



— TOWNSHIP OF —
ASHFIELD - COLBORNE - WAWANOSH

Council Minutes

March 9, 2021

Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council met in special session on the 9th day of March 2021, at 7:00 pm through Zoom, a video conferencing platform. This meeting was held electronically as per By-Law #52-2020, Section 3.10 which allows for Electronic Participation of Council Meetings.

The following individuals were participants during the special Council meeting:

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Councillors

Glen McNeil
Roger Watt
Gloria Fisher
Wayne Forster
Jennifer Miltenburg
Anita Snobelen
Bill Vanstone

CAO
Clerk
Chief Building Official
Planner

Mark Becker
Florence Witherspoon
Brett Pollock
Celina Whaling-Rae

OTHERS PRESENT: This list is not complete as many members of the public did not submit a first and/or last name when logging into the electronic platform.

Barry Hutchison, Denise Van Amersfoort, Dennis, Don Bester, Daryl Mitchell, Doug Vrolijk, Evan Hickey, Geoff Connors, George Hoy, Gina McDonnell, Gitta Voisin, Jane Sager, Mark Kernighan, Mary Lou Rae, Michael Grigg, Michael Gubesch, Montgomery Prior, Peggy Shepherd, Rebecca Garrett, Rob Fleming, Rose Borths, Sarah Giilk, Theresa Dejmeck, Wendy Hoernig, Wendy Fisher.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to host a Public Meeting, as required under the Planning Act, to discuss any revisions that may be required of the ACW Official Plan.

2.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

3.0 TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL PLAN PUBLIC MEETING

Mayor Glen McNeil welcomed all to the meeting and advised that ACW Council has initiated a review of the Township's Official Plan. The review will take into consideration provincial legislation, as well as comments from Council, the public and partner agencies.

This meeting is being held to gather public input on what residents perceive to be appropriate revisions to the existing Official Plan.

Notice of this Public Meeting was given on Friday, February 5th, 2021 on the Township's website as well as posted in the local papers the following week. A flyer was also mailed to all property owners within the Township, giving information on the existing Official Plan, what the 5 Year Review process is about, details of this meeting and how to get in touch with any questions.

The Official Plan, as existing, will be reviewed today. At the conclusion of the meeting, staff will review the comments presented and draft proposed revisions to the Official Plan.

3.1 Celina Whaling-Rae / Planner, County of Huron

We have provided Council with a copy of the presentation prepared by Ms. Whaling-Rae, as well as the existing Official Plan. Also included are the written submission received. Ms. Whaling-Rae reviewed her presentation overviewing the Official Plan review process and the expected timelines associated with the review.

Ms. Whaling-Rae reviewed the written comments submitted, which are summarized below:

A number of comments received specifically requesting that Council consider changing the designation on a particular property from Extractive to Agriculture (property south of Balls Bridge). Request stems from concerns over this property one day becoming a gravel pit, and the potential impact this may have on adjacent natural environment features. Submitters: Rebecca Garrett, Stephen Garrett, Elizabeth McManus, Christina Hodnet, Debbie Gillespie, Donna & Bill Crawford, Mary Gregg, James Wallace, Michael Gregg, Ruth Brown, Katrina, Tony, and Fran McQuail, Lorraine Johnson, & Marjorie Schoemaker.

Kathy Westbrook: concerned regarding the state of the Port Albert Beach throughout Summer 2020 & requesting that the OP be amended to better address regulating and protecting the area.

Gina McDonnell: requesting that an Agricultural Impact Assessment be required as part of a complete application for aggregate operations.

Mary Lou Rae: requesting that the findings of the Port Albert Master Servicing Review be implemented within the OP as appropriate.

Vicki Culbert: requesting her property in Nile be considered for FD.

Virginia Caesar: requesting street names be changed in Dungannon.

David Werezak: requesting that the OP include more policies in support of active transportation, particular regarding the Waterfront Trail & G2G.

Wendy and Heinz Hoernig: requesting that the portion of their property designated Village/Hamlet not be re-designated.

a) Comments from the Floor

George Hoy spoke on behalf of the Amish, requesting that Council consider allowing 50-acre minimum farm parcels. Mr. Hoy later spoke again to request that Council consider heritage designations when reviewing the Official Plan. Councillor Miltenburg advised that she also would like to see century barns protected.

Mary Lou Rae asked if the Huron County Official Plan needs to be approved before the ACW Official Plan is adopted. Ms. Whaling-Rae advised that there is no legislative requirement, however it is anticipated that the Huron County document will be approved later this spring. Ms. Rae later spoke again to request Council consider improving access to and regulating public accesses to the beach.

Rebecca Garrett shared her screen with Council, making a presentation on behalf of concerned citizens of the Little Lakes area. She requested Council change the designation in the area from Extractive to Natural Environment. She further requested that the Fisher wood lot be properly designated from Extractive to Natural Environment. Lastly, the group is requesting Council consider hosting a meeting to discuss the broader issue of gravel extraction in the Township.

Theresa Dejmek requested that the seasonal designation of David Drive be reconsidered to year-round servicing. Ms. Whaling-Rae advised that she would reach out to Ms. Dejmek to confirm the designation and zoning and to further discuss the matter.

Montgomery Prior asked how to make Market Road a public road. Mr. Prior will reach out to staff to discuss the process surrounding bringing private roads to municipal standard for seasonal access.

Daryl Mitchell requested Council consider making Market Road a public road, and further asked Council to consider making all roads within the Township public to allow for year-round access.

Mayor McNeil thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Miltenburg
Seconded by Fisher

ADJOURN

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council does now adjourn to meet again on March 16th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Mayor.

Carried.

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