

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

February 4, 2008
(9:04 a.m.)

1. MOMENT OF MEDITATION:

A moment of meditation was observed.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk gave the roll call and the following Committee Members were present:

Deputy Mayor Wheeler
Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Smockum

Councillor Jordan
Councillor Hackenbrook

3. COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Committee Members were made aware of a number of community events taking place.

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS AND DEPUTATIONS:

None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0036

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Carried.....

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

None.

7. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0037

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

Carried.....

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None.

9. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

The following items were identified for separate discussion:

- 9.1 Item 12.1, a presentation by Jason Chee-Aloy, Director of Procurement for the Ontario Power Authority, respecting pending initiation of activities to procure electricity generation for northern York Region
- 9.2 Item No. 15.2, various matters for disposition
- 9.3 Item No. 17.1.1, Report No. DAS-2008-0007 entitled '2008 Water and Wastewater Budgets'

10. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

10.1 Matters not subject to individual conflicts

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

That the following recommendations respecting the matters listed as 'Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion' be adopted as submitted to Council and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same:

Routine:

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0038

THAT THE ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE BE RECEIVED.

10. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:

Reports:

17.2 Report from the Leisure Services Department:

17.2.1 Region of York – Draft Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan

Report No. LS-2008-0007

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0039

- 1 THAT REPORT LS-2008-0007 BE RECEIVED.
- 2 THAT THE TOWN OF GEORGINA ENDORSE THE DRAFT PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING MASTER PLAN AND THE PLANNING AND DESIGN GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK.

Carried.....

10.2 Matters subject to individual conflicts

None.

11. DEPUTATIONS:

None.

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

12. PRESENTATIONS:

12.1 Jason Chee-Aloy, Director, Procurement, Electricity Resources, Ontario Power Authority, respecting pending initiation of activities to procure electricity generation for the Region and the associated timelines of the process.

Mr. Chee-Aloy advised Council that Shawn Cronkwright, Manager, Technical-Electricity Resources, and Nancy Marconi, Planning-Power System Planning are also in attendance. He explained that the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) is an independent organization created to take the necessary steps to ensure that Ontario will continue to have a reliable, sustainable electricity supply well into the future.

Mr. Chee-Aloy explained that the OPA is a government of Ontario agency enacted by legislation in 2004 entrusted with two responsibilities. The first is to produce a 20 year Integrated Power System Plan for Ontario's electricity system which they filed with the Ontario Energy Board in August of 2007. The OPA's mandate is to update this plan every three years. Only three plans have been filed to date, in 1973, 1989 and 2007. He stated

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:

that Ontario faces major challenges to meet the future electricity demand which is growing by 1% per year, even faster in some areas. The second responsibility is to procure the generator capacity and conservation programs to meet the energy requirements. He noted that most of northern York Region is growing at a fast pace.

Mr. Chee-Aloy stated that conservation is one of the solutions to the energy problem and is a tool to help meet the demand, but it cannot solve all of the local needs. The OPA has a target of 27 MW of conservation by 2010 and it has currently met 17 MW to date through a Demand Response Contract of 15 MW and Distribution Companies' Conservation Programs of 2 MW. In 2008 to 2009 there will be additional Demand Response of 4 MW and Distribution Companies' Conservation Programs of 7 MW.

Mr. Chee-Aloy explained that the OPA is working towards this target on behalf of the Province and will sign a long-term contractor for energy generation. The OPA is not responsible for siting new generation facilities other than specifying electrical connection, mandating environmental performance or directing the operation of the facility. It will ensure that the rules of the Ministry of the Environment are adhered to through the contract they enter into for the power plant.

Mr. Chee-Aloy explained that there are enough generation developers capable of meeting any specifications that may be requested, so the OPA is able to launch the process. One plant is needed for northern York Region, powered by natural gas that will only run 10% of the time as demand requires. This plant will be 350 MW in size, approximately the size of 2 or 3 soccer fields put together and would be in production by 2011. He noted that the actual building would be approximately half that size and would include 2 or 3 smoke stacks of approximately 150 feet in height. The gas and steam turbines could be housed indoors. He also noted that this facility has the potential for being lucrative and would be municipally taxable.

Mr. Chee-Aloy stated that the draft Request For Qualification (RFQ) has been produced and the proposals will be evaluated in order to produce a short list of applicants, then the Request For Proposal (RFP) will be let. The developers on the short list will then resubmit more detailed plans and certain criteria will be followed in order to choose the developer who will be contracted to develop the \$400 Million project.

