

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

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2006

7:00 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
I. Andersen, Manager of Operations & Compliance
M. Carroll, Valleyview Administrator
S. Datars Bere, Director, Ontario Works
W. Day, Director of Finance & City Treasurer
J. Dewancker, Director, Environmental Services
F. Lattanzio, Community Centres & Property Manager
D. White, Supervisor, Roads and Transportation

THE LORD'S PRAYER

REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The members observed two minutes of silence in remembrance of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Alderman T. Shackelton declared a conflict of interest relating to Elmdale School as he is an employee of the Thames Valley District School Board. He refrained from all comment and action relating to the matter.

Alderman D. Warden declared a conflict of interest relating to Elmdale School as his wife is employed by the Thames Valley District School Board. He refrained from all comment and action relating to the matter.

MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Chapman:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on September 5th, 2006 be confirmed.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

Elgin-St. Thomas United Way 2006 Campaign

Mrs. Anne Kenny, Public Service Chair, and Mrs. Donna Riddell, United Way 2006 Campaign, were in attendance to request Council's support for the United Way 2006 Campaign.

Mrs. Kenny stated that the official kick-off for the 2006 United Way Campaign was to be held on September 13, 2006 at Geerlinks Home Hardware.

Mayor Kohler thanked Mrs. Kenny and Mrs. Riddell for their attendance.

Free Trade Negotiations with Korea - Resolution

Mr. Dennis McGee, President, CAW Local 1520, was in attendance to make a presentation requesting Council's endorsement of a resolution calling for an end to negotiations of a free trade agreement with Korea.

Mayor Kohler thanked Mr. McGee for his presentation.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Chairman H. Chapman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Municipality of Central Elgin - Notice of the Passing of a Zoning By-Law Amendment - Lot 38 & Part of Lot 39 Plan 117

Notice was received from the Municipality of Central Elgin regarding the passing of Zoning By-law No. 906 on August 28th, 2006 to permit the permit the development of a new single detached residence and accessory uses on the subject lands on Lot 38 & Part of Lot 39, Plan 117.

Municipality of Central Elgin - Notice of the Passing of a Zoning By-Law Amendment - Part of Lot 21, Concession 2 - 46393 Roberts Line

Notice was received from the Municipality of Central Elgin regarding the passing of Zoning By-law No. 908 on August 28th, 2006 to permit a kennel, the retail sale of pet supplies as an accessory use to a permitted kennel, and accessory uses on the subject lands on Part of Lot 21, Concession 2 - 46393 Roberts Line.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Chairman M. Turvey

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Intersection of First Avenue and Edward Street

Intersection of Edward Street and Burwell Road

Road and Sidewalk Reserve Fund

NEW BUSINESS

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

Cash Advances & Expenses Reimbursement Report

St. Thomas Consolidated Courthouse Project - Police Facilities

St. Thomas Community Centre - Railings for Events

Council Member Expenses

Mayor Kohler inquired if the pending Council Member Expense report could include a comparison of other municipalities and in particular the SOMA communities.

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By consensus, the members gave direction that comparative figures be included in the Council Member Expense report.

NEW BUSINESS

125th Anniversary Celebrations - Appendix "A"

Alderman Warden and Alderman Chapman highlighted the upcoming event that will take place on September 16, 2006 at the St. Thomas Collision Centre and CASO Railway Station to celebrate the City's 125th Anniversary.

Motion by Alderman Chapman - Turvey:

THAT: Report CC-45-06 regarding the City's 125th Anniversary be received for information.

Carried.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Chairman B. Aarts

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks Pavilion Renaming

Walk of Fame

St. Thomas Community Centre - Deficiency List

St. Thomas Community Centre - Cost Analysis for Events

Alderman Warden inquired if staff would be involved in the cost analysis and if they would be present at the Committee meeting. Alderman Warden also expressed concern regarding the number of hours some staff members were working.

Chairman Aarts stated that the cost of events and the amount of hours being worked by staff should be dealt with as two separate issues.

