

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

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

JANUARY 22ND, 2007

6:00 p.m. The meeting convened with His Worship, Mayor Cliff Barwick, presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Mayor C. Barwick
Alderman B. Aarts
 L. Baldwin-Sands
 G. Campbell
 H. Chapman
 T. Johnston
 T. Shackelton
 D. Warden

Other

Heather Kunkel, Junior Clerk

Officials

W. Graves, City Clerk
I. Andersen, Manager of Operations & Compliance
R. Barber, Fire Chief
M. Carroll, Valleyview Administrator
G. Dart, Director, Human Resources
S. Datars Bere, Director, Ontario Works
W. Day, Director of Finance & City Treasurer
J. Dewancker, Director, Environmental Services
F. Lattanzio, Community Centres & Property Manager
J. McCoomb, Planner
D. White, Supervisor, Roads & Transportation
D. Morgan, Manager of Culture and Recreation
B. Todd, Fire Prevention Officer
Constable T. Calvert, St. Thomas Police Department

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 - Baldwin-Sands:

THAT: The minutes of the meetings held on January 15th, 2007 be confirmed.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

Police Services Report

A representative of the St. Thomas Police Department was in attendance to present the Police Services Report for the month of December 2006.

78 Steele Street Permit and Development Charge Fee Waiver Request

Mr. Peter Ostojic, Walter Ostojic & Sons Ltd., was in attendance and stated that Walter Ostojic & Sons Ltd. was fortunate to be selected for an affordable housing project at 78 Steele Street.

Mr. Ostojic asked the City to consider waiving \$49,577 in fees. Further, he stated that he understood that if fees were waived, the value of those fees would be reduced from the affordable housing allocation for 78 Steele Street, which in turn would provide further funds for additional affordable housing units.

Mayor Barwick thanked Mr. Ostojic for his deputation.

CITY CLERK _____ CONFIRMED _____ MAYOR _____

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Chairman H. Chapman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Township of Southwold - CEPAC Agreement

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Chairman T. Johnston

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Road and Sidewalk Reserve Fund

Proposed Playground Development - Feasibility Analysis of Proposed Public/Private Partnership between City of St. Thomas and Faith Baptist Church

Green Lane Landfill Purchase by the City of Toronto - Status Report - Possible Waste Management Contract Extension

Community Access Improvement Concerns - Curb Cuts

Rogers Cable Box Removal - 100 Myrtle Street

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

PERSONNEL AND LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Chairman G. Campbell

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Chairman T. Shackelton

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Cash Advances & Expenses Reimbursement Report

St. Thomas Consolidated Courthouse Project - Police Facilities

Mayor and Council Expenses

St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre - Grant Request

St. Thomas and District Minor Baseball Association - Grant Request

2007 Capital Budget - Part 1 - City Park Partnerships

2007 Capital Budget - Part 1 - Road Grader Needs Report

2007 Capital Budget - Part 1 - Transit Station Options Report

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St. Thomas Police Services Space Needs

Knights of Columbus Property - 265 Wellington Street

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - Chairman B. Aarts

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks Pavilion Renaming

Walk of Fame

St. Thomas Timken Community Centre - Cost Analysis for Events

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Outdoor Recreation Facility/Program Rates - 2007 - Appendix "A"

The Manager of Culture and Recreation informed the members that the correct amount for the Centennial Sports Club Minor Baseball Complex should be \$212.50 and not \$21.50 as stated in the report.

Motion by Alderman Baldwin-Sands - Johnston:

THAT: Report TR-02-07 be received for information; and further,

THAT: Council approve the Proposed 2007 Fee Schedules for Ball Facilities, Soccer Facilities, Pavilions, and Aquatic Program, as attached to Report TR-02-07, effective immediately.

Carried.

Special Event - Rental Deposit Checklist - Appendix "B"

The members inquired about the two different staff rates that were identified on the checklist.

The Director of Finance and City Treasurer stated that the staff rates reflected full time versus casual staff and that the City would determine which staff was required for an event. Further, he stated that the checklist would be used by staff to determine event deposit amounts.

