



“SPECIAL” COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 21st, 2021
6:00 p.m.
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ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Chair, Deputy Reeve Barrie Crampton
Councillor Rob Rainer
Councillor Fred Dobbie
Councillor Gene Richardson
Councillor Mick Wicklum
Councillor Beverley Phillips
Councillor RoxAnne Darling

Staff Present: Amanda Mabo, Acting CAO/Clerk
Janie Laidlaw, Deputy Clerk
Noelle Reeve, Planner
Richard Bennett, Acting Treasurer
Sean Ervin, Public Works Manager

Regrets: Reeve Brian Campbell

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
A quorum was present.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None at this time.

3. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

i) Official Plan Five-Year Review and Update.

- **Planning Report and Presentation**

Forbes Symon, Senior Planner, Jp2g Consultants Inc.

F. Symon gave the PowerPoint Presentation that was attached to the agenda.

4. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Councillor Rainer asked when the Lanark County Official Plan was last updated in 2012 and a lot has changed since then, Tay Valley's Official Plan is being updated in 2021, and must be in conformity with theirs, should it not be updated before the Township updates theirs?

F. Symon explained that while the Lanark County Plan is older and needs to be updated, staff has acknowledged that they are completing an update with the next Council. According to the Planning Act the lower tier must comply with the upper tiers plan, if the upper tiers plan is not up to date the lower tier can be more detailed and still conform and exceed it. If Tay Valley's Official Plan has a policy relating to Emergency Management which is new in the Provincial Policy Statements and that is not in the Lanark County Plan, that is not a problem that there is more detail than the Lanark County Plan.

Councillor Rainer asked about the Emergency Management policy and that there has been unprecedented weather and climate events, which can happen in any year, Tay Valley has been lucky this year, but there is concern that an event could happen, and we may not be ready, feels everyone should be ready for the worst-case scenario.

F. Symon agreed that Emergency Management is a key issue and Lanark County has had weather related events. The ice storm happened, and we have learned from it, Emergency Plans have been developed from what was learned, but need to be prepared for anything in the future. The Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority's watershed plan talks about emergency planning for more frequent extreme weather events.

K. Prytula, resident explained that she did not realize it was a Public Meeting since the agenda only said it was a Special Council Meeting. The report mentions that Council will have to manage growth, wondered if that is the law, and what if the Township does not want further growth, do they have to plan for it still?

F. Symon explained that the formal Notice of this meeting was posted in the paper for two consecutive weeks, that the agenda referred to it as a Special Council Meeting is not a concern. It is Council's responsibility to consider not accommodating the growth plan that is given to them, some areas are starting to see the positive and the negative with growth, Council will need to have a discussion about growth. Hoping that the report in October will provide some detail for Council to discuss on managing growth

and where it should be located. If Council does not want growth, believes that is an option that Council has, does not see that very often, but if that is what they wanted, it would have to be worked through and conveyed to the County of Lanark. As part of completing the Official Plan Review and Update, was to complete a Growth Management Plan for the Township.

Councillor Rainer has concern with the lack of public engagement on stuff like this, not very many people attended the public meeting in August and there are not very many at tonight's meeting. It is an important topic that should interest the public, what has been done in other municipalities for public engagement?

F. Symons explained that with Covid it is more difficult to have meaningful public engagement; normally the approach would be to go where the members of the public are, for example, having a booth at Ecotay or setting up in a hamlet where there is a community event happening or attending a lake annual general meeting. These options are not available now and the reality is that not many people get involved in the Official Plan, it does not attract them as they are not sure how it affects them. The Official Plan is pretty dry and does not get the attention that Planners think it should, hopefully there is a good representation on Council. If there are any other ways that the information can be presented to make an effort to get better public engagement, he is open to suggestions.

Deputy Reeve Crampton asked how far into the process are we and will there be time to review and address any concerns that do come up.

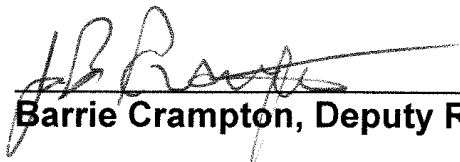
F. Symons explained that the process is at the beginning, the background work has been done, interviews with Council and staff have occurred and now looking for public comments, it has been a month since the first meeting, it is a tight timeline, hoping for some public comments by October 15th.

Teresa Perna, lives in Toronto and has been searching for vacant land in Tay Valley, interested in a lot on Pond Road and was told by the real estate agent and the Planner that there is a holding zone on the lots in this area, was wondering about the timeline for lifting the holding zone.

The Planner explained that the Zoning By-Law is different than the Official Plan and advised her to call or email tomorrow as it is a different process.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 6:41 p.m.


Barrie Crampton, Deputy Reeve


Janie Laidlaw, Deputy Clerk