

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

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2007

6:10 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
D. Warden

Absent

Alderman T. Shackelton

Officials

W. Graves, City Clerk
I. Andersen, Manager of Operations & Compliance
R. Barber, Fire Chief
B. Clement, Manager of Engineering
G. Dart, Director, Human Resources
S. Datars Bere, Director, Ontario Works
W. Day, Director of Finance & City Treasurer
J. Dewancker, Director, Environmental Services
S. Dyke, Economic Development Officer
R. Wheeler, Economic Development Manager

Other

Heather Kunkel, Junior Clerk

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

Alderman Warden declared a conflict of interest relating to By-Law #2, as he is a member of the Knights of Columbus Club. He refrained from all discussion and action relating to this matter.

MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Baldwin-Sands - Johnston:

THAT: The minutes of the meetings held on January 30th and February 5th, 2007 be confirmed.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

Economic Development Corporation

Al Riddell, President, Economic Development Corporation was in attendance and provided a power point presentation of the work of the St. Thomas Economic Development Corporation for 2006.

Mayor Barwick thanked Mr. Riddell for the presentation.

Thames Valley Children's Centre - Grant Request

Mr. Bill Pettipas, Campaign Chairman, Mr. Douglas Nicholson, Campaign Volunteer, and Miss Samantha Havens of Thames Valley Children's Centre were in attendance and provided an overview of the work of the Thames Valley Children's Centre.

Mr. Pettipas stated that 182 children in St. Thomas used the services of the Thames Valley Children's Centre. He further stated that a campaign goal was to raise \$500 per child or \$91,000 from St. Thomas. Mr. Pettipas encouraged the City of St. Thomas to support the financial campaign.

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Miss Havens provided an overview of why the Thames Valley Children's Centre was important to her and how she had benefited from its services.

Mayor Barwick thanked Miss Havens for her presentation and commended her for her courage.

Mayor Barwick thanked the representatives from the Thames Valley Children's Centre for their deputation.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Chairman H. Chapman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Rogers Cable Box Removal - 100 Myrtle Street - Appendix "A"

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Campbell:

THAT: Report ES19-07 be received for information; and further,

THAT: The removal/relocation of a Rogers cable pedestal box in front of 100 Myrtle Street and associated costs be resolved between Rogers Cable and the property owner, Yvonne Demeester; and further,

THAT: The relocation of the Rogers Cable pedestal box within the road allowance be subject to the City's municipal consent approval process.

Carried.

Repairs to Walkway at 630 Talbot Street

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

PERSONNEL AND LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Chairman G. Campbell

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks and Recreation Department Organizational Review

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

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Warden:

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THAT: Report HR-01-07 be received; and further,

THAT: Council endorse the creation of a Parks and Recreation Department; and further,

THAT: Council direct the Director of Human Resources to commence the recruitment for a Director of the Parks and Recreation Department; and further,

THAT: The Chairperson of the Community Services Committee, the Chairperson of the Personnel & Labour Relations Committee, and the Director of Human Resources recommend a shortlist of the three top candidates for Council as a whole to interview and select from.

Recorded Vote

<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Mayor Barwick	T. Johnston
Alderman B. Aarts	
L. Baldwin-Sands	
G. Campbell	
H. Chapman	
D. Warden	

Absent

T. Shackelton

Carried.

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 - Transit Station Options Report

St. Thomas Police Services Space Needs

Elgin Military Museum - Grant Request

NEW BUSINESS

Horton Farmers' Market - Community Transition Program

A letter was received from Mark Cosens, Chairman, Downtown Development Board regarding the grant application to the Community Transition Program for the Horton Farmers' Market redevelopment project.

St. Thomas Downtown Development Board - Annual Meeting

Alderman Chapman informed the members that the annual meeting for the St. Thomas Downtown Development Board would be held on February 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - Chairman B. Aarts

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks Pavilion Renaming

Walk of Fame

Paralympics Ontario - Request for Hosting Bids

Ontario Provincial Fastball Championships - Concession Services

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

PROTECTIVE SERVICES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Chairman D. Warden

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Intersection of First Avenue and Edward Street

Intersection of Edward Street and Burwell Road

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 - Appendix "B"

The members discussed that costs associated with the proposed improvements to the Transit Terminal Building.

The members expressed concern about the amount of funds that would be required for the proposed improvements including the fact that the City was facing financial pressures with other projects.

The members discussed the fact that as a decision was being considered, it must be recognized that the City was promoting the revitalization of properties in the downtown area and that it was encouraging owners to improve their buildings.

