

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH-WEST OXFORD
COUNCIL MINUTES
August 13, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor: David Mayberry
Councillors: Paul Buchner (Ward 1), Peter Ypma (Ward 2), George Way (Ward 4), Jim Pickard (Ward 5), Craig Gillis (Ward 6) (via Skype)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Valerie Durston (Ward 3)

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Ellen Greb, CAO
Diane Larder, Treasurer
Bill Freeman, Works Superintendent
Julie Forth, Clerk
Jeff VanRybroeck, Fire Chief & CEMC
Howard Leaver, CBO

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor David Mayberry and a quorum was present.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

Resolution No. 1 Moved by Jim Pickard
Seconded by Peter Ypma

RESOLVED that the regular meeting agenda for the August 13th, 2019 meeting of council be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

MINUTES

July 9th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Resolution No. 2 Moved by Jim Pickard
Seconded by George Way

RESOLVED that the regular minutes of the July 9th, 2019 council meeting be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Adam advised that the Provincial Policy Statement directs that prime agricultural farmland be protected for the long term and that planning staff are generally not supportive of reducing MDS 1 setback requirements. Planning staff recommend finding alternatives rather than reducing MDS 1 setback requirements. Adam commented on agency circulation and advised that no concerns have been received. Staff are of the opinion that approval of this application may set an undesirable precedent for similar undersized properties within the Township and may impact the ability for surrounding livestock operations to expand in the future.

Planning staff is recommending that the application, as proposed, be denied as the development of a single detached dwelling with a reduced MDS 1 setback on an undersized agricultural parcel, that has not been demonstrated to be viable, is not consistent with the policy direction of the Official Plan respecting the development of undersized agricultural parcels.

The viability of the subject property for agricultural purposes was also discussed. Council suggested that the applicants give consideration to moving the proposed new residential dwelling outside of the MDS 1 setback area. Mayor Mayberry suggested that a more appropriate request may be to ask for a rezoning of a portion of the property to rural residential and noted that there are other rural residential uses across the road from the proposed new home.

Comments from the Applicant

Casey Kulchycki, addressed Council on behalf of the applicants in relation to the zone change application. He commented that they recognize that the subject property is an undersized lot and that the agricultural parcel is not economically viable. The applicants are farming a small portion of the land. He advised that the Happls use this farm operation as supplemental income to other sources of income.

Comments from members of the Public

There were no comments from the public in support of or opposed to the application.

Comments from members of Council

It was noted that the Happls already have an entrance permit for the driveway to the new dwelling off of Old Stage Road. They were encouraged to move the location of the proposed home so that it is outside the MDS 1 setback and amend their zone change application to request that a portion of the land be rezoned to rural residential.

9:15 a.m. - Adam Ager, Development Planner - Public Meeting: Zone Change Application (ZN 4-19-05) - 564583 Karn Road (Markwood Farms Inc.)

Development Planner Adam Ager advised that the application for Zone Change is a condition of an approved consent application by the Oxford County Land Division Committee for a surplus farm residence, resulting from a farm consolidation in the Township of South-West Oxford.

The subject property is described as Part Lot 7, Concession Broken Front (West Oxford) in the Township of South-West Oxford. The lands are located on the north side of Karn Road between East Hill Line and West Hill Line, and are municipally known as 564583 Karn Road.

Adam advised that no concerns with respect to the application were raised as a result of agency circulation. Planning staff are recommending approval of the application as it is generally consistent with the policies of the Provincial Policy Statement and the County Official Plan with respect to lands designated for agricultural purposes.

Comments from the Applicant

Discussion took place regarding another condition of the severance which was granted by the Oxford County Land Division Committee to demolish an existing home on the subject property. The applicants may apply at the Township office for a demolition permit to fulfill this condition.

Comments from members of the Public

There were no comments in support of or opposed to the application.

Comments from Council

Councillor Pickard commented that he would like to see the application approved.

9:30 a.m. - Adam Ager, Development Planner - Public Meeting: Zone Change Application (ZN 4-19-06) - 293193 Culloden Road (Tanya and Jeff Veldjesgraaf)

Development Planner Adam Ager advised that the zone change application proposes to amend the existing site-specific zone on the subject property to permit the expansion of the existing retail sale of frozen meat products within an attached garage on the subject property while also retaining the currently permitted residential use. The business is doing well and the applicants would like to utilize more of the existing floor space. No new buildings are proposed as part of this expansion.

The subject lands are described as Part Lot 22, Concession 5, (Dereham), within the settlement of Verschoyle, in the Township of South-West Oxford.

Seconded by Paul Buchner

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford approve the zone change application submitted by Robert Julian, whereby the lands described as Part Lot 7, Concession Broken Front (West Oxford), Township of South-West Oxford are to be rezoned from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Rural Residential Zone' to use of the subject lands for rural residential purposes and to satisfy a condition of severance.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Resolution No. 8

Moved by Peter Ypma
Seconded by George Way

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford approve, the zone change application File No. ZN 4-19-06, submitted by Jeff Veldjesgraaf, for lands described as Part Lot 22, Concession 5, (Dereham), Township of South-West Oxford, to amend the existing zone on the subject lands 'Special Rural Residential Zone (RR-33)' to permit the expansion of the existing retail sales of frozen meat products within an attached garage on the subject property.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

9:45 a.m. - Christene Scrimgeour - 2018 Audited Financial Statements

Auditor Christene Scrimgeour of Scrimgeour & Company reviewed the draft Financial Statements for the Township with Council for the year ending on December 31st, 2018. She commented on the Township's financial position in comparison to last year and the increase in the Township's capital assets, specifically with respect to the Beachville Fire Station and the associated long-term debt which will appear on the Township's statements next year.