Mr. Chee-Aloy explained that the OPA has been directed to procure a plant, so they must do so. The pre-qualification process will take 3 or 4 months, ending in March or April of this year, then the RFP will take 6 or 8 months, with the Proposal Submission Evaluation Announcement taking place by December of this year.

Mr. Chee-Aloy explained that the facility would not be too large or unsightly and built to be aesthetically pleasing and therefore communities tend to accept the facilities fairly easily. He indicated that in regard to the size and aesthetics of this type of facility, most people would not even know that it is a power plant when they see it, with regard to how it is constructed. The power plant will be producing electricity and this electricity has to be

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:

transferred to a transmission system, then down to a distribution system before it reaches homes and businesses. He stated that the power plant can be located anywhere within northern York Region, while a generator could be located in Aurora, King, Brown Hill or East Gwillimbury.

Mr. Chee-Aloy advised that the gas and energy companies are working together as both forms of energy are required to be provided to customers. He stated that the whole of northern York Region has been identified as in need of energy generation, although some communities are ranked higher than others in terms of energy requirements, noting that the area will be re-evaluated every three years.

Mr. Chee-Aloy explained that the Ministry of the Environment's standards are based on the Provincial and National standards. The developer must meet all of the MOE's standards which include emissions, noise levels, and the limited use of resources such as water. The OPA is educating local Councils on this process with a view to assisting communities to accept the facility.

Mr. Chee-Aloy indicated that the reality of the situation is that the power is needed to serve communities and that fact has to be accepted. He explained that with the weather changes in recent years, Ontario has become more of a summer peaking area with regard to the use of air conditioners, rather than a winter peaking area and therefore, power plants are required to provide electricity when it is needed. This plant would not run constantly, only occasionally. He indicated that there are no peaking power plants of this type constructed to date, but the best example of a similar facility would be the Portland Energy Centre in Toronto that should be in operation by this summer, which is similar in size to this power plant and a site visit could be arranged for appropriate staff members, if desired.

Mr. Chee-Aloy stated that the OPA is into the official procurement process now and they are not sure who will bid on the project, but are relatively confident that there will be multiple bidders, while only one will be awarded the contract. The OPA is here to educate Council with regard to the reasons and rationale of why this plant is needed for northern York Region. The plant will require less than 20 employees once in operation, but many people will be involved in constructing it and job opportunities will be available at that time.

Mr. Chee-Aloy stated that 31,000 MW generation capacity is available at this time, as well as a buffer of 4,000 MW as required insurance as back-up. Of the 31,000 MW, 20,000 MW needs to be replaced somehow within the next 20 years either through the construction of a new plant, the refurbishing of an existing plant or the scaling down of energy consumption through energy conservation measures. The southern areas of the region are more stressed than the Brownhill or northern areas. The Brownhill Transformer Station would be helping to supply energy to the north and south, but it would not be as stressed as the Armitage Transformer Station to the south.

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0040

THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY JASON CHEE-ALOY, DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT, ELECTRICITY RESOURCES, ONTARIO POWER AUTHORITY, RESPECTING PENDING INITIATION OF ACTIVITIES TO PROCURE ELECTRICITY GENERATION FOR THE REGION AND THE ASSOCIATED TIMELINES OF THE PROCESS, BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

14. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

None.

15. COMMUNICATIONS:

15.2 Matters for Disposition:

- 15.2.1 Eric Jolliffe, Deputy Chief of Police, York Regional Police, requesting Council sponsor the Military Tattoo to be held on April 19, 2008.

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0041

THAT TOWN COUNCIL SPONSOR THE YORK REGIONAL POLICE MILITARY TATTOO EVENT TO BE HELD ON APRIL 19, 2008 AT THE RAY TWINNEY RECREATION COMPLEX IN NEWMARKET AS A BRONZE PARTNER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00 IN MEMORY OF A FORMER DECEASED GEORGINA RESIDENT, CONSTABLE ROBERT PLUNKETT, AND AS GEORGINA'S DEPUTY MAYOR DANNY WHEELER IS CHAIR OF THE POLICE SERVICES BOARD.

Carried.....

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:

- 15.2.2 Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk, Region of York, requesting consultation with municipalities concerning Industry Canada's revised procedures for installing radiocommunication and broadcasting Antenna systems.

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0042

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM DENIS KELLY, REGIONAL CLERK, REGION OF YORK, REQUESTING CONSULTATION WITH MUNICIPALITIES CONCERNING INDUSTRY CANADA'S REVISED PROCEDURES FOR INSTALLING RADIOCOMMUNICATION AND BROADCASTING ANTENNA SYSTEMS BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING FOR DISPOSITION.

