

Meeting No. 31

Date: September 27th, 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**
 Lindsay Mills, Planner

1. Call to Order

The Mayor reconvened the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

2. Business Items

(i) Anne Levac, Planning Assistant, re: Closing of Unopened Road Allowances

Council direction was that if severance requests are being made, they should follow up through the normal process with the Committee of Adjustment and that Council is generally not in favour of closing road allowances that lead to water.

(ii) Wayne Orr, Chief Administrative Officer, re: Police Services Board Initiative

Council direction was to include a \$5000.00 allowance in the 2012 budget for this communication tool on behalf of the Police Services Board. This item will then be part of the budget discussions for final confirmation.

(iii) Wayne Orr, Chief Administrative Officer, re: Portland Cemetery Board

With regard to this report, direction from Council was to contact the chair of the Portland Cemetery Board and ask them to contact the Verona Community Association to discuss their concerns and for the board to accept a delegation from the VCA at their upcoming meeting.

With regard to the topic of amalgamating the cemetery boards, the three municipal councillors were asked to take that message back to their local boards and to report back to Council on how that discussion goes.

(iv) Wayne Orr, Chief Administrative Officer, re: Strategic Plan

With regard to the Strategic Plan, direction from Council was to bring this item for approval at a Council meeting. The resolution is to include a direction from staff for the development of timelines and budget implications.

(v) Wayne Orr, Chief Administrative Officer, re: 2012 Budget Process

Council direction was to include a review of the reserve balances and any restrictions and to pursue Option B as outlined in the report and adapt this option to include a full day Saturday session.

With regard to the financial direction, Council indicated that the capital budget should come forward as a comprehensive listing and items will be prioritized by Council. With regard to the operating budget, operating increases are to be included (such as wage adjustments and materials and supply changes). Any expansion of any program will need a strong rationale for Council to debate.

3. Other Business - nil

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.