The Director, Environmental Services stated that the roof on the Transit Terminal building needed to be replaced and that there were concerns with the wooden joists. Further he stated that it had been approximately 35 years since the City had spent any funds on the building.

Mr. Paul Harris was in attendance and informed the members that if the second floor was to be maintained the roof would have to be fixed and further that the cost estimate for the project included masonry repairs at the south end of the building and a rebuilding of the front wall.

The members discussed the fact that they did not feel that they had enough information to make a decision.

The Director, Environmental Services stated that there is approximately 6800 square feet on each level.

Motion by Alderman Chapman - Mayor Barwick:

THAT: Report ES 20-07 be received for information; and further,

THAT: The existing Transit Terminal Building located at 612 Talbot Street be rehabilitated at an estimated cost of \$785,000, including engineering and a contingency allowance; and further,

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THAT: The sources of funding for this project be the Provincial Gas Tax subsidy and the Federal Gas Tax subsidy as outlined in report ES20-07.

Motion Lost.

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

Motion by Alderman Chapman - Johnston:

THAT: Report ES20-07 be received for information; and further,

THAT: The renovation option #2 at an upset cost of \$433,000 to upgrade the Transit Station be approved; and further,

THAT: The sources of funding be identified as the Provincial Gas Tax and the Federal Gas Tax.

Recorded Vote

Yeas

Mayor C. Barwick

Alderman H. Chapman

T. Johnston

Nays

Alderman B. Aarts

L. Baldwin-Sands

G. Campbell

D. Warden

Absent

T. Shackelton

Motion Lost.

Motion by Alderman Campbell - Aarts:

THAT: An investigation be undertaken to examine the cost to repair the roof and to bring the Transit Building up to a minimum standard and that a report be developed and be brought back to Council.

Carried.

By-Law for Loitering

Termination of Fire Dispatch Services

Intersection of Third Avenue and Wellington Street

White Street Yield Signs

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

Replacement of Railway Ties

2007 St. Anne's Community Festival

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Chairman L. Baldwin-Sands

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Affordable Housing Program - Review of Financial Concessions - Appendix "C"

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Chapman:

THAT: Report OW-04-2007 of the Housing Administrator regarding Approved Affordable Housing Program projects - update be received as information.

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Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Report for the Months of October, November and December, 2006 - Appendix "D"

Motion by Alderman Warden - Chapman:

THAT: Report OW-07-02 of the Director, Ontario Works regarding the months of October, November and December 2006 be received as information.

Carried.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

REPORTS PENDING

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 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

Motion by Alderman Campbell - Baldwin-Sands:

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

Scouts Canada - 100th Anniversary - Flag Raising - February 13th to 23rd, 2007

Motion by Alderman Chapman - Baldwin-Sands:

THAT: The Scouts Canada 100th Anniversary flag be flown at City Hall for the week of February 13 to 23, 2007.

Carried.

June is Recreation and Parks Month - Proclamation

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Chapman:

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THAT: The Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas proclaim June, 2007 as “Recreation and Parks Month”.

Carried.

Yellow Ribbon Month

Mayor Barwick stated that he would like to promote April as Yellow Ribbon Month and that he would like to work with the downtown merchants in the promotion of this endeavour to show support for the troops that are in Afghanistan. Further he stated that he would be looking for suggestions from the public for the promotion of this project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Canadian Championship - Acknowledgment Signage

NEW BUSINESS

The City Clerk stated that Mr. Peter Yurek had been appointed to the Municipal Accessibility Committee.

BY-LAWS

First, Second and Third Reading

Motion by Alderman Warden - Chapman:

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 12th day of February, 2007.
2. 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 the Columbus Club of St. Thomas. (Joint use of parking facilities at 265 Wellington and 2 Third Avenue)

First and Second Readings

Motion by Alderman Warden - Chapman:

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 B. Aarts 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 Warden - Chapman:

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 12th day of February, 2007. (B/L 16-2007)
2. A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Seal of the Corporation to

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a certain agreement between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and the Columbus Club of St. Thomas. (Joint use of parking facilities at 265 Wellington and 2 Third Avenue)
(B/L 17-2007)

Carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICES OF MOTION

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Chapman:

THAT: This meeting be closed to deal with matters protected under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act at 6:10 p.m.

Carried.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Baldwin-Sands:

THAT: We do now rise from Closed Session. (6:53 p.m.)

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Aarts:

THAT: We do now adjourn. (8:15 p.m.)

Carried.