

— TOWNSHIP OF —
ASHFIELD - COLBORNE - WAWANOSH

Council Minutes
August 29, 2011

Reeve Ben Van Diepenbeek called the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council to meet in special session on the 29th day of August 2011, at 7:00 pm in the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council Chambers.

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| Reeve | Ben Van Diepenbeek |
| Deputy-Reeve | Neil Rintoul |
| Councillors | Connie Black |
| | Murray Curran |
| | Barry Millian |
| Councillors Absent | Doug Miller |
| | Roger Watt |
| Staff Present | |
| Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer | Mark Becker |

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

3.0 ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

The Township is allowed to make a request for a disaster declaration for public and private assistance. The Minister is authorized to declare a "disaster area" for the purposes of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP).

ODRAP is an assistance program designed to help municipalities, individuals, farmers, small business, and non-profit organizations get back on their feet after a natural disaster. It is intended to cover the costs of returning essential items to pre-disaster condition for people who have suffered damage in designated disaster areas. ODRAP is not intended to be an alternative or a substitute for adequate insurance coverage.

- Private component: Funds are raised by the community and may be matched up to 2:1 by the province.
- Public component: Financial assistance may be provided by the province to affected municipalities for disaster response and recovery.

To make a request, municipal council must adopt a resolution and forward it to the Minister within 14 working days of the onset of the disaster. This must be approved by the Minister prior to September 6th, as the Provincial Government cannot approve any announcement of funds after that date in light of the upcoming election.

It is important to note that only uninsured damages within the declared disaster area are eligible for ODRAP funding.

We must agree to establish a local disaster relief committee for the private component of ODRAP as soon as possible once the declaration of a disaster area is made by the Minister. It is hopeful that the existing committee in Goderich will perform this task, with a member from the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh as well.

Moved by Millian
Seconded by Curran

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E PROGRAM

BENMILLER #1
TORNADO

Whereas the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh recently experienced a Tornado on Sunday, August 21, 2011 and has experienced substantial damage to municipal property and infrastructure and has received reported losses of private damage. The Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh hereby requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to declare the "Benmiller Area" a "disaster area" for the purposes of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP);

Further, should the Minister declare a disaster area regarding the private component of ODRAP, Council will immediately, under the authority of ODRAP, appoint members to a disaster relief committee to administer ODRAP.

Carried.


4.0 ADJOURN

Moved by Black
Seconded by Rintoul

ADJOURN #2

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council does now adjourn to meet again on September 6, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. or at the Call of the Reeve.

Carried.


Reeve, Ben Van Diepenbeek


Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer, Mark Becker