CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEAFORD
COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Session of Council of the Municipality of Meaford was held at 7:00 pm at the Council Chambers on March 8th, 2010.

Members Present: Mayor Francis Richardson
Deputy Mayor Michael Traynor
Councillor Harley Greenfield
Councillor Cynthia Lemon
Councillor Jim McPherson
Councillor Gerald Shortt
Councillor Lynda Stephens

Staff Present: Clerk, Peggy Rouse
CAO, Frank Miele
Director – Corporate Services/Treasurer, David Kennedy
Fire Chief – Steve Nickels

1 Call to Order:
Mayor Richardson called the Regular Session of Council to Order at 7:00 p.m.

2 Moment of Reflection
Mayor Richardson requested that the Public, Council and Staff pause briefly for a moment of reflection.

At this time, the Mayor read from a prepared statement which has been agreed to by council regarding the Georgian Theatre Festival and Meaford Hall noting that there will be no questions. The following was read:

"Whereas Council believes we are at a moment in the Municipality’s history that we may be able to put a difficult and divisive period related to Meaford Hall behind us and move forward more successfully together;

Be it hereby resolved that Council takes this opportunity to sincerely apologize for the manner in which the Municipality treated a number of its citizens who were executives, staff, volunteers, supporters and friends of the Georgian Theatre Festival and Meaford Hall before, during and following the physical renovation of the Hall.

While there were errors of judgment made during this unfortunate period in our community life, Council offers this unequivocal apology for its way of dealing with other views at the time, and vows to be more respectful of the range of views of its citizens in the future.

Council does so in the hope that forgiveness can now take the place of animosity and that all citizens, including those involved with the Georgian Theatre Festival and Meaford Hall reconstruction, will feel welcome and become a part of Meaford Hall’s success, and the Municipality’s success, going forward."

3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest(s):
No declarations of pecuniary interest were made by council.

4 Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s): None Submitted
5 Committee of the Whole:
Moved by Deputy Mayor Traynor
Seconded by Councillor Greenfield

Be It Resolved, That Council of the Municipality of Meaford move into Committee of the Whole.

Carried Resolution # 12 - 085 - 2010

6 Delegations:

6.1 Meaford Community Action Network
Jennifer Croft, Health Promoter, with the Grey Bruce Health Unit and Lorene Taylor, Chair of the Meaford Community Action Network addressed Council and provided an update regarding the past year’s activities and plans for 2010, highlighting the accomplishments last year and the goals for this year.

Council thanked the Meaford Community Action Network for their enthusiasm and efforts in the community.

Staff was directed that the request for financial support to the Meaford Community Action Network be included in the 2010 grant process.

6.2 Meaford Municipal Farmer’s Market
Steve Vance, President and Brad Johnston, director-at-large from the Meaford Municipal Farmers’ Market addressed Council, introducing members of the board that were present. Mr. Vance provided a brief history, thanking Council for their support over the past three years, noting the 2009 successes which included the development of a new website, “Friends of the Market” with the vendors coming from a 100 kilometre radius of Meaford, promotion through media. They explained their plan for 2010 which included a partnership with “Friends of the Library” and a Youth Vendor’s program. The Market requested that the municipality continue with the waiving of the fees for the Pavilion at the Harbour on Friday afternoons starting in June.

Council thanked Mr. Vance and Mr. Johnston for their presentation and the Meaford Municipal Farmers Market for their work and enthusiasm.

Staff was directed that the request for financial support to the Meaford Municipal Farmers’ Market be included in the 2010 grant process.

7 Reports – New or Business Arising from Previous Minutes

7.1 Corporate Services
a) CLK 2010-02 – Request for Signs on Municipal Property
Subsequent to discussion, Committee of the Whole recommended the following:

Moved by Councillor McPherson
Seconded by Councillor Greenfield

Be It Resolved, That Committee of the Whole adopt the recommendation as follows:

THAT Council of The Municipality of Meaford hereby:
1) Receive Report CLK-2010-02 – Request for Signs on Municipal Property dated March 8th, 2010; and
2) Approve the following sandwich signs on municipal property and waiving the applicable fee for the Community Family Health Centres.

