

**TOWNSHIP OF EAST HAWKESBURY
MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER AT ST-EUGENE**

PRESENT:- Robert Kirby, Mayor
Gabriel Dussault, Luc Lalonde and Linda Séguin, Councillors

Linda Rozon, Clerk

MOTIVATED ABSENCE: Richard Sauvé, Deputy Mayor

ALSO PRESENT:-

Representatives from Economic Development Ste-Anne de Prescott

* The assembly is called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Resolution No. 2012-118**

Moved by Linda Séguin
Seconded by Gabriel Dussault

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as submitted.

CARRIED

2. **DISCLOSURE - PECUNIARY INTEREST**

NIL

3. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

3.1 **Resolution No. 2012-119**

Moved by Gabriel Dussault
Seconded by Luc Lalonde

Be it resolved that the minutes for Regular Meeting of August 13, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. **ADOPTION OF RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**

4.1 **Resolution No. 2012-120**

Moved by Gabriel Dussault
Seconded by Luc Lalonde

Be it resolved that the minutes of the East Hawkesbury Recreation Board for Regular Meeting held August 13, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. **DEPUTATION :**

5.1 **8:30 p.m.** Members of Economic Development Ste-Anne de Prescott

Louis Lavigne, David Sherwood, Jean-Pierre Lavigne are present for this item.

A discussion takes place on different subjects.

After discussion, the Mayor thanks everyone for their presence.

6. **PUBLIC MEETING**

- 6.1 **8:00 p.m.** Cancellation of taxes as per *Section 357 of Municipal Act*.

This hearing is held pursuant to *Section 357 of the Municipal Act, chp. 25 and amendments thereto* with respect to canceling, reducing or refunding taxes for the years 2009 to 2012.

No one is present in the audience for this item.

7. **REPORT FROM THE CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL**

- 7.1 **Resolution No. 2012-121**

Moved by Luc Lalonde
Seconded by Linda Séguin

Resolved that the building department activity report including the summary of building permits for August 2012, as submitted by the Chief Building Official, be received and filed.

CARRIED

8. **REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF**

- 8.1 **Resolution No. 2012-122**

Moved by Luc Lalonde
Seconded by Linda Séguin

Be it resolved that the fire department activity report for August 2012, as submitted by the Fire Chief, be received and filed.

CARRIED

9. **REPORT FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT**

- 9.1 **Resolution No. 2012-123**

Moved by Gabriel Dussault
Seconded by Luc Lalonde

Be it resolved that the road department activity report for August 2012, as submitted by the Road Superintendent, be received and filed.

CARRIED

10. **MOTIONS**

10.1 **Resolution No. 2012-124 :** Business Tax Capping Reform

Moved by Gabriel Dussault
Seconded by Luc Lalonde

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Hawkesbury hereby endorses the following resolution of the Town of Tillsonburg regarding the Business Tax Capping Reform:

Whereas the Province of Ontario first introduced mandatory "business tax capping" for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes as a temporary reform mitigation program for the 1998, 1999 and 2000 taxation years;

And whereas this "temporary" and "transitional" measure was succeeded by a permanent business tax capping program for the 2001 and subsequent taxation years;

And whereas the 2012 taxation year will represent the fifteenth cycle for which mandatory business tax capping has applied;

And whereas the overall business tax capping scheme was introduced as a means of assisting taxpayers manage tax shifts related to Provincial Assessment and property Tax reforms introduced for the 1998 taxation year;

And whereas it has become evident over time that the protection provided under this program has been less related to the original impacts of reform and more so due to the ongoing impacts of subsequent assessment bas updates;

And whereas this program must now be seen as a redundant measure in light of the Province's successful four-year assessment phase-in program, which more effectively and equitably addresses assessment increases for all properties;

And whereas this program now has only a marginal impact on a very limited number of taxpayers due to the County's careful and deliberate application of optional parameter and exclusion tools, and yet it remains a significant burden on the financial and administrative resources of both the County and local municipalities;

Therefore be it resolved that the Towns of Tillsonburg calls on the Government of the Province of Ontario to *Amend Part IX of the Municipal Act, 2011* and supporting regulatory provisions so as to make the entirety of that Part (Business Tax Capping) optional at the discretion of each upper and single tier jurisdiction; and `

