

8. CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

- 429-08 Letter and enclosed Commissioner's Report # 2008-P-41 from Mrs. P.M. Madill, Regional Clerk from the Regional Municipality of Durham regarding the elimination of the requirement for a reliance letter in cases where a record of site condition is filed.
- 449-08 Letter and enclosed Commissioner's Report No. 2008-P-45 from Nestor Chornobay, Director of the Strategic Planning Branch for the Regional Municipality of Durham regarding the Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Action Committee 2007 Annual Report and 2008 Work Plan.
- 457-08 Letter and enclosed 2007 Status Report on the Implementation of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan: A Look at New Infrastructure Projects forwarded by Ms. Debbe Crandall, Executive Director, STORM Coalition for Monitoring the Marine.
- 458-08 Minutes of the Scugog Memorial Public Library Board Meeting held April 17, 2008.
- 459-08 Minutes of the Scugog Memorial Public Library Board Meeting held April 4, 2008.
- 460-08 Minutes of the Scugog Memorial Public Library Board Meeting held March 20, 2008.
- 461-08 Minutes of the Special Scugog Memorial Public Library Board Meeting – CEO Recruitment held March 7, 2008.
- 462-08 Minutes of the Scugog Memorial Public Library Board Meeting held February 21, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO: 08-

Moved by: Councillor
Seconded by: Councillor

THAT the Correspondence be Received for Information.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED & REFERRED

441-08 Letter from Mr. John Godden, President of the Durham Rowing Club requesting a letter of support from the Township of Scugog to assist with the application process for a weed cutting permit to the Trent Severn Waterway National Historic site of Canada.

(Forwarded to the Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture to provide a letter of support – June 12, 2008)

443-08 Letter from area residents summarizing concerns for the development of Paxton Street.

(Forwarded to the Commissioner of Planning & Public Works for consideration – June 12, 2008)

444-08 Letter from area residents suggesting recommendations regarding the reconstruction and widening of Paxton Street.

(Forwarded to the Commissioner of Planning & Public Works for consideration – June 12, 2008)

452-08 Letter from Mr. Larry Corrigan containing a response to the Township of Scugog Official Plan Update. Letter includes comments and suggestions for the Sustainability Discussion Paper and Commercial Discussion Paper.

(Forwarded to the Commissioner of Planning & Public Works to be included in the Official Plan Review – June 17, 2008)

453-08 Letter from Ms. Shauna Kennedy regarding the Paxton Street reconstruction project and enclosed comments letter voicing her family's concerns for the personal impact of this development.

(Forwarded to the Commissioner of Planning & Public Works for consideration – June 17, 2008)

RESOLUTION NO: 08-

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

THAT this Council concur with the recommended direction.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED & ENDORSED

450-08 Letter from Honourable Jim Abernethy informing Premier Dalton McGuinty of the Municipality of Clarington's request for consideration of choosing the Ontario Power Generation Darlington "B" Site for Ontario's next nuclear new build. Also enclosed, letters from surrounding leaders in the community and the following resolution passed by the Municipality of Clarington's Council on Monday June 9, 2008:

WHEREAS The Government of Ontario is preparing to make an important decision pertaining to the location of new nuclear reactors;

WHEREAS the past and present Council of the Municipality of Clarington supports nuclear energy;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Clarington has enjoyed a long-standing, positive, open, transparent and mutually supportive relationship with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and is confident in OPG's safe and reliable operation of the Darlington Generating Station;

WHEREAS during the week of June 1, 2008 the General Motors Corporation announced the plant closure of all operations at their truck plant in Oshawa in 2009;

WHEREAS this announcement has created total fear and panic already within our community and beyond;

WHEREAS this announcement will result in the loss of 2600 full-time permanent jobs plus hundreds of more support jobs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Premier of the Province of Ontario and the Provincial Minister of Energy be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Clarington fully supports Nuclear New Build at the Darlington Generating Station "B" site;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Province of Ontario and to the Regional Municipality of Durham.

463-08

Correspondence from Ms. Susan Greatrix, City Clerk for The Corporation of the City of Waterloo requesting support for the following resolution:

**Re: 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge
Infrastructure Investment**

WHEREAS the City of Waterloo is one of the Ontario municipalities who have been approved to receive funds in the amount of \$1,308,003 from the Ministry of Transportation towards municipal road and bridge capital infrastructure renewal needs;

WHEREAS towns and cities are where the people of Canada work and live and their long term sustainability is at risk without an adequate infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS provincial and national economic prosperity is inextricably linked to the well being and prosperity of towns and cities;

AND WHEREAS public ownership of infrastructure has shifted over the past 50 years away from the federal and provincial governments to become an increasing responsibility for municipal governments such as the City of Waterloo;

AND WHEREAS the City of Waterloo requires revenues that grow with the economy in order to contribute to the sustainability of its infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Waterloo has introduced a number of initiatives such as ten-year capital planning, continuous improvement, public private partnerships and a proposed capital investment contribution as the City's efforts to address the infrastructure deficit;

AND WHEREAS the City of Waterloo has determined that its municipal infrastructure deficit is approximately \$160 million over the next ten years;

AND WHEREAS the City of Waterloo's infrastructure deficit would require a one time municipal tax increase of 40% to be fully funded;

AND WHEREAS property taxes, for the most part, is a very regressive tax not based on economic growth, income or ability to pay;

AND WHEREAS there is just a single taxpayer paying taxes to different levels of government;

