

**THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH
COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

MAY 8TH, 2006

6:07 p.m. The meeting convened with His Worship, Mayor Jeff Kohler, presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Mayor J. Kohler
Alderman B. Aarts
C. Barwick
H. Chapman
T. Johnston
T. Shackelton
M. Turvey
D. Warden

Officials

W. Graves, City Clerk
D. Arndt, Airport Superintendent
G. Dart, Director Human Resources
S. Datars Bere, Director Ontario Works
W. Day, Director of Finance & City Treasurer
J. Dewancker, Director Environmental Services
J. McCoomb, Senior Planner

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session was held in Committee Room #204 and the minutes are located at the end of Regular Open Council Business.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Warden:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on May 1st, 2006 be confirmed.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

Daisy of Hope Campaign

Ms. Chris Smith, St. Thomas-Elgin Second Stage Housing and Ms. Lorri Nicholson, Violence Against Women, Services Elgin County were in attendance to encourage the community to support the Daisy of Hope Campaign and they advised the members that daisies would be available throughout the City on May 26th and May 27th.

Mayor Kohler thanked Ms. Smith and Ms. Nicholson for their presentation.

Child and Family Counselling Centre of Elgin

Mr. Paul Bottineau, Board Chair, Child and Family Counselling Centre of Elgin, was in attendance to discuss the services provided for children and families of the City, County and Ontario and to provide an overview of the importance of addressing mental health issues relating to children. Mr. Bottineau encouraged the community to support the green ribbon campaign and he invited the members to an open house at the Child and Family Counselling Centre of Elgin on June 29th.

Mayor Kohler thanked Mr. Bottineau for the information he provided.

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Smoke-Free Ontario Act

Ms. Jessica Storozinski and Mrs. Jackie VanRyswyk, from the Elgin-St. Thomas Health Unit, were in attendance to discuss the Smoke-Free Ontario strategy and the new Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which will take effect May 31, 2006. An overview was provided relating to the new Smoke-Free Ontario Act including the role and responsibilities of employers.

Mayor Kohler thanked Ms. Storozinski and Mrs. VanRyswyk for their presentation.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Chairman H. Chapman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Land Development - Part Lots 41 & 42 South of Bush Line

Alderman Johnston advised the members that he has had discussions with Planning staff and that the report relating to Part Lots 41 & 42 on Bush Line would be completed for June 1st, 2006.

Alma College Demolition Permit - Appendix "A"

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Turvey:

THAT: Report CC-26-06 be received for information; and further,

THAT: Council concur with the owners of Alma Heritage Estates Corporation and further extend the timeframe to consider the request for a demolition permit for Alma College until August 21, 2006.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Chairman M. Turvey

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Intersection of First Avenue and Edward Street

Intersection of Edward Street and Burwell Road

Intersection of Wellington Street and Highview Drive (East Leg) - Appendix "B"

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Chapman:

THAT: Report ES57-06 relating to the intersection of Wellington Street and Highview Drive be received for information.

Carried.

Tender No. 06-607 - Truck Mounted Combination Jet Vacuum Machine - Contract Award
- Appendix "C"

The members discussed the fact that the lowest tender did not include a locally manufactured truck chassis.

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The Director of Finance & City Treasurer stated that discussions had taken place with the City's Solicitor regarding this matter and that there did not appear to be any exposure for the City in accepting the tender that included the locally made truck as the same supplier was involved in both the low tender and the tender which included the locally made truck.

Motion by Alderman Chapman - Warden:

THAT: Report TR 27-06 regarding the Award of Tenders be received for information.

Carried.

Motion by Mayor Kohler - Alderman Aarts:

THAT: Council receive Report ES52-06; and further,

THAT: Council accept Bid "A" from Joe Johnson Equipment Inc. for the purchase of a Truck Mounted Combination Jet Vacuum Machine in the amount of \$340,561.80 (plus GST); and further,

THAT: A by-law be prepared to authorize this tender award; and further,

THAT: The tender award balance above the budgeted \$330,000 (\$10,561.50) be allocated from the Sewer Reserve.

Carried.

Road and Sidewalk Reserve Fund

NEW BUSINESS

Water Needs and Financial Study Update - Consultant Selection - Appendix "D"

Motion by Alderman Warden - Johnston:

THAT: Report ES58-06 be received for information; and further,

THAT: The firm of CN Watson and Associates, Economists, in association with firm of Earth Tech Canada Inc., Consulting Engineers, be retained to complete the Water Needs and Financial Study Update at an estimated cost of \$40,000.00; and further,

THAT: The City enter into an agreement with CN Watson & Associates in respect to this study project; and further,

THAT: A by-law be prepared to authorize the execution of the consulting services agreement by the Mayor and Clerk.

Carried.

