

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

A Special Meeting of Council of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen was held on January 18, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Reeve Ronald Gerow in the chair.

All Members of Council were in attendance at this meeting.

Staff present: C.A.O. Dianne Hill, and Clerk Glenn Girven. Linda Reed was also in attendance for this 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.

Reeve Gerow explained that the purpose of this Special Meeting was to meet with representatives of the City of Peterborough Social Services department regarding the Social Plan; and with the Director of Public Works for the County of Peterborough.

Delegations:

Sonia Hardman, Social Plan Coordinator; and Angel Jackson from the City of Peterborough Social Services Department – Social Plan. Ms. Hardman provided an update on the status of the Social Plan in the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen and in the County of Peterborough as a whole. Angel Jackson provided an update on the services available at the “Help Centre” at the Library. They have been busy helping clients with various issues ranging from ODSP, health issues, depression, helping people fill out EI forms, etc. Ms. Hardman said that there had been two service consultation meetings to determine the services provided in our community and how they weave together. HBM is a well serviced community in the County, but there are still gaps and agencies meet to discuss opportunities to address those gaps. The YMCA will continue its “after school program”, and Stepping Stones’ numbers are increasing requiring additional programs. The Principal of the Havelock Belmont Public School would like to see a program offered at the school for families and children. The TEACH Centre are proposing a new program in the community to increase the volunteer capacity of the community; and a proposal for youth related programs and a Youth Drop In Centre. Ms. Hardman said there is much to discuss to ensure there are not duplications in services, but that the outlook is very positive in the community.

Members of Council asked Ms. Hardman and Ms. Jackson to attend Council meetings on a quarterly basis, and for monthly written reports so that they can keep up to date on the progress of the Social Plan initiatives.

Chris Bradley – Director of Public Works for the County of Peterborough – County roads; and Laurie Westaway, Manager of Environmental Services; were in attendance at the meeting.

County Road 48 - Members of Council asked about signage at the intersection of the Belmont 6th Line and County Road 48. Mr. Bradley said that the sight lines are within the design guideline criteria, and do not factor in conditions created when people break the law by speeding. Signs are not warranted under regulation. Truck turning signs are a stretch, but will be installed first thing in the spring. The County does not want to set a precedence by doing things that are not required by regulation. Members of Council wanted to go on record as continuing to object to the intersection. Mr. Bradley did agree to do a traffic count, combined with a visual count, to try to understand exactly what is happening at the intersection on a busy summer weekend. He said that County Road 48 would not be reconstructed, but would receive pulverizing and surface treatment in 2013. Members of Council asked about the location of the underground cable being laid on the roadside, it being very inconsistent as to location, being beside the fence in some locations to being on the road side in other locations. Mr. Bradley said that he would look at.

County Road 30 (Concession Street) – work is scheduled for 2013. The Environmental Assessment study and design work was expected to be completed this year in preparation for 2013. Supervisor Peter Deshane said that the water services, hydrants, and water main should be done at the same time. Mr. Bradley said that it made sense to move forward at the same time and that a combined contract is good as it would streamline the process with one design consultant and environmental study. The township would be responsible for their costs, and indicated that they would apply for OSWAP funding for the project.

George Street – Council wanted to get it on the five year roads needs capital forecast. Members of Council said it would be an expensive urban section to rehabilitate, but would like to get a plan in place so that it can be “in the can” and ready to go when an opportunity arises. Mr. Bradley said that five year forecasts are fluid documents upgraded annually by members of County Council. The place to start would be to have public consultation, complete the studies required, and prepare a plan based on a staged or all at one time approach. A preliminary meeting with township staff on how to move forward financially would be valuable. Members of Council provided direction to Economic Development Officer Brian Grattan to set up a meeting with the businesses on the street and the T.R.I.P. Committee in early March to start the process.

Cardboard Compactor at the 6th Line Transfer Station – Superintendent of Works Boyd Hill said that the compactor works but is too small for the site and it takes far too much time of the Transfer Station Attendant. An extra employee would be needed to retain the machine, and the Township is not interested in

Confirmation By-Law:

R-39-11 Moved by Councillor Pomeroy
 Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the by-law to confirm the proceedings of the special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen held on January 18th, 2010 be read a first, second and third time and be finally passed open council this 18th day of January, 2011, and be numbered By-Law No. 2011 – 07.

Carried

Adjournment

R-40-11 Moved by Councillor Martin
 Seconded by Councillor Ellis

That the meeting be adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Carried

Reeve

Clerk