Carried Resolution # 12 - 086 - 2010
7.2 Operations

a) OPS 2010-002 – Leith Water System – Additional Water Service Connections
   Subsequent to discussion, Committee of the Whole recommended the following:

   Moved by Councillor Stephens
   Seconded by Councillor Lemon

   Be It Resolved, That the Committee of the Whole adopt the recommendations as follows:
      Additional Water Service Connections dated March 8, 2010;
   2) THAT Council approve a request by the Operations Department (Environmental
      Services Division) to enter into negotiations with the City of Owen Sound; and
   3) THAT the necessary resolution supporting these negotiations be prepared for an
      upcoming Council meeting.

   Carried Resolution # 12 - 087 - 2010

b) OPS 2010-004 – Golden Town Cruisers Car Show
   Subsequent to discussion, Committee of the Whole recommended the following:

   Moved by Councillor Greenfield
   Seconded by Councillor McPherson

   Be It Resolved, That the Committee of the Whole adopt the recommendations as follows:
   1) THAT Council receive Operations Report OPS-2010-004 – Golden Town Cruisers Car
      Show, Waiving of Rental Fee for the Rotary Harbour Pavilion dated March 8, 2010; and
   2) THAT the request for financial support to the “Golden Town Cruisers” be included
      in the 2010 grant process.

   Carried Resolution # 12 - 088 - 2010

c) OPS 2010-005 – Meaford Good Food Box
   Subsequent to discussion, Committee of the Whole recommended the following:

   Moved by Councillor Lemon
   Seconded by Councillor Stephens

   Be It Resolved, That the Committee of the Whole adopt the recommendations as follows:
   1) THAT Council receive Operations Report OPS-2010-005 – Meaford Good Food Box,
      Waiving of Rental Fee for Community Centre dated March 8, 2010; and
   2) THAT the request for financial support to the “Meaford Good Food Box” be included
      in the 2010 grant process.

   Carried Resolution # 12 - 089 - 2010

Staff is directed to find out the cost to the municipality of waiving these fees.

7.3 Planning & Building

a) CBO Report – February 2010
   Moved by Deputy Mayor Traynor
   Seconded by Councillor Greenfield

   Be It Resolved, That Committee of the Whole receive CBO – Building Report – February
   2010 for information purposes.

   Carried Resolution # 12 - 090 - 2010
b) **PB 013 - 2010 – Partial Release – Rural Development Agreement**

Subsequent to discussion, Committee of the Whole recommended the following:

Moved by Councillor Shortt
Seconded by Councillor Stephens

*Be It Resolved, That the Committee of the Whole adopt the recommendations as follows:*

1) THAT Council receive Report PB013-2010 – Partial Release of Rural Development Agreement Part of Lot 18, Concession 11 (Parts 6 & 7, 16R-9526) dated March 8, 2010; and

2) That Council pass a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Acknowledgement and Direction that provides a partial release of the Rural Development Agreement applicable to Part of Lot 18, Concession 11 (Parts 6 & 7, 16R-9526) in the former Township of St. Vincent.

**Carried Resolution # 12 - 091 - 2010**

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8 **Correspondence** (Direction Required):

8.1 GBHU – Building Healthy Communities Together

*Staff is directed to bring a resolution back at a future council meeting.*

9 **Council Member(s) Report(s)**

Council Members Appointed to External Groups

Councillor McPherson noted that he had attended the Library Conference in Toronto and provided council with a verbal report. Councillor Shortt announced that the BIA will be meeting this Thursday morning to consider their budget.

County Council from Mayor or Alternate

Deputy Mayor Traynor announced that the county council will be in budget deliberations tomorrow. The Mayor announced that the county will be doing a housing study which will include Meaford.

