

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

A Special Meeting of Council of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen was held on July 14, 2011, at 7: 00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Reeve Ronald Gerow in the chair.

All Members of Council were in attendance at this meeting.

Staff present: CAO Linda Reed and Clerk Glenn Girven

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 HBM Lakes Association at their request for an open dialogue on identified water front matters.

Members of the HBMLA present were Ruth Pezzack, Peter Johnston, Richard Rye, Michael Rosen, and Sue Cushing.

Several members of the public and press were also in attendance.

Reeve Gerow thanked Members of the HBMLA for their attendance at this meeting, and for the items provided for discussion at this meeting.

Topics discussed from the agenda included:

1. Response to their request for an interim control by-law for boathouses, both on land and in-water.
2. Status and projected schedule of public input to Comprehensive review of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law.

The first two items on the agenda were dealt with together. Members of Council asked CAO Reed to explain the township's position. The update of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law had already been commenced, and was believed by Council to be the quickest and best way to address all the issues and variables in the whole township. An interim Control by-law was not an option that Council would approve. The boat house issue would be one of the important issues considered, with input received from members of the public during the update. Public consultation was an important part of the work plan, and would be the opportunity for all residents to provide input in an open forum on all the issues in an Official Plan and Zoning By-law update.

The HBMLA President expressed a concern with the absence of an interim control by-law.

3. Update on septic and holding tank maintenance inspection program.

Deputy Reeve Sharpe said that the Health Unit had no funding in their budget for a septic inspection program. There would not be a program this year sponsored by the Health Unit. As Deputy Reeve, he agreed to work with the lake associations in this matter.

4. Update on healthy shoreline brochure for HBM.

CAO Reed advised that the brochure was close to being ready for the website and for distribution with planning applications, building permits.

5. Schedule for 2011 strategic plan for HBM.

CAO Reed explained that the 2011 Strategic Plan for HBM was priority based at this time for items prioritized by Council. An implementation plan would be available in the fall to achieve goals through the term of Council.

6. Ward System Input from HBMLA.

Reeve Gerow explained that Council was continuing to hear input from a broad spectrum of residents. Council would look at the matter again in September.

7. Sustainable Peterborough had requested that their "Vision? Cards" be provided to the HBMLA for distribution to their members associations. The sustainability plan is a collaborative endeavour by all members of the Greater Peterborough Area. They invited participation by the Vision? Cards or by online survey.

This business was for information purposes only, and was used by Sustainable Peterborough as an opportunity to provide their "Vision Cards" to the lake associations for their information and input.

8. Members of Council provided the August 16th meeting date for August and the new Monday meeting dates starting in September 2011. It was expected that the revised procedural by-law would be approved at the August 16th meeting to approve the three Monday meetings per month.

R-552-11 Moved by Councillor Pomeroy
 Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the delegation from the HBMLA be received.

Carried