The members inquired if there were different ice rental rates for school children at the St. Thomas Timken Community Complex and at the Memorial Arena.

The Manager of Culture and Recreation stated that the ice rental rates for school children were the same at both facilities.

Motion by Alderman Chapman - Warden:

THAT: Report TR 03-07 be received for information; and further,

THAT: Council authorize Administration to utilize a Special Event - rental Deposit Checklist form for all future special events; it being noted that such form would be attached to the rental permit when the event is approved.

Carried.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

PROTECTIVE SERVICES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Chairman D. Warden

CITY CLERK_____CONFIRMED_____MAYOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Intersection of Manor Road and Chestnut Street - Operational Review - Appendix "C"

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Campbell:

THAT: Report ES07-07 be received for information; and further,

THAT: The Manor Road and Chestnut Street intersection be maintained as a 2-way stop condition.

Carried.

Intersection of Chant Street and Lawrence Avenue - Operational Review - Appendix "D"

Motion by Alderman Chapman - Aarts:

THAT: Report ES08-07 be received for information; and further,

THAT: The Chant Street and Lawrence Avenue intersection be maintained as a 1-way stop condition on the southbound Chant Street approach.

Carried.

Intersection of First Avenue and Edward Street

Intersection of Edward Street and Burwell Road

Request for Four-way Stop Signs - Intersection of White Street and Elizabeth Street - Operational Review - "Appendix E"

Motion by Alderman Campbell - Baldwin-Sands:

THAT: Report ES09-07 be received for information; and further,

THAT: The White Street and Elizabeth Street intersection be maintained as a 2-way yield condition.

Carried.

Mondamin Street and Curtis Street - Operational Review - Appendix "F"

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Campbell:

THAT: Report ES06-07 be received for information; and further,

THAT: The Mondamin Street and Curtis Street intersection be maintained as a 2-way stop condition.

Carried.

Leash Free Dog Park

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

Transit System and CASO Station

Transit Facility Improvement Options

Update - School Area Review Procedures For Elementary School Children - Adult Crossing Guard Warrant Policy and Procedure

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By-Law for Loitering

Termination of Fire Dispatch Services

New Year's Eve Transit Service

Intersection of Third Avenue and Wellington Street

White Street Yield Signs

Wings & Wheels Fundraiser - June 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 2007

NEW BUSINESS

Lease of Airport Lands - 794470 Ontario Limited to Mr. Geoffrey Richards - Appendix "G"

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Baldwin-Sands:

THAT: Report CC-04-07 be received for information; and further,

THAT: Council concur with the assignment of lease of airport lands (Part 9, Reference Plan 11R-1602) at the St. Thomas Municipal Airport from 794470 Ontario Limited to Mr. Geoffrey Richards.

Carried.

Year End Fire Report 2006 - Appendix "H"

The Fire Prevention Officer provided the members with an overview of the Fire Department's year-end report.

The Fire Prevention Officer stated that there was zero tolerance for missing or inactive smoke alarms. Further, he stated that pots should never be left on the stove unattended and that smoke alarms should never be dismantled.

The Fire Chief stated that the value of fire loss in 2006 was much lower than in 2005.

The members inquired about the status of the new fire pumper truck that is on order and if a member of the Fire Department would be going to the manufacturer to inspect the truck.

The Fire Chief stated that there would be a pre-build meeting in St. Thomas with representatives of the manufacturer and that someone from the Fire Department would be going to Florida to inspect the fire pumper truck at the manufacturing plant. Further, he stated that a representative from the manufacturing plant would be delivering the fire pumper truck to St. Thomas.

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Aarts:

THAT: Report FD01-07 of the Fire Chief, regarding the Year End Fire Report be received for information.

Carried.

Replacement of Railway Ties - Correspondence

The Director, Environmental Services stated that the letter from Mr. Vernackt did not include the quantity of rail ties being requested or the value of the railway ties.

