



Minutes of the Town of Erin Special Council Meeting

January 14, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Centre 2000 - Theatre
14 Boland Dr

PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Kathryn Ironmonger CAO/Deputy Clerk
Jessica Wilton Meeting Notes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ails called the meeting to order, and welcomed everyone to this public meeting on growth. He explained the purpose of the meeting, and the agenda.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Topics for Discussion

3.1 Growth and Development

Gary Cousins, County of Wellington Director of Planning went through a presentation on growth and development in the Town. Council is looking for input on the following:

- Whether some development could/should be permitted prior to the completion and implementation of the Class EAs and, if so, under what conditions?
- Whether there are options for development of lands on partial services, that will not receive full services.
- Whether the above considerations would affect the 3 options for growth currently proposed to be assessed in the Class EAs.

Kathryn Cooper, Upper Grand District School Board Trustee

- With 4 public schools in Erin and Hillsburgh and one high school there is a declining population in these schools.
- With no plans to shut any of them down they still need to consider new development to keep these schools running.
- They are losing 3-4% of students each year that is around 50 students a year.
- 5 years before any significant loss will happen - this is 250 students loss.

Chris Bailey, BIA Chair

- The Erin downtown businesses are struggling with vacancies.
- Erin needs more options with retirement facilities and diverse housing options to allow for families to downsize and stay in Town of Erin.

- If we can increase the population it will help address the challenges in - the business sector in Erin.
- The community improvement plan can help existing and future businesses.

Heidi-Marie Matthews, 41 Erinlea Cres

- The transition over the last two years has involved input from many people including planners, CVC, public health, etc. to gather input for the Town of Erin.
- Council needs to consider the substantial development checklist that was created from the input and consider how does growth measure up to this checklist of substantial development

Nyola Holliday, 9310 Sideroad 17

- The SSMP addresses needs for capacity of future and existing industrial and commercial areas.
- There are 700 acres available, how does Council decide which developers get to develop this land?

Alex Matthews

- Phase 3 of the EA in beginning stages, will Council ensure that alternative technologies are involved in the EA process?
- Will performance based approach be involved in the assessment?
- Does the SSMP have figures for the existing development to hook up?
- How many failing septic could be improved in the area?
- Is there going to be a committee to assist with the growth?

Pauline Follett, 13 Erin Heights Dr

- Why are we excluding any consultants with the Phase 3 funding model?
- Need to consider alternate funding market.

Anna Spiteri, 9030 Wellington Road 50

- Rural and Urban areas need an equal opportunity.
- Closing main street for piping to be put in will cause businesses to struggle.
- Council needs to consider a committee to work on the SSMP.

Dr Marieke Wevers, Wellington Rd 125

- Need to look at Halton and Rockwood as examples of development.
- Revenue from gravel pits towards the SSMP
- Join pipes to Halton (Georgetown).
- Share expenses to bring taxes down.

Curtis Marshall, 19 Delerin

- Growth from Hillsburgh and Erin need to consider both options 50-50.
- Not the case of lowering taxes if growth is within the Villages.
- Increasing housing cost is relative to the GTA not only Erin.
- Sewage will bring industrial and commercial development. Development charges are not that bad compared to GTA.
- Existing houses hooking up to sewage should not consider any grants.

Rob Blakley

- The timeline for the EA and decisions several years out – no incentive for developers.

Jay Mowat, 5120 Ninth Line

- Erin Transition 11 point plan – Council to be more active than previous council.
- The 2 year developing document shows we need development just need to be smart about it.
- Council needs to consider this transition plan

- Phase 3 of EA process – consultants not looking at alternative treatments
- Need to be active and looking at alternative solutions.
- Environment committee not in Erin for over a year – asking members to be involved in environmental committee.

Deanna MacKay, 5409 Tenth Line

- 1995 abandoned plan for sewage treatment.
- Why is money being spent to repeat the process already done?
- Residential and commercial owners pay taxes twice will they have to pay twice for 60million dollar sewage treatment?
- Additional cost need to be considered.
- 1500 people opposed to the plan.

Denise Dilby, 5223 Third Line

- Need alternate funding - not through grants but developers to help with waste plant costs.

Jill Rogers, 1 Erin Heights Dr

- Walkway along river does not need to be built – money should go towards sewage treatment plant

Dave Dautovich, 5177 Third Line

- Budgeting department needs to be set in place first before any decisions are made.
- Town of Erin is responsible for full costs no County Etc. do we have backup plan for budgeting?

Werner Pischel

- Need to look at technologies available to find best and most cost effective plan.
- Action plan to find best cleaning of waste water.
- Technologies from Germany and bring them to Erin.

John Morland-Jones, 9255 Sideroad 27

- There are 2 25acres parcels viewed for residential development what is the land classification. Need to keep primary agriculture.

Anthony Wade, 1 McCullogh Dr

- Can't afford to hookup to sewage – would have to leave Town of Erin
- Encourages development along the walkway.

Elanor Rowan, 5785 First Line

- Does all effluent need to go towards the water?
- Why site specific to Erin and Hillsburgh. Rural areas should be looked at.

Phyllis Tomkinson, 11 Wesley Cres

- Asking people about new development but not giving all the information needed
- Wants an accurate figure to hook up to sewage- line from road to owners house at owners expense? – need to give accurate cost for homeowners.
- Who is responsible to any damage done to house if it happens – Alton example.
- Need to consider what is under the roads before they consider sewage pipes. Lots of Gravel pits in Erin that same material is under the streets.
- Consider a Pipe at Mississauga road – can we hook up to that pipe?

David, Sideroad 15

- Not in support of developing Solmar lands. Primary Agricultural lands need to be used for farming. Best soil we have.

Ray, 18 Pineridge

- EA is using traditional technology
- Performance based EA at the beginning not end of phase 3
- Need engineering consultants that are experienced in this area
- Consider mandatory water and sewage hook up.
- What is the cost for each homeowner to hook up and what is the cost if they don't?

Heather Gentles, 9347 Sideroad 9

- Need to consider checklist considered by previous Council
- Need Council to talk to developers to get them to pay for this treatment plant

Brent Klassen, 5438 Second Line

- Establishing a vision for the future

Patricia W, 6 Erinlea

- No affordable housing in Erin for younger families as well as property taxes
- Nowhere to downsize in Erin

Solmar – Developer

- They are listening to comments and willing to work with Council on proposed development

4. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.



Mayor Allan Alls



Clerk Dina Lundy