She reviewed the Township's balance sheet and trust funds for Council. She noted that cemetery trust funds are not consolidated with the Township statements as the use of these funds are stipulated under the Cemeteries Act.

Discussion took place with respect to the additional revenue that was received in 2018 due to special assessment that came in through supplementary taxes. In response to an inquiry from Council, Ms. Scrimgeour

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

10:52 a.m. - Susannah Robinson, Vice President for Ontario, Epcor - Natural Gas Servicing in Salford

Susannah Robinson, Vice President for Ontario Epcor provided a presentation to Council with respect to the steps required for Epcor to move forward with providing natural gas servicing for Salford. It was noted that Epcor is responding to a request for service and will need to ensure that they have completed an economic test and have municipal support to service the area. Epcor's ability to service the area was also discussed to ensure that there will be supply for the village. It was acknowledged that there have been some pressure issues in the south, however these issues have not been experienced in the area of Salford.

With respect to timing, should Epcor receive approval from the Energy Board to service the area, they would be looking at breaking ground in April or May of 2020. Any additional properties to be included within the service area would need to make a request for service directly to Epcor.

Township staff will send a letter to the Ontario Energy Board in support of the request for service for Salford by Epcor.

11:00 a.m. - Gavin Houston, Aggregate Ontario - Aggregate Extraction/Proposed Aggregate Summit in Zorra

Gavin Houston, on behalf of Aggregate Ontario, provided a presentation to Council with respect to Aggregate Ontario and the Aggregate Ontario Alliance. He advised that they are an organization which is dedicated to helping to make the aggregate industry more sustainable by providing products and services related to gravel pit rehabilitation. The organization can provide native seeds and aquatic plants for rehabilitation, and assist in developing plans for secondary uses of aggregate sites, including tourism and recreational sites. He commented that even small changes can help make a big difference and help to reduce conflict within the community.

The organization will be hosting aggregate summits in southern Ontario starting in November, 2019. These all-day conferences will be an opportunity for producers to meet with local governments to learn about what changes are going on in their area, as well as other topics such as tax incentives and rehabilitation methods for gravel pit operations.

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Ypma, Mr. Houston indicated that he finds that aggregate operators are interested in learning more about what they can do to assist in gravel pit rehabilitation, they just don't know where to

get the information. As discussions and education take place, they realize some small things they can do to do a better job.

Gavin Houston requested that Council give consideration to becoming a member of the alliance, attend the aggregate summit coming up on November 5th, 2019 in Zorra and give consideration to changes that may be made to the Township's gravel pit as he has outlined in his presentation. He noted that with a membership, they would provide recommendations at no cost. Membership costs go towards the aggregate summits and to reducing the costs of native seeds provided by the organization.

11:15 a.m. - Daria Koscinski, Conservation Property Manager, Thames Talbot Land Trust - Oxford County Surplus Land

Daria Koscinski, on behalf of the Thames Talbot Land Trust, addressed Council with respect to property offered for sale by Oxford County on Robinson Road. This area is provincially significant wetland and the Thames Talbot Land Trust would like to see the property continue to be protected. The Thames Talbot Land Trust has received letters of support for neighbouring property owners for them to acquire the lands. Ms. Koscinski requested the Township's support in acquiring the lands and hopes to be able to work with the Township.

There are neighbouring property owners who also have land divided by the subject property. There is interest among them to have the portion of lands which abut their own property consolidated with their own.

Discussion took place regarding a possible land swap with the County. Mayor David Mayberry will discuss the possibility with the County and report back to Council. He will also request that the County give consideration to selling the land to the Thames Talbot Land Trust for an amount less than market value and to give a first right of refusal to abutting land owners. Council is supportive of seeing the land continue to be protected and working with the Thames Talbot Land Trust to help if they can.

* Council took a break for lunch at 12:04 p.m.



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 Regular Council Meeting
 August 13th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Name (Please Print)	Address &/or Email	Reason for Attendance (i.e. Delegation/ Minor Variance/ Zoning/ Drain Consideration/ Court of Revision)	Sign me up for the Township's eNewsletter <u>Yes or No</u> (please include email)
Cassay Kildaycki	318 Wellington Road	ZBA - Happi	Cassay.k@sympatico.com
Sarah Happi	530 Lee Ave Woodstock	ZBA - Happi	Sarah_happi@hotmail.com
Kathleen Szurecz	299562 Culloden Rd.	minor variance	NO.
Sean Happi	530 Lee Ave Woodstock	ZBA - Happi	Sean_happi@hotmail.com
Kathy Bellink	383819 Salford Rd	minor variance	kathybellink@yahoo.ca
Susannah Robins	1025 St. Patrick Rd. Ingersoll	Natural Gas - ERDR	nhathaway@gmail.com
Noah Hathaway		Minor Variance	

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Andreas Nagelbout	RR 1 Spangfield AVNAGELBOUT@gmail.com	Neighbourhood	yes
Gavin Houston Name Eunamun	info@aggregrateontario.com The Grange	Vale Station EPCOR Municipal CARS	yes
DARREