacing Projects

Resolution # 15-294

Moved By Councillor Smith

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be It Resolved that Council receives the 2015 Surfacing Report of the Road Superintendent and that the Road Superintendent be directed to obtain quotations for surface treatment.

Carried

8.3 Administration

8.3.1 Economic Development Coordinator - MOMENTUM: Town of Erin Economic Development Action Plan (report to follow)

The Economic Development Coordinator presented the Economic Development Action Plan to Council for information. The report will be posted on the website for public comment. Only written comments will be accepted until August 25, at 4:30pm. A review with Council will take place at the September 1 meeting, with the final plan to be presented for adoption at the September 15 meeting.

Resolution # 15-295

Moved By Councillor Smith

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that Council receives the report of the Economic Development Coordinator, Momentum - Town of Erin Economic Development Action Plan 2015-2018, for information.

Carried

8.3.2 CAO - Update regarding Sideroad 10 unopened road allowance

Resolution # 15-296

Moved By Councillor Brennan

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that Council deems Part of the Road Allowance between Concessions 7 and 8 and Part of the Road Allowance between Lots 10 and 11 to be surplus;

And that Council will permit the transfer of the road allowance to the adjoining properties as shown on the Attached Schedule A;

And that Council will consider opening, closing and conveying the said road allowance to the adjoining property owners subject to the expenses relating to the survey and transfer being the responsibility of the owners benefiting from the transfer;

And that notice be given in accordance with By-law 07-65 Disposal of Property.

Carried

8.3.3 Economic Development Coordinator - Trillium SEED Grant Application

Resolution # 15-297

Moved By Councillor Smith

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that Council supports making application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for funding under its SEED Grant to conduct a feasibility study to determine the feasibility of constructing the Erin Rotary Riverwalk along the shores of the Lower Credit River Erin Branch in the Town of Erin with cost not to exceed \$75,000.00.

Carried

8.4 Finance

8.4.1 Financial Analyst - microFIT Solar Rooftop Project

Resolution # 15-298

Moved By Mayor Alls

Seconded By Councillor Sammut

Be it resolved that Council accepts the proposal from Bluewater Energy of Guelph to enter into a 20 year microFIT contract for a rooftop solar panel system to be installed at Erin Firehall Station 10 at a cost of \$26,500 plus HST as recommended by the Financial Analyst, subject to the investigation of technical issues as discussed and the satisfaction thereof.

Carried.

8.4.2 Financial Analyst - Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

Resolution # 15-299

Moved By Councillor Smith

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that Council receives the Financial Analyst's report with regard to the Town's successful application to the Federal Economic Development Agency for \$50,000 under the project category 'Improvement of Community Park Playground Equipment' in conjunction with the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.

Carried

8.4.3 Financial Analyst - Sledge Hockey Grant – Hillsburgh Community Centre

Resolution # 15-300

Moved By Councillor Duncan

Seconded By Councillor Sammut

Be it resolved that Council receives the Financial Analyst's report with regard to the Town's successful application to Wellington County for \$10,000 under the Accessibility Fund Incentive Program to subsidize the renovations at the arena in Hillsburgh to accommodate sledge hockey.

Carried

8.5 Water

8.5.1 MOECC Inspections

Resolution # 15-301

Moved By Councillor Sammut

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that Council receives the Water Department's Erin MOECC Inspection Report with a rating of 100% and the Hillsburgh MOECC Inspection Report with a rating of 100%, for information.

Carried

8.6 Fire and Emergency Services

8.6.1 Fire Chief - June 2015 Monthly Fire Report

Resolution # 15-302

Moved By Councillor Duncan

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that Council receives the Fire Chief's June 2015 Monthly fire report for information.

Carried

8.7 Committees

8.7.1 Let's Get Hillsburgh Growing - June 18, 2015 meeting minutes

Resolution # 15-303

Moved By Councillor Sammut

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that Council receives the LGHG June 18, 2015 meeting minutes for information.

Carried

8.7.2 Committee of Adjustment - January to July 2015 meeting minutes

Resolution # 15-304

Moved By Councillor Smith

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that Council receives the January to July 2015 Committee of Adjustment meeting minutes for information.

Carried

8.7.3 Heritage Committee - June 15 meeting minutes

Resolution # 15-305

Moved By Councillor Brennan

Seconded By Councillor Sammut

Be it resolved that Council receives the Heritage Committee June 15 meeting minutes for information.

Carried

Resolution # 15-306 (verbal)

Moved By Councillor Sammut

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that John Brennan be appointed Presiding Officer for item 8.7.4.

Carried

Councillor Duncan and Mayor Alls left Council Chambers.

8.7.4 Heritage Committee - Resolution regarding Cenotaph

Resolution # 15-307

Moved By Councillor Sammut

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that Council receives the request from the Heritage Committee to add the Cenotaph at the northwest corner of Main and Union Street to the formal municipal registry of listed properties;

And that Council approves this request.

Carried

8.7.5 Heritage Committee - Resolution regarding 185 Main

Councillor Duncan and Mayor Alls returned. Mayor Alls resumed the chair.

Resolution # 15-308

Moved By Councillor Duncan

Seconded By Councillor Sammut

Be it resolved that Council receives the request from the Heritage Committee to add the former public school property at 185 Main Street, Erin to the formal municipal registry of listed properties;

And that Council denies this request.

Carried

9. Correspondence

Resolution # 15-309

Moved By Councillor Brennan

Seconded By Councillor Sammut

Be it resolved that Council receives correspondence items 9.1 to 9.4 for information.

Carried

9.5 Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington - Resolution for Fairness in Provincial Infrastructure Funds

Resolution # 15-310

Moved By Councillor Sammut

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that Council receives the correspondence from Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington requesting support for his upcoming private member's resolution in the Ontario legislature;

And that Council supports the Resolution for Fairness in Provincial Infrastructure Funds, as stated in the received correspondence.

Carried

9.6 Henri Gagne, Optimist Club of Erin - Requesting Financial support for Federal All Candidates Night

Resolution # 15-311

Moved By Mayor Alls

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that Council receives the request from Henri Gagne, on behalf of the Optimist Club of Erin, to waive Centre 2000 Theatre rental fees on September 14, 2015 for a federal election all candidates night, in the amount of \$265.00;

And that Council denies this request.

Carried

9.7 Haldimand County - Resolution regarding the Vacancy Rebate Program

Resolution # 15-312

Moved By Councillor Sammut

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that Council receives the resolution from the Council of Haldimand County requesting the Minister of Finance and Minister of Municipal Affairs to review the Vacancy Rebate Program legislation to ensure that businesses are not eligible for a reduced property tax burden if the 'vacancy' is a result of a labour disruption;

And that the Council of the Town of Erin hereby supports this resolution.

Carried

10. New Business

10.1 Discussion item - Bicycles on Sidewalks

A concern from a business owner on Main Street was received regarding the safety of pedestrians due to cyclists riding on the sidewalks in the downtown area. Council agreed that they do not wish to ban cycling on sidewalks, however asked staff to look into other options (ie. signage, public information notices) to warn cyclists of pedestrians.

10.2 Discussion item - Open forum - Format for questions from the public

A request was received to have open forum questions from the public during Council meetings. Council does not wish to lengthen meetings, and as another option, would agree to try periodic special meetings to receive questions from the public. The format would be questions only, and would allow each person 5 minutes to ask their question, and for Council to respond.

11. Closed Session

Resolution # 15-313

Moved By Councillor Duncan

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that Council adjourns the meeting to proceed into a closed session at the hour of 10:43 PM to discuss the following:

Matters under the following exemption in the Municipal Act S. 239 (3.1) Educational or Training Sessions (code of conduct, MFIPPA)

Carried

12. Return from Closed Session

12.1 Motion to Reconvene

Resolution # 15-314

Moved By Councillor Sammut

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that the meeting be reconvened at the hour of 11:15 PM.

Carried

12.2 Report Out

None.

13. By-Laws

Resolution # 15-315

Moved By Councillor Duncan

Seconded By Councillor Sammut

Be it resolved that By-Law number 15-31 (confirming) is hereby passed.

Carried

14. Notice of Motion

Councillor Duncan presented the following notice of motion:

That Council, under authority of the Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Community Safety Zones) that received Royal Assent on June 26, 1998, hereby directs the appropriate municipal personnel to report back to Council on the suitable actions/options required to implement a Community Safety Zone By-law. The By-law would indicate as per the Act that public safety 'is of special concern' on the Main Street area within the Town's jurisdiction of the urban area of the village of Erin and the Trafalgar Road area within the Town's jurisdiction of the urban area of the village of Hillsburgh.

15. Adjournment

Resolution # 15-316

Moved By Councillor Brennan

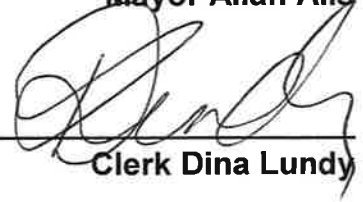
Seconded By Councillor Sammut

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at the hour of 11:20 PM.

Carried



Mayor Allan Ails



Clerk Dina Lundy