

**Meeting No. 40**

**Date: November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – Nil**

**3. Closed Session – Personnel & Litigation**

4. Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**5. Delegations - nil**

**6. Business Items**

**(i) Mark Segsworth, Public Works Manager, re: 2012 Road Construction Plan**

The Public Works Manager presented with maps, the 2008-2011 surface/pavement preservation initiatives as well as the 2008-2011 construction accomplishments. In separate colours, the 2012, 2013, and 2014 construction plans were identified. He provided Council with a list of factors used in assessing roads to determine the three year construction plan. A road condition survey which was completed in the fall of 2010 by staff and consultants is the basis of the plan. In addition, traffic volumes, road classification, surface type, posted speed, maintenance requirements, the degree of patching needed in the past, the evidence of road failure, motorist safety and the experience and data from the supervisors, managers and lead hands are all incorporated and considered in assessing what roads need reconstruction. The geographic isolation of a road in order to reduce dead head time in maintenance, grading and snow plowing is also considered. Partnerships with neighbouring municipalities and the need to complete projects that have been previously initiated are also considered. It was clarified for Council that local needs identified by Councillors outside of the three year plan should be discussed with the Public Works Manager and where necessary he will bring a report forward to Council for a decision by Council as a whole. The Public Works Manager committed to bringing a multi year plan in the seven to ten year range forward to Council. He also committed to Council that the Harrowsmith sidewalk identified by Councillor Robinson would be addressed in 2012 with sidewalk maintenance dollars and that he would look seriously in the spring to make it safer. This would address the temporary hazards, replacement of the sidewalk would occur later when infrastructure work is being done.

**7. Other Business**

Deputy Mayor Tinlin raised questions with regard to the variances between the net tax impacts of the four Canada Day celebrations. It was clarified that this represents the

budgets as requested by the local recreation committees. He questioned the trailer by-law and his understanding from a constituent that new rates were instituted.

Mayor Davison brought to the attention of Council the Santa Claus parade in Sydenham, the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Verona and the Harrowsmith Santa Claus Parade as well as the two volunteer firefighter's association functions.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.