

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

November 3, 2008
(9:07 a.m.)

1. MOMENT OF MEDITATION:

A moment of meditation was observed.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Deputy Clerk gave the roll call and the following members were present:

Mayor Grossi	Regional Councillor Wheeler
Councillor Jordan	Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Hackenbrook	Councillor Smockum

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:

The following addendum items were identified as part of the agenda:

- 4.1 Routine Item No. (ii), wind farms guidelines
- 4.2 Routine Item No. (v), Sutton Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)
- 4.3 Item No. 23, Closed Session, was withdrawn, to be dealt with at a later date
- 4.4 Confirmation of attendance at an upcoming GCHCC meeting under 'Other Business'
- 4.5 Special Council Meeting with regard to the Red Barn motion

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor Hackenbrook

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0287

THAT THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDENDUM ITEMS BE APPROVED:

- 5.1 ROUTINE ITEM NO. (II), WIND FARMS GUIDELINES
- 5.2 ROUTINE ITEM NO. (V), SUTTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT (WPCP)
- 5.3 ITEM NO. 23, CLOSED SESSION, WAS WITHDRAWN, TO BE DEALT WITH AT A LATER DATE
- 5.4 CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE AT AN UPCOMING GCHCC MEETING UNDER 'OTHER BUSINESS'
- 5.5 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH REGARD TO THE RED BARN MOTION

Carried.....

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

None.

7. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0288

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2008 BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

Carried.....

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None.

9. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

- 9.1 Item No. 11.1, Deputation by Bob Smith, President, Lake Simcoe Arts Foundation/Red Barn Theatre, requesting a renewal of its operating grant from the Town of Georgina of \$60,000 for the 2009 season
- 9.2 Item No. 15.2.1, correspondence from Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, requesting nominations for a number of awards.
- 9.3 Routine Item No. (ii), correspondence respecting Noise Guidelines for Wind Farms
- 9.4 Routine Item No. (v), correspondence regarding the Sutton Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)

10. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

10.1 Matters not subject to individual conflicts

Moved by Councillor Hackenbrook

Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler

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-2008-0289

THAT ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE BE RECEIVED.

Reports:

17.1 Report from the Administrative Services Department:

- 17.1.1 Collaborative Municipal Initiatives of the 6 Northern Municipalities of York Region

Report No. CAO-2008-0005

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0290

THAT REPORT NO. CAO-2008-0005 REGARDING COLLABORATIVE MUNICIPAL INITIATIVES OF THE 6 NORTHERN MUNICIPALITIES BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.

Carried.....

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

10.2 Matters subject to individual conflicts

None.

11. DEPUTATIONS:

- 11.1 Bob Smith, President, Lake Simcoe Arts Foundation/Red Barn Theatre, requesting a renewal of its operating grant from the Town of Georgina of \$60,000 for the 2009 season.

Mr. Smith stated that he is in attendance to request Council to renew the Town's grant of \$60,000 for 2009 and to request an advance from those funds for the 2009 season. He explained that the Red Barn Board has been working on sponsorship, patron funds, and fundraising and their new Executive Director has begun on their 2009 fundraising opportunities. He stated that they will be launching their annual Christmas fundraising drive and noted that John McLean has agreed to act as Honourary Director and work with their Executive Director for the 2009 proposals. He indicated that the Lake Simcoe Arts Foundation understands and is committed to fundraising and takes it seriously, but they are in need of the Town's support through the ongoing \$60,000 grant.

Mr. Smith explained that the Red Barn has no funds available to them at this time of year and he is requesting that Council authorize an advance of \$30,000 from the 2009 operating grant as cash is required to secure the rights to the 2009 season shows. He explained that the Foundation requires operating funds to launch its Christmas campaign and it also has 2008 obligations that require attention.

Mr. Smith stated that the draft financial statements indicate a small surplus from the 2008 season, but the books need to be completed. He explained that the Foundation's obligations include accounts payable which is part of its cash flow problem. For too many years, the Foundation has been using next years' funds to pay past years' debts, and this is still occurring, but the Town has assisted the Foundation by way of a \$40,000 grant in 2008.

Mr. Smith indicated that the Foundation has \$125,000 in accounts payable and no money in the bank at this point. The Foundation Board is attending a strategic planning retreat on Dec. 4th, at which they need to figure out how to raise some additional funds to try to pay off the debt so that each year will be able to support itself. If it wasn't for the debt, the Foundation would have seen some profit in the 2008 season. He explained that the Town grant of \$40,000 went towards paying off the debt, noting that at the end of 2007, the accounts payable were approximately \$180,000, and at the end of 2008, they are \$125,000.

11. DEPUTATIONS cont'd:

Mr. Smith indicated that the 2009 season will be very different and varied from past seasons. The foundation has budgeted conservatively for the upcoming season and expect an attractive bottom line at end of 2009. He explained that the Board has not discussed the option of bankruptcy, noting that bankruptcy would be the last resort. The Board is just requesting Council at this time to renew its annual grant which has been given since 2005 and to provide an advance on that grant. He noted that as long as he is President, he will not approach Council for anything over and above the annual \$60,000 grant.

