

Meeting No. 43

Date: December 13th, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Sydenham

Present: Mayor Gary Davison
Deputy Mayor Mark Tinlin
Councillors, John McDougall
Allan McPhail
Cam Naish
Bill Robinson
Del Stowe
Ron Vandewal
Larry York

Staff: Wayne Orr, Chief Administrative Officer

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – Nil

3. Business Items

(i) Wayne Orr, Chief Administrative Officer, re: Year One in Review

Council discussed the “Year One in Review” report as prepared by the CAO. In addition to the points listed, council commented on the respectful and professional tone of Council over the past year. Positive feedback was provided to staff over the accomplishments through the year.

In terms of items for future discussions, issues such as Ontario Works, housing, child and family benefits and seniors housing are issues that are not addressed by township council. Will there be opportunity for an orientation on property standards and by-laws, initiatives for economic development, small businesses and tourism and how they link with the county’s role. Will there also be a review of the Official Plan and the communication strategy for the township.

(ii) Wayne Orr, Chief, Administrative Officer, re: Committee Structure Review

Council was supportive of remaining with three committees and making some adjustments on the recommendation of the CAO, including moving the growth plan to the Development Services Committee, moving the cemetery and bylaw enforcement to Corporate Services Committee and fire services and emergency planning to the Public works Services committee. Budget will go under strategic planning and economic development.

Furthermore, Council’s direction was to leave the committee’s in place and the committee composition for two years and review on a bi-annual basis. Therefore the next review will be December 2012.

It was noted that an agreement between Councillor Naish and Councillor York had been reached where Councillor Naish would move to Committee of Adjustment and Councillor York to the Public Works Services committee at the end of 2012.

(iii) Wayne Orr, Chief Administrative Officer, re: Operational Plan for Strategic Plan Implementation

Wayne Orr reviewed the operational plan for the strategic plan and committed to bringing forward a completed plan to the Committee of the Whole for the end of January

2012. Council was supportive of the framework to itemize: timelines, key activities and resources for each strategic direction.

In January, Council will review key activities with the intent of committing to those. Staff were encouraged as they fill out and complete the operational plan to consider opportunities for engaging the community as a partner.

4. Other Business

Wayne Orr brought to the attention of Council their need to confirm their interest in attending the Ontario Good Roads Conference further to the email from Angela Maddocks at the end of November.

Mayor Davison advised Council that further to “in-camera” discussions, he had a teleconference with representatives of McDowell and Associates and will be bringing a report to the January 17th Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillor Tinlin drew to Council’s attention an article regarding the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.