Chairman Aarts stated that the Committee dealing with the cost analysis would be meeting tomorrow and further that management should prepare a report dealing with the labour issues.

St. Thomas Community Centre Capital Campaign

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Proposal Award - Automatic Teller Machines and Services - Appendix "B"

Motion by Alderman Turvey - Barwick:

THAT: Council receive Report TR-54-06; and further,

THAT: Council accept the Proposal submitted by Direct Cash Management to provide ATM services at the St. Thomas Community Centre and Memorial Arena for a three-year period with the option to renew for an additional two-year term with the City receiving a commission rate of \$0.90 per successful transaction; and further,

THAT: Council grant Direct Cash Management the sole exclusive rights to offer ATM services to all City facilities, if there is a need, for the same three year term with option to renew for an additional two year term; and further,

THAT: A by-law be prepared to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement with Direct Cash Management for this contract award.

Carried.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

PROTECTIVE SERVICES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Chairman T. Shackelton

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wellington Street and Stokes Road Intersection - Pedestrian Signal - Appendix "C"

The members discussed the possibility of adding additional warning signs in the area to protect pedestrians who are crossing the road and of possibly lowering the speed limit in the area.

Mayor Kohler stated that the members had previously given direction for a report to be prepared to deal with the pedestrian crossing prior to the traffic lights being installed.

Mr. Jim Russell, an area resident, was in attendance and stated that the existing crosswalk was not a legal crosswalk and further that he understood that Council had expedited the process to have traffic lights installed and that confusion needed to be taken out of the area.

The Supervisor of Roads and Transportation stated that construction could begin on the intersection in about 3 weeks and that traffic would be slower as a result of the construction.

Chairman Shackelton summarized the issues as being: that Council's previous direction could be put on hold; that a reduced speed zone could be considered; and, that additional traffic signs could be placed with the word "slow" included in them.

The Supervisor of Roads and Transportation stated that additional warning signs could be added to assist with the speed of traffic.

Alderman Johnston stated that a letter should go out to area residents advising them of the upcoming intersection construction.

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Johnston:

THAT: Report ES 97-06 be received for information; and further,

THAT: Council accept the proposal submission of Delcan Corporation in the amount of \$15,370.00, including taxes, for Project Design, Contract Preparation, Project Inspection and administration of Capital Project 08-320 - The installation of Traffic Signalization with Audible Pedestrian Assistance at the intersection of Wellington Street and Stokes Road; and further,

THAT: The source of funding is the 2006 Capital Budget, Part 1, as approved by City Council; and further,

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

THAT: Delcan Corporation go forward with proposal contract preparation and staff return with a report to Council for approval of the successful bidder for tendered construction works for this project.

Carried.

Revision to Overnight Parking Permit Policy - Follow Up - Appendix "D"

Motion by Alderman Chapman - Aarts:

THAT: Report ES 98-06 be received for information; and further,

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THAT: An advertisement be placed in the local papers advising the public of the Overnight Parking Permit Policy.

Carried.

Intersection of Manor Road and Chestnut Street

Leash Free Dog Park

Intersection of Chant Street and Lawrence Avenue

Bus Services to 1063 Talbot Street and Shopping Complex near Elm Street and Wilson Avenue

Request for Four-way Stop Signs - Intersection of White Street and Elizabeth Street

Transit System and CASO Station

NEW BUSINESS

Road Closures for 2006 Santa Claus Parade - Appendix "E"

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Barwick:

THAT: Report ES 99-06 be received for information; and further,

THAT: The route for the Santa Claus Parade be from the First Avenue staging area, west on Talbot Street, south on William Street to Centre Street; and further,

THAT: The following road sections be closed by the Roads Maintenance staff on November 18th, 2006 during the times indicated:

- First Avenue closed from Talbot Street to Redan Street (from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
- Talbot Street closed from First Avenue to William Street (from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
- William Street closed from Talbot Street to Centre Street (from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.); and further,

THAT: Parking be restricted on both sides of the roadway along the parade route between 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Carried.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

REPORTS PENDING

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND USE - P. Keenan

REVIEW OF CITY BUS ROUTES - J. Dewancker

ALMA COLLEGE - Management Board

ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM - BUDGET FORECASTS - J. Dewancker

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

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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 Turvey - 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

The Seventh Report of the Site Plan Control Committee - Appendix “F”

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Shackelton:

THAT: Clauses 1 and 2 of the Seventh Report of the Site Plan Control Committee be adopted.

Carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Canada World Youth Week - Proclamation - October 15th to 21st, 2006

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Chapman:

THAT: The Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas proclaim October 15th to 21st, 2006 as “Canada World Youth Week” in the City of St. Thomas.

Carried.

Regional Cancer Services Alliance Information Forums

A letter was received from Betty Kuchta and Nancy Maltby-Webster, Co-Chairs, RCSA Executive, inviting the Mayor to attend forums aimed at improving cancer care services throughout Ontario.

North America Railway Hall of Fame - Thank You Letter - Joint Committee

A letter was received from John Peart, President, North America Railway Hall of Fame, thanking the Mayor and City Clerk for the Innovation Team’s presentation of recommendations and requesting the formation of a Joint Committee between the City and the Hall of Fame.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Minimum Maintenance Standards for Heritage Properties

NEW BUSINESS

Elmdale School

Mayor Kohler had previously put forward the following Notice of Motion.

Mayor Kohler stated that Council needed to be proactive with this matter and that the conditions at Elmdale School were unacceptable.

A request was made to deal with the following motion by recorded vote.

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Motion by Mayor Kohler - Alderman Warden:

THAT: Council support the position of the Elmdale School Council and request the Thames Valley District School Board classify Elmdale School as prohibitive to repair; and further,

THAT: A copy of this motion be forwarded to the Thames Valley District School Board, the Minister of Education, MPP Steve Peters and the Elmdale School Council.

Recorded Vote

Yeas

Nays

Mayor Kohler

Alderman B. Aarts

C. Barwick

H. Chapman

T. Johnston

M. Turvey

Pecuniary Interest

Alderman T. Shackelton

D. Warden

Carried.

Free Trade Negotiations with Korea - Resolution

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Aarts:

THAT: The City of St. Thomas and surrounding communities being economically dependent on a vibrant auto assembly and parts industry; and further,

THAT: It is recognized that investment and production in the North American auto industry has been severely undermined by a one-way flow of imported vehicles from offshore; and further,

THAT: Canada currently imports \$150 worth of automotive products from Korea for each \$1 of automotive products we sell in Korea; and further,

THAT: The Government of Canada be requested to cancel negotiations for a free trade agreement with Korea, which would worsen the one-way flow of automotive products into our market; and further,

THAT: Future trade agreements require that offshore markets purchase substantial volumes of finished vehicles and auto parts from North America, as a condition of their continued access to our own automotive market.

Carried.

War Brides 60th Anniversary

Alderman Warden informed the members that correspondence he had received regarding the 60th Anniversary of the War Brides would be taken to the Special Events Committee.

Girl Guides

Alderman Chapman informed the members about the upcoming registration for Girl Guides, which would take place on September 13, 2006 at Elgin Mall.

BY-LAWS

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Shackelton:

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

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1. A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on the 11th day of September, 2006.
2. A by-law to appoint a City Treasurer for the City of St. Thomas. (William J. Day)
3. A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Seal of the Corporation to a certain agreement between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and Doug. Tarry Limited (File #34T-05507 - Orchard Park Block Plan of Subdivision)

Carried.

First and Second Readings

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Shackelton:

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 H. Chapman 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 Aarts - Shackelton:

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 11th day of September, 2006. (B/L 114-2006)
2. A by-law to appoint a City Treasurer for the City of St. Thomas. (William J. Day) (B/L 115-2006)
3. A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Seal of the Corporation to a certain agreement between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and Doug. Tarry Limited (File #34T-05507 - Orchard Park Block Plan of Subdivision) (B/L 116-2006) (A/G 42-2006)

Carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICES OF MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Aarts:

THAT: We do now adjourn. (8:22 p.m.)

Carried.

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