AND WHEREAS, on average, municipalities collect eight cents of every dollar of total government collected taxes for the services they provide;

AND WHEREAS there are federal and provincial surpluses projected over the next number of years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) the Council of The Corporation of the City of Waterloo calls upon the Provincial government to clarify and confirm that the 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment is in fact a one time infusion of funds versus an annual contribution and that if this is the case, that the Provincial government provide long term and sustainable infrastructure funding to assist the City of Waterloo and all upper, lower, and single tier municipalities in addressing their infrastructure roles and responsibilities;
- 2) copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, Federal and Provincial Ministers of Finance, Provincial Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, Federal Minister of Transportation, all Members of Parliament, all Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Big Cities Mayors' Caucus of FCM;
- 3) all municipalities be encouraged to pass motions supporting this resolution and forward to their relevant federal and provincial representatives.

464-08

Letter from Ms. Kathryn J. Vout, Town Clerk for the Town of Grimsby requesting endorsement of the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Greenbelt Plan claims to “protect against the loss and fragmentation of the agricultural land base and to support agriculture as the predominant land use” without providing essential economic support for Ontario farmers; and

WHEREAS the Greenbelt Plan claims to “provide for a diverse range of economic and social activities associated with rural communities, agriculture, tourism, recreation and resource uses” without allowing municipalities to plan and create parks within the designated Greenbelt area; and

WHEREAS the Greenbelt Plan, in “identifying where urbanization should not occur in order to provide permanent protection to the agricultural land base and the ecological features and functions occurring on this landscape” has effectively frozen all future growth in numerous municipalities throughout Ontario negatively affecting the ability of these municipalities to balance future budgets; and

WHEREAS the Greenbelt has frozen development on lands where municipalities have spent millions of dollars providing municipal services for future growth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- 1) That the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby requests that the Ontario Provincial Government conduct a detailed study into the economic effects of the Greenbelt on farmers and municipalities; and
- 2) That the Ontario Provincial Government provide transfer funding to municipalities frozen by the Greenbelt to ensure the economic stability of Greenbelt towns and cities; and

- 3) That the Ontario Provincial Government provide compensation to municipalities equal to the cost of municipal services within lands frozen by Greenbelt designation; and
- 4) That the Ontario Provincial Government provide tax relief to farmers within the Greenbelt area to protect and sustain farming in the Greenbelt Area for future generations; and
- 5) That a copy of this resolution be provided to all municipalities affected by the Greenbelt Legislation with a request for endorsement; and
- 6) That a copy of this resolution be provided to Premier Dalton McGuinty, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, the Minister of Public Infrastructure and AMO.

467-08 Correspondence received from Ms. Lorna Buob, Clerk-Treasurer for the Township of O'Connor requesting support for the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has increased the minimum wage three years in a row and will continue to increase this wage in the next two years;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has reduced the number of summer job positions being subsidized through Canada Summer Jobs program due to the increase in minimum wage;

AND WHEREAS small municipalities, small business and not for profit organizations are encouraged to provide valuable work and learning experiences for summer students in their communities;

AND WHEREAS these same organizations continue to struggle with rising operating costs and without this funding are unable to offer youth in the community these positions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of O'Connor requests that the Federal Government commit to meeting the demands for the Canada Summer Jobs Program by guaranteeing a set number of positions and increase the funding accordingly;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Rt. Hon Steven Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, Hon. Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, Service Canada, Ken Boshcoff, M.P. Thunder Bay – Atikokan, Joe Commuzzi, M.P. Thunder Bay – Superior North, A.M.O., and distributed through AMO to all municipalities in the Province of Ontario for consideration and support.

RESOLUTION NO: 08-

Moved by: Councillor
Seconded by: Councillor

THAT Correspondence Numbers 450-08, 463-08, 464-08 & 467-08 all be Received and Endorsed.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING MOTION FOR DIRECTION

440-08 Letter from Ms. Cheryl Manikas, Campaign Manager for the United Way requesting the following to assist with the Bankers and Burgers Campaign Kick-Off to be held September 16th, 2008 from 12:00 – 2:00p.m.:

- Permission to close off the portion of Perry Street from Queen Street to North Street for a Tricycle Race;
- To utilize the Township of Scugog's barricades and that they be dropped off at the two intersections mentioned above and have them dropped off to ensure no traffic flow during the above times; and
- The use of 6 pylons.

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Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

THAT this Council authorize the event subject to any fees, conditions and securities deemed necessary by the Commissioner of Planning & Public Works;

AND THAT the Police, Fire and Ambulance be so advised.

Carried

448-08 Ms. Sharon van Son
Assistant Deputy Attorney General
Ministry of the Attorney General

Re: The 2008 launch of the Attorney General's Victim Services Awards of Distinction – recognizing outstanding achievements of dedicated professionals and volunteers in the victim services fields, nominations accepted until July 16, 2008

(Motion for Direction)

RESOLUTION NO: 08-

Moved by: Councillor
Seconded by: Councillor

465-08 Letter and enclosed list of supporting municipalities from Peter Julian, MP, Burnaby – New Westminster requesting Council's support of the following motion:

Motion M-38

"That, in the opinion of the House, the government should recognize that fire retardants containing polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) are proven to be the most dangerous form of flame retardant harmful to people, animals and the environment, and that legislation completely phasing out the production and import of products containing additive PBDEs should be brought forth within a year"

(Motion for Direction)

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Moved by: Councillor
Seconded by: Councillor