

**Meeting No. 9**  
**Date: March 8<sup>th</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**  
                  **Lindsay Mills, Planning Coordinator**  
                  **Rick Chesebrough, Fire Chief**  
                  **Deb Bracken, Treasurer**  
                  **Mark Segsworth, Public Works Manager**  
                  **Suzanne Rummell, Deputy Treasurer**  
                  **Ashley Brown, Recreation Coordinator**  
                  **Alan Revill, Chief Building Official**

**1. Call to Order**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest.**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**3. Delegations**

**Mayor Davison acknowledged the passing of Mary Young, former District Chief Gord Young's wife.**

**(i) Cheque Presentation – Loughborough Recreation**

**Mike Howe from Loughborough District Recreation Committee, along with members of the committee, Norm Irwin, Vicki Veldman, Lesley Myles presented a cheque to Council for \$11,000.00 to be put towards the Point Improvement fund, bringing the total fundraising to date at \$31,000.00.**

**Mayor Davison expressed his appreciation for the efforts of volunteers in this activity.**

**(ii) Wayne Conway, Verona Community Association, re: Sidewalks**

**Wayne Conway and Debbie Lingen from the Verona Community Association presented a request to Council for a sidewalk over the creek and up to the IGA store. He indicated that in his dealings he has identified lots of support for this initiative and understands that it is part of the design component and future work scheduled for 2012.**

**(iii) Rick Choma, re: Billing for Motor Vehicle Accidents**

**Rick Choma reviewed the chronology of the Motor Vehicle Accident that his wife Betty was involved in. In February of 2011 they received a call from their insurance broker indicating that the insurance company had received an invoice for the firefighter response to the accident.**

**While he understands the chronology and the history of decisions made by Council, he is asking for consideration given that they did not file an insurance claim.**

**4. Business Items**

- (i) Report from Lindsay Mills, Planning Coordinator, re: Cost estimate for extending water to proposed commercial development for Darryl Silver**

**Lindsay Mills presented this report with regard to the cost estimate for extending water to the proposed commercial development of Darryl Silver. This zoning request initially was heard on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and was deferred until February and then further deferred pending comments on the cost implications of extending water.**

**Mr. Silver had obtained a cost estimate of approximately \$400,000.00.**

**Comments from Council acknowledged that while it was a large amount, it was clear that if Council wishes to have the water system expand then at some point major and significant decisions will need to be made.**

**It was also highlighted that the cost of installing the water is potentially more than the cost of the new building and that while the costs could be shared across multiple property owners, it would still have a significant impact on many people.**

**There were questions as to whether this was the area for future growth or whether there were other areas on the water system that should be targeted for expansion. No number crunching has been done by staff to determine how this could be funded or how it could be distributed across property owners.**

**It was felt that this should be part of the growth strategy for the township as a whole. With the information available it was felt that it would be premature to make any decision on extending the water and rather the development should just proceed at this time.**

**The direction from Council was to proceed with the third reading of the by-law at the March 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and not including the inclusion of extending the water.**

- (ii) Report from Rick Chesebrough, Fire Chief, re: Draft By-law for billing of motor vehicle accidents**

**Chief Rick Chesebrough presented the draft by-law for billing of motor vehicle accidents.**

**Questions raised included why do we not bill for fire calls, the effective date, who does the collection, how quickly do we expect to receive payment, as well as whether there was a way to contact the motor vehicle owner in advance of issuing the billing.**

**Deputy Mayor Tialin expressed concern with the billing concept and felt that just because the insurance company is paying, ultimately the tax payer is paying increased insurance premiums as a result. Given that this service is not usually requested by the owner, but called in by someone else, there is no way for the motor vehicle owner to control how much equipment is dispatched. In essence this is nickel and diming the taxpayer.**

**Provisions in the by-law address situations where there is no insurance and the question that remains unanswered is how long before the insurance companies realize that if they do not pay, then everyone is off the hook.**

**There appears to be support for this issue and it is to come forward at a future Council meeting.**

- (iii) Report from Wayne Orr, Chief Administrative Officer, re: 2011 Preliminary Budget**

Wayne Orr presented the 2011 preliminary budget for Council's review. The information was presented at a high level recapping the 2010 budget raised from taxation and highlighted the three directions from Council to present base budget with same service levels, one that reflects needs, and one that reflects best practice.

The 2011 big picture situation indicates that revenues are down dramatically and total expenditures are also lower, however the base budget requires significant increases to keep service levels the same.

Revenue sources were reviewed from 2010 to 2011 and they are down \$4.1 million. Departmental revenues were clarified. Departmental expenditures are down \$1.8 million. The 2011 commitments and increases were highlighted as well as other budget items that had been included. Initiatives that have not been budgeted for include strategic planning, improved newspaper ads, website improvements, HR and occupational health and safety investments, information technology and financial system assessments. No staffing needs are included.

The preliminary budget requires an increase in taxation of \$2,688,057.00 or 26.08%. Funding options for Council were reviewed as well as the alternative of reducing service levels or deferring construction or other initiatives.

Options were presented to council and direction was sought. Staff do not anticipate or expect that Council will approve this budget as presented, but it is a Council directive and staff awaits further direction. A departmental budget review from Mark Segsworth, Public Works Manager is scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The budget would come forward on April 5<sup>th</sup> for approval.

Council expressed concern with not having a paper copy of the document and details for them to comment. There was a sense that some more initiatives will need to be cut back in order to deliver what we can afford.

Alternatives for garbage charge increases were discussed however no general feedback was provided pending the distribution of documentation for further review.

## **5. Other Business**

### **(i) Frontenac County – Source Water Protection Update – March 16<sup>th</sup>**

It was brought to the attention of council the Source Water Protection update being coordinated by Frontenac County.

### **(ii) Cataraqui Source Protection Area – April 4<sup>th</sup> – Round Table Session**

This item was brought to Council's attention as well.

**(iii) Bill Robinson brought forward a request to refer the issue of conducting an inventory of township assets to the Public Works Services committee.**

## **6. In-Camera**

## **7. Adjournment**

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.