

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF COUNCIL MEETING

A Committee of the Whole of Council Meeting of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen was held on March 15, 2011, at 9:40 a.m., in the Council Chambers, Reeve Ronald Gerow in the chair.

Councillors Larry Ellis and Barry Pomeroy were absent from the meeting.

Staff present: C.A.O. Linda Reed, Parks and Arena Manager Doug Hart, and Clerk Glenn Girven were in attendance at the meeting.

Reeve Gerow called the meeting to order and reminded Council of the requirement to disclose any pecuniary interest if and when it should arise.

### Delegation:

Billy Joe Prath – 2 Mill Lane – would like to keep ten chickens at his property in town to provide eggs and as pets. He requested an amendment to our by-law to permit his request. He said that four municipalities in Canada have revised their by-laws to allow the keeping of chickens in built up areas. He suggested that a by-law be passed similar to the City of Niagara Falls allowing a maximum of 10 chickens, no roosters allowed, must be contained at all times, can't be for commercial use, feces must be put in composters, and that if there were a coop, that it be kept clean so that there is no smell.

Reeve Gerow thanked Mr. Prath for his delegation and the Council would give his request further consideration.

### Business:

#### 1. **Letter from Linda Pollock – Mixed Three Pitch League.**

R-246-11      Moved by Deputy Reeve Sharpe  
                    Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the letter from the Mixed Three Pitch League be received and that they be advised in writing that there is no money available in the budget for netting for the outfield and would not be installed; and that the balance of the requests in their letter are not a problem and should be arranged through Arena and Parks Manager Doug Hart.

Carried

#### 2. **The TEACH Centre** had taken the first step towards the launch of its Community Engagement Project, and the development of a Youth Drop-in Centre, and had occupied the lower level of 3 George Street West. They requested that Council authorize a residential water/sewer rate for the

premise, similar to the rate charged for the TEACH Centre's 5 George Street location.

R-247-11 Moved by Deputy Reeve Sharpe  
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That a residential water and sewer rate be approved for the drop in portion that would be located on the lower level of 3 George Street West as long as the use of the building is used for TEACH Centre programming or youth related or associated uses, and that anything beyond that use would be charged at the full commercial rate.

Carried

3. **Rick and Elisa Walker** thanks the township for doing a wonderful job of clearing the sidewalks.

R-248-11 Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Deputy Reeve Sharpe

That the correspondence from Rick and Elisa Walker be received and be copied to the Works Department and Josh Storey for their information.

Carried

4. **Report from the treasurer** – funds expended on mileage for the Building and Planning Departments.

R-249-11 Moved by Deputy Reeve Sharpe  
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the report from the Treasurer detailing the funds expended on mileage for the Building and Planning Departments be received.

Carried

5. **Chairs for the Council Chambers** – a quote had been provided by Brant Office for the same chairs that are in the County Council Chambers.

R-250-11 Moved by Deputy Reeve Sharpe  
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That eight new chairs be purchased for the Council Chambers as per the quote from Brant Office for the amount of \$1,592.00, not including HST.

Carried

**Closed Session:**

R-251-11 Moved by Deputy Reeve Sharpe  
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the Meeting move into closed session at 10:25 a.m. under Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act for matters regarding the security of the property of the municipality; for personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees; and litigation matters affecting the municipality.

Carried

R-252-11 Moved by Deputy Reeve Sharpe  
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the meeting rise from the Closed Session at 12:05 p.m.

Carried

**Confirmation By-Law:**

R-253-11 Moved by Deputy Reeve Sharpe  
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen held on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 be read a first, second and third time and be finally passed open council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, and be numbered By-Law No. 2011 – 27.

Carried

**Adjournment**

R-254-11 Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Deputy Reeve Sharpe

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Carried

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Reeve

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Clerk