The members stated that there appeared to be an opportunity to purchase railway ties that were now being stored on the CASO lands. Further the members discussed having staff confirm a dollar amount and that the information could be provided through the Mayor's Office to the members so that a decision could be made by February 1st.

Motion by Mayor Barwick - Alderman Aarts:

CITY CLERK _____ CONFIRMED _____ MAYOR

THAT: The correspondence by Mr. Dan Vernackt, Port Stanley Terminal Rail Inc., be referred to the Environmental Services Department; and further,

THAT: The quantity of ties and cost relating to the ties be provided as soon as possible with the information being provided to the Mayor's office.

Carried.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Chairman L. Baldwin-Sands

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Affordable Housing Program - Review of Financial Concessions

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 140 - Proposed New Long-Term Care Homes Act - Appendix "I"

The Valleyview Administrator stated that the proposed new Long-Term Care Homes Act would require a massive amount of training for staff, volunteers and contractors.

The members expressed concern about the potential costs that would be associated with the proposed new Long Term-Care Homes Act and recommended that the Mayor request some clarification about the proposed Act and also that he recommend a collaborative approach with the Ministry of Health.

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Chapman:

THAT: Report VV-001-07 be received for information; and further,

THAT: The letter reflecting Report VV-001-07, be forwarded to Minister Smitherman as the City's official response to Bill 140 (Long Term Care Homes Act, 2006)

Carried.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

COUNCIL

Council reconvened into regular session.

REPORTS PENDING

ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM - BUDGET FORECASTS - J. Dewancker

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Planning and Development Committee - Chairman H. Chapman

Environmental Services Committee - Chairman T. Johnston

Personnel and Labour Relations Committee - Chairman G. Campbell

Finance and Administration Committee - Chairman T. Shackelton

Community Services Committee - Chairman B. Aarts

Protective Services and Transportation Committee - Chairman D. Warden

Social Services Committee - Chairman L. Baldwin-Sands

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Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Aarts:

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

Social Housing Services Corporation - Board of Directors - Nominations

A letter had been received from Gordon J. Chong, Chairman and CEO, Social Housing Service Corporation, regarding nominations for the SHSC Board of Directors.

Nominations to be received by Friday, April 27th, 2007.

Card of Thanks

A card was received from Dianne, Tony and Lucy Morgan, thanking Mayor and members of Council for the City's generous contribution to the Emily Morgan Foundation.

Parkside Collegiate and Pinafore Park

Alderman Johnston informed the members that a meeting had taken place with school officials, and the Police, Fire, and Parks Departments regarding concerns at Pinafore Park in relationship to students at Parkside Collegiate and that the parties were working towards solutions.

Sports Spectacular

Alderman Johnston reminded the members and the community about the upcoming Sports Spectacular and stated that tickets were still available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

BY-LAWS

First, Second and Third Reading

Motion by Alderman Chapman - Warden:

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 22nd day of January, 2007.
2. A by-law to adopt Interim Tax Levy rates.
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 Stantec Consulting. (\$25,300.00 plus gst - Functional Design for the Woodworth Pumping Station)

Carried.

First and Second Readings

Motion by Alderman Chapman - Warden:

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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 T. Shackelton 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 Chapman - Warden:

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 22nd day of January, 2007. (B/L 10-2007)

2. A by-law to adopt Interim Tax Levy rates. (B/L 11-2007)

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 Stantec Consulting. (\$25,300.00 plus gst - Functional Design for the Woodworth Pumping Station) (B/L 12-2007) (A/G 2-2007)

Carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICES OF MOTION

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Baldwin-Sands:

THAT: This meeting be closed to deal with a matter of potential litigation affecting the municipality, a personal matter about an identifiable individual and a matter regarding labour relations.

Carried.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Aarts:

THAT: We do now rise from Closed Session. (6:52 p.m.)

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Aarts:

THAT: Council move into Closed Session at 8:05 p.m.

Carried.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Shackelton:

CITY CLERK_____CONFIRMED_____MAYOR

THAT: We do now rise from Closed Session. (8:24 p.m.)

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Shackelton:

THAT: We do now adjourn. (8:24 p.m.)

Carried.