Stan Armstrong, CAO, clarified the discussion by stating that the request is for Council to formally approve the \$60,000 annual grant as well as a \$30,000 advance on that grant. This has been done in the past and it is nothing that causes any concern from a financial standpoint.

Faye Richardson, Director of Leisure Services, stated that she has figures from the Accounting Department indicating that the Town has provided the Foundation \$70,000 in 2006, \$140,000 in 2007 and \$70,000 in 2008 to date.

Mr. Smith indicated that the operating grant provided to the Red Barn in 2006 was \$60,000 and an additional grant of \$45,000 was given by the Town for electrical work, as well as a one time grant in the amount of \$40,000 in 2007 to help with accounts payable. The operating grant which has been part of the Leisure Services budget, has been \$60,000 since 2005.

Mr. Smith noted that the Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon matinee performances have been discontinued for the 2009 season to reduce costs.

Moved by Councillor Jamieson

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0291

THAT THE DEPUTATION MADE BY BOB SMITH, PRESIDENT OF THE LAKE SIMCOE ARTS FOUNDATION/RED BARN THEATRE, CONCERNING THE ANNUAL TOWN GRANT AND REQUESTING AN ADVANCE ON THAT GRANT BE RECEIVED AND THAT TOWN COUNCIL FORMALLY APPROVE THE COMMITMENT OF THE ANNUAL \$60,000 GRANT TO THE LAKE SIMCOE ARTS FOUNDATION/RED BARN THEATRE FOR 2009 AND THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER BE REQUESTED TO ADVANCE \$30,000 FROM CONTINGENCIES AGAINST THE 2009 OPERATING BUDGET COMMITMENT FOR THE RED BARN THEATRE TO ALLOW THEM TO SECURE THE RIGHTS FOR THE 2009 SEASON AND TO MOUNT VARIOUS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS.

Carried.....

12. PRESENTATIONS:

None.

14. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

None.

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

15. COMMUNICATIONS:

15.1 Matters for Routine:

15.1.1 Routine Correspondence

ii) Routine Correspondence respecting Noise Guidelines for Wind Farms

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0292

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM ELAINE HARDY, SENIOR PROGRAM SUPPORT COORDINATOR, MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, REGARDING THE POSTING OF THE FINAL CLARIFICATIONS TO THE NOISE GUIDELINES FOR WIND FARMS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL REGISTRY, BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING AND TO THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS FOR PREPARATION OF A COLLABORATIVE REPORT TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON THE ISSUE.

Carried.....

v) Routine Correspondence regarding the Sutton Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0293

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM JOHN GERRETSEN, MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, RESPECTING THE SUTTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

15. COMMUNICATIONS cont'd:

PLANT (WPCP) EXPANSION BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING FOR PREPARATION OF A REPORT TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON THIS ISSUE.

Carried.....

15.2 Matters for Disposition:

- 15.2.1 Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, requesting nominations for the Volunteer Service Awards (VSA), the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award (JCOAA) and the Ontario Medical for Young Volunteers Award (OMYV).

Moved by Councillor Jamieson

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0294

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE HONOURABLE MICHAEL CHAN, MINISTER OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION, REQUESTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS (VSA), THE JUNE CALLWOOD OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (JCOAA) AND THE ONTARIO MEDAL FOR YOUNG VOLUNTEERS AWARD (OMYV), BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES FOR DISPOSITION, AND TO INCLUDE THE 2008 GEORGINA AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS AS NOMINEES IF THEY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS.

Carried.....

16. PETITIONS:

None.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

19. REGIONAL BUSINESS:

Bob Magloughlen, Director of Engineering and Public Works, was requested to contact the Region of York with regard to the completion schedule for the resurfacing of the east portion of Baseline Road, due to its deteriorating state.

20. MOTIONS:

None.

21. NOTICES OF MOTION:

None.

22. OTHER BUSINESS:22.1 GCHCC Meeting attendance confirmation

Stan Armstrong, CAO, confirmed that Mayor Grossi and Councillors Szollosy and Smockum can attend the Georgina Community Health Care Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m., while Councillor Jordan will be unable to attend, and that Councillor Hackenbrook has a standing conflict. Councillor Jamieson and Regional Councillor Wheeler indicated that they will attempt to attend the meeting, but they should not be counted on to make quorum.

Moved by Councillor Jamieson

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

That the Committee of the Whole Members move into a Special Council meeting at this time (9:43 a.m.) to deal with the following matter:

- i) motion concerning annual funding to the Lake Simcoe Arts Foundation/Red Barn Theatre

Carried.....

The Committee Members reconvened the Committee of the Whole meeting at this time (9:44 a.m.).

23. RECESS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND RESOLVE INTO CLOSED MEETING:

None.

24. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING:

None.

25. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Jamieson

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourn at this time (9:45 a.m.).

Carried.....