2006 Annual Sidewalk Replacement and Road Resurfacing Program - Appendix "E"

Motion by Alderman Chapman - Aarts:

THAT: Report ES59-06 be received for information; and further,

THAT: The tender submitted by T.C.G. Asphalt & Construction Inc. in the amount of \$258,759.10 plus GST, for the Annual Road Resurfacing program, be accepted; and further,

THAT: The tender submitted by J. Franze Concrete Ltd. in the amount of \$242,304.00 plus GST, for the annual Sidewalk Replacement program, be accepted; and further,

THAT: A by-law be prepared to authorize each tender award.

Carried.

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East Side Development Area - Phase 1 Sanitary Servicing Plan - Implementation - Appendix “F”

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Shackelton:

THAT: Report ES60-06 be received for information; and further,

THAT: Council establish a project steering committee to initiate the implementation of the Phase 1 Sanitary Servicing component of the East side Development Area Master Servicing Plan; and further,

THAT: The Municipality of Central Elgin be contacted to confirm their membership on the Steering Committee; and further,

THAT: The following members serve on the Steering Committee:

Mayor Kohler
Alderman Turvey
Barwick.

Carried.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

PERSONNEL AND LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Chairman D. Warden

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Chairman C. Barwick

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Corporate Credit Cards

Mayor Kohler inquired if the members could receive a list compiled by Alderman Warden, which indicated instances of abuse with the purchase cards.

Chairman Barwick stated that he understood that some items that had been identified on Alderman Warden’s list had been addressed, that this list could be brought to the Credit Card Committee and further, that if other members had concerns of abuse with the purchase cards, those concerns could be brought to the Credit Card Committee as well.

Junior B Stars Hockey Club - 2006-2007 Facility Rental Permit

NEW BUSINESS

Easter Seal Society - Send a Kid to Camp - Grant Request

A letter was received from Jennie Christian, District Manager, Huron, Oxford, Perth & Elgin Counties, Easter Seal Society, requesting a grant for the Send a Kid to Camp program.

The members took no action regarding this matter.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Chairman B. Aarts

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks Pavilion Renaming and Walk of Fame

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Early Learning Centre

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

PROTECTIVE SERVICES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Chairman T. Shackelton

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Captain Dennis A. Redman No.2 Fire Station

Chairman Shackelton stated that a November 2005 report from Murphy and Murphy Architects highlighted the reasons for the costs of the Captain Dennis A. Redman No. 2 Fire Station and advised that unless there were other issues that members knew about, this matter would be removed from unfinished business.

The members discussed the fact that the tender process provided the actual market price for the construction of this project.

Request for "No Standing" Zone - Forest Park Walkway - Gregory Place- Appendix "G"

The members discussed the use of “no standing” and “no parking” signs in the area of Gregory Place.

Alderman Turvey stated that she would contact residents in the neighbourhood to determine if a problem still existed with parked cars congesting the street.

Motion by Mayor Kohler - Alderman Turvey:

THAT: Report ES54-06 regarding the Request for "No Standing" Zone - Forest Park Walkway - Gregory Place be received for information; and further,

THAT: St. Thomas Police Services be requested to provide enforcement pertaining to the unsafe dropping off of students in the area of the pedestrian walkway on Gregory Place.

Carried.

Intersection of Redan Street and Woodworth Avenue

Intersection of Manor Road and Chestnut Street

NEW BUSINESS

Smoke Free By-Law - Appendix "H"

Motion by Alderman Warden - Turvey:

THAT: Report CC-28-06 regarding the Smoke Free By-Law be received as information.

Carried.

Airport Use Quarterly Report - January 1st, 2006 to March 31st, 2006 - Appendix "I"

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Chapman:

THAT: The Airport Use Quarterly Report for January 1st, 2006 to March 31st, 2006 be received for information.

Carried.

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Canadian Snowbirds Aerial Demonstration - St. Thomas Municipal Airport - Appendix “J”

The members discussed the fact that the Canadian Snowbirds Aerial Demonstration would be an excellent way to showcase the St. Thomas Municipal Airport and that it would be a great fundraising opportunity for the St. Thomas Community Centre.

The Airport Superintendent provided the members with an overview of the event, which will begin at noon on May 24th.

The members commended the Airport Superintendent for the organization of this event.

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Johnston:

THAT: Report CC-30-06 regarding the Canadian Snowbirds Aerial Demonstration to be held May 24, 2006 be received as information.

Carried.

Dedication of John Street as Veterans' Way - Tuesday May 16th, 2006 - Road Closure - Appendix “K”

Motion by Alderman Turvey - Mayor Kohler:

THAT: Report ES53-06 regarding the dedication of John Street as Veterans Way be received for information; and further,

THAT: Council approve the closure of John Street from Talbot Street to Kains Street on Tuesday May 16, 2006 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. for the Veterans Way dedication.