Carried.....

Deputy Mayor Wheeler moved forward Item No. 17.1.1 at this time.

17. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

17.1 Report from the Administrative Services Department:

- 17.1.1 2008 Water and Wastewater Budgets

Report No. DAS-2008-0007

The report writer was advised that the words 'Burke Street Station in Keswick' on page 4 of the report under the heading 'Milltronics' should read 'Burke Street Station in Sutton'.

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0043

1. THAT REPORT NO. DAS-2008-0007 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION; AND
2. THAT THE 2008 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS AS DETAILED IN REPORT DAS-2008-0007 BE APPROVED; AND

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:

3. THAT THE CAPITAL REQUESTS FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DIVISION AS DETAILED IN REPORT DAS-2008-0007 BE APPROVED AND SUCH PURCHASE BE FUNDED BY A TRANSFER FROM THE APPROPRIATE RESERVE FOR EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND FUTURE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE; AND
4. THAT THE APPROPRIATE BY-LAW BE APPROVED TO AUTHORIZE SUCH RATES TO SUPPORT THIS APPROVED BUDGET.

Carried.....

- 15.2.4 Beth Sedore requesting that the water and sewer rates not be increased at this time.

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0044

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM BETH SEDORE REQUESTING THAT THE WATER AND SEWER RATES NOT BE INCREASED AT THIS TIME, BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

- 15.2.5 Johanne Ramsay and Michael Lee disagreeing with the increase for water and sewer rates and requesting a stop to increases.

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0045

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM JOHANNE RAMSAY AND MICHAEL LEE DISAGREEING WITH THE INCREASE FOR WATER AND SEWER RATES AND REQUESTING A STOP TO INCREASES, BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

- 15.2.3 Trina West, President, P.A.W.S. of Georgina, outlining statistics that indicate the success, value and responsible animal ownership the spay/neuter program is having on the community.

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0046

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM TRINA WEST, PRESIDENT OF P.A.W.S. OF GEORGINA, OUTLINING STATISTICS THAT INDICATE THE SUCCESS AND VALUE OF THE SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM AND THE POSITIVE EFFECT IT IS HAVING ON THE COMMUNITY WITH RESPECT TO RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP, BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

- 15.2.6 Ginette Bertrand, Clerk, Township of Russell, requesting support of its request that the Provincial Government to consider amending the formula used to calculate a municipality's debt capacity to allow capital projects.

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0047

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM GINETTE BERTRAND, CLERK, TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL, REQUESTING SUPPORT OF ITS REQUEST THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CONSIDER AMENDING THE FORMULA USED TO CALCULATE A MUNICIPALITY'S DEBT CAPACITY TO ALLOW CAPITAL PROJECTS, BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

- 15.2.7 Vivian Hould, Coordinator, St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program, requesting the Town offer free licenses to therapy dogs living in Georgina.

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0048

THAT TOWN COUNCIL ENDORSE THE WAIVER OF THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR ALL THERAPY DOGS RESIDING WITHIN GEORGINA, THAT THE BY-LAW BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE AND THAT THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:

THERAPY DOG PROGRAM BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL LIST OF ALL WORKING THERAPY DOGS RESIDING WITHIN GEORGINA TO THE TOWN CLERK FOR REFERENCE.

Carried.....

16. PETITIONS:

None.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

19. REGIONAL BUSINESS:

None.

20. MOTIONS:

None.

21. NOTICES OF MOTION:

None.

22. OTHER BUSINESS:

Moved by Councillor Hackenbrook

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0049

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM COUNCILLOR HACKENBROOK REQUESTING THE DREDGING OF THE MOUTH OF THE BLACK RIVER TO ALLOW ACCESS TO AND FROM LAKE SIMCOE, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$7,000 FOR NEW FENCING, BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE 2008 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS FOR CONSIDERATION.

Carried.....

23. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

That the meeting adjourn at this time (10:08 a.m.) and a Special Council Meeting be held immediately following the Committee of the Whole meeting to deal with the following matters:

- i) Roll Call
- ii) Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
- iii) Report No. DAS-2008-0007 entitled '2008 Water and Wastewater Budgets'
- iv) A By-law to establish the Water Service Rate Structure under Section 391 of the Municipal Act 2001, for water service for the users of the waterworks systems in the Town of Georgina
- v) A By-law to establish the Sewer Service Rate Structure under Section 391 of the Municipal Act 2001, for sewer service for the users of the sewerage systems in the Town of Georgina
- vi) Confirming By-law
- vii) Adjournment

Carried.....