Conference/Seminar/Workshop

Mayor Richardson provided council with a report from the 2010 OGRA/ROMA Combined Conference.

10 **Question Period:**

Questions were asked concerning the following topics:

*From the Public - None*

*From Council - Development charges*

11 **Motion to move out of Committee of the Whole**

Moved by Councillor McPherson
Seconded by Councillor Greenfield

*Be It Resolved, That Council of the Municipality of Meaford move out of Committee of the Whole.*

**Carried Resolution # 12 - 092 - 2010**

12 **Pay Sheets:** None Submitted

13 **Resolutions:**

Council unanimously agreed to introduce the following resolution.

Moved by Councillor Greenfield
Seconded by Councillor McPherson

Whereas, The County of Grey and the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority are in the process of developing a new hiking trail through the St. Vincent tract of the Grey County Forest; and

Whereas, The new trail is in the immediate vicinity of the homestead settled and developed by the family of Arthur D. Latornell; and

Whereas, The Name Arthur D. Latornell has become synonymous with conservation activity within the province of Ontario, and inspired the creation of the Latornell Conference, held yearly to illustrate and promote conservation ideas and activities throughout the province; therefore

Be It Resolved, That Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Meaford hereby endorse the creation of this new trail and suggest to the County of Grey and the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority that the trail be equipped with appropriate signage and named the “Arthur D. Latornell Lookout Trail”; and

2) A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and the County of Grey.

Carried Resolution # 12 - 093 - 2010

By-law(s): None

Notice of Public Meeting(s)/General Announcements/Notice of Motion
1) Special Council Meeting – Thursday, March 11th, 2010 – Budget Working Session
2) Regular Council Meeting Cancelled – Monday, March 15th, 2010 – Planning

Deputy Mayor Traynor announced the Meaford Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 28th, 2010. The Chief Administrative Officer provided council with a verbal update report about the Eureka Exchange coming on March 20th, 2010 at the Meaford Hall.

The Mayor announced about the Big Brothers/Big Sisters the success of the bowling fundraiser.

In Camera

The Mayor advised that council will go in camera for the purpose of discussing a litigation matter and receive information from a solicitor. Mayor Richardson explained that he would not be participating in the first part of the “In Camera” session as it was regarding North Georgian Beach, noting as previously stated that the Mayor feels that it was important that the perception of a conflict be addressed rather than the reality. The issue does not need more controversy.

Council went in camera at 8:37 p.m., as follows:
Moved by Councillor Stephens
Seconded by Councillor Lemon

Be It Resolved, That Council of the Municipality of Meaford does now go into a closed Session to discuss an item(s) which relates to:
Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before Administrative Tribunals, affecting the Municipality or Local Board(s). (Georgian Beach Road)
The receiving of advice that is subject to Solicitor-Client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; (Georgian Beach Road)
Staff / Persons authorized to remain: Clerk, CAO, Director – Operations, Director – Corporate Services/Treasurer

Carried Resolution # 12 - 094 - 2010

Council moved out of the In Camera Session as follows:
Moved by Councillor Stephens
Seconded by Councillor Lemon
Be It Resolved, That Council of the Municipality of Meaford does now move out of the In Camera Session and return to the regular Meeting.

Carried Resolution # 12IC - 096 - 2010

Council reconvened into open session at 9:03 p.m. and the Mayor confirmed council had gone in camera and discussed litigation or potential litigation matter and receive solicitor-client information affecting the municipality.

Council discussed with staff the re-configuration of the council chambers, with option #2 being the preferred option.

17 By-law Arising from In-Camera Session: None

18 Adjournment
There was no objection to adjourning the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Original Signed by
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Mayor Francis Richardson

Original Signed by
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Clerk Peggy Rouse

Next Special Council Meeting is March 11th, 2010 @ 5:00 p.m.
Next Regular Council Meeting is March 22nd, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.