That the Town of Tillsonburg calls on the Government of the Province of Ontario to make these changes and amendments effective for the 2012 taxation year to coincide with the pending reassessment and related four-year assessment cycle; and

That the discussion paper "Allowing Municipalities to Opt Out of Business Tax Capping" prepared by Municipal Tax Equity (MTE) Consulting Inc., which speaks directly to this subject matter, and which addresses many of this Council's concerns, interest and preferences, shall be attached to, and shall form a part of this motion; and

That copies of this motion, along the above mentioned attachment, are to be sent to: The Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance; The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; AMO President Gary McNamara; Eastern and Western Warden groups, MP Pierre Lemieux and MPP Grant Crack

ADOPTED

10.2 **Resolution No. 2012-125 :** Liquor Permit

Moved by Luc Lalonde
Seconded by Gabriel Dussault

RESOLVED THAT, as required by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario, the Corporation of the Township of East Hawkesbury hereby approves the selling of beverage alcohol products at the Agency Store known as "7088710 Canada Inc. O/A Marché Ste-Anne Market" situated at 701 County Road 18, Ste-Anne-de-Prescott, Ontario on the following holidays; Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving and Family Day

CARRIED

10.3 **Resolution No. 2012-126 :** Approval of cancelled taxes

Moved by Gabriel Dussault
Seconded by Linda Séguin

RESOLVED THAT in compliance with *Section 357(5) of the Municipal Act 2001*, Council hereby approves the cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes for the years 2009 to 2012, as per list submitted.

CARRIED

11. **BY-LAWS**

11.1 **By-Law No. 2012-44 :** Tile drainage debenture

Moved by Linda Séguin
Seconded by Gabriel Dussault

THAT By-Law No. 2012-44, being a by-law to impose special drainage rates upon land in respect of which money is borrowed under the *Tile Drainage Act*, be received and

BE READ A First, Second and Third Time and Passed in Open Council this 10th day of September, 2012.

CARRIED

11.2 **By-Law No. 2012-45 :**Abandonment part of Mooney Willems Municipal Drain

Moved by Gabriel Dussault
Seconded by Luc Lalonde

THAT By-Law No. 2012-45, being a by-law to provide for the abandonment of Part of Branch # 2 between stations 0+101 and 0+480 and all of Branch # 3 of the Willems Municipal Drain, which forms part of the Mooney-Willems Drain constructed under By-Law No. 35/83, pursuant to the *Drainage Act, Section 84*, be received and

BE READ A First, Second and Third Time and Passed in Open Council this 10th day of September, 2012.

CARRIED

11.3 **By-Law No. 2012-46 :** Severance Agreement on Pt Lots 13 & 14, C. 4

Moved by Luc Lalonde
Seconded by Linda Séguin

THAT By-Law No. 2012-46, being a by-law to authorize the entering into a Severance Agreement with Gibson Edouardo Lee and Anne Franklin to establish a building envelope on land described as part of P.I.N. 54188-02353(LT), being part of lots 13 and 14, Concession 4 in the Township of East Hawkesbury, designated as part 1 on plan 46R-7425, be received and

BE READ A First, Second and Third Time and Passed in Open Council this 10th day of September, 2012.

CARRIED

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1 **Resolution No. 2012-127**

Moved by Luc Lalonde
Seconded by Linda Séguin

Be it resolved that correspondence listed as items 14.1 to 14.2 of the agenda be received and filed.

CARRIED

13. **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

13.1 **By-Law No. 2012-47**

Moved by Linda Séguin
Seconded by Gabriel Dussault

THAT By-Law No. 2012-47, being a by-law to confirm the procedures of Council at Regular Meeting held this 10th day of September, be received and

BE READ A First, Second and Third Time and Passed in Open Council this 10th day of September, 2012.

CARRIED

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 2012-128

Moved by Luc Lalonde
Seconded by Gabriel Dussault

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

MINUTES ADOPTED ON October 9, 2012

BY RESOLUTION NO. 2012-130

The signatures hereunder are affixed hereto after adoption of minutes hereof.

Robert Kirby - Mayor

Linda Rozon - Clerk