Carried.

No Parking Zone Signage - Rice Road - Access for Emergency Services - Appendix “L”

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Barwick:

THAT: Report ES55-06 regarding a No Parking Zone on Rice Road be received for information; and further,

THAT: Traffic By-Law 45-89 Schedule II (No Parking Zones) be amended as to implement a No Parking Anytime restriction on the east side of Rice Road from Manor Road to Wellington Street.

Carried.

Street Signs at First Ave and Talbot Street

The Director, Environmental Services reported that the existing street signs had been removed and that new signs were being made for the intersection of First Ave and Talbot Street.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

REPORTS PENDING

ESDA SERVICING MASTER PLAN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT - J. Dewancker

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND USE - P. Keenan

DRIVEWAY RECONSTRUCTION - MAPLE STREET - J. Dewancker

REVIEW OF CITY BUS ROUTES - J. Dewancker

ALMA COLLEGE - Management Board

CITY CLERK _____ CONFIRMED _____ MAYOR

SCHOOL AREA REVIEW PROCEDURES - FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN -
D. White

COUNCIL

Council reconvened into regular session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Planning and Development Committee - Chairman H. Chapman

Environmental Services Committee - Chairman M. Turvey

Personnel and Labour Relations Committee - Chairman D. Warden

Finance and Administration Committee - Chairman C. Barwick

Community and Social Services Committee - Chairman B. Aarts

Protective Services and Transportation Committee - Chairman T. Shackelton

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Chapman:

THAT: The recommendations, directions and actions of Council in Committee of the Whole as recorded in the minutes of this date be confirmed, ratified and adopted.

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario - Proclamation - June 2006

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Shackelton:

THAT: The Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas proclaim the month of June 2006 as “Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Awareness Month” in the City of St. Thomas.

Carried.

Thames Valley Children’s Centre - Thank You

A letter was received from Mr. Doug Nicholson, Regional Volunteer, Thames Valley Children’s Centre, thanking the Mayor and Members of Council for their generous donation to the Thames Valley Children’s Centre Expansion Campaign.

Chester Hinatsu - Thank You

A thank you card was received from Mr. Chester Hinatsu thanking the Mayor and City Council for their support throughout his career with the City and for the gift of the framed City Hall print.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City of St. Thomas 125th Anniversary

Minimum Maintenance Standards for Heritage Properties

NEW BUSINESS

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Proclamation of Census Day - May 16, 2006 - Appendix "M"

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Barwick:

THAT: Report CC-27-06 be received for information; and further,

THAT: Council proclaim May 16, 2006 as "Census Day" in the City of St. Thomas.

Carried.

Joe Thornton - National Hockey League

Alderman Aarts, on behalf of the members, congratulated Joe Thornton on his achievements in the National Hockey League.

Girl Guides of Canada

Alderman Chapman thanked the community for its support of the recent Girl Guide Cookie blitz.

Elgin County Railway Museum - "A Day Out With Thomas"

Alderman Turvey reported to the members that ticket sales for the Thomas the Tank Engine visit were going well and that tickets were available from Ticketmaster.

BY-LAWS

Motion by Alderman Turvey - Aarts:

THAT: Leave be granted to bring in the following by-laws:

1. A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on the 8th day of May, 2006.
2. A by-law to amend By-Law 45-89, being the Traffic By-Law for the City of St. Thomas. (No Parking - Dunkirk Drive, Meehan Street to Churchill Crescent)

Carried.

First and Second Readings

Motion by Alderman Turvey - Aarts:

THAT: The by-laws be now read a first time, referred to Council in Committee of the Whole and read a second time.

Carried.

Alderman Barwick was appointed Chairman of Council in Committee of the Whole and conducted the second reading of the by-laws.

On motion duly moved and seconded, the Chairman was ordered to report on the passing of the by-laws. The Chairman reported as ordered and the Mayor resumed the Chair.

Third Reading

Motion by Alderman Turvey - Aarts:

THAT: The report of Council in Committee of the Whole on the following by-laws be received and adopted, the same be read a third time, engrossed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and numbered.

1. A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on the 8th day of May, 2006. (B/L 53-2006)

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2. A by-law to amend By-Law 45-89, being the Traffic By-Law for the City of St. Thomas. (No Parking - Dunkirk Drive, Meehan Street to Churchill Crescent) (B/L 54-2006)

Carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICES OF MOTION

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Turvey:

THAT: This meeting be closed to deal with a litigation or potential litigation matter affecting the municipality at 6:07 p.m.

Carried.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Alderman Turvey - Johnston:

THAT: We do now rise from Closed Session. (6:24 p.m.)

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Aarts:

THAT: We do now adjourn. (8:17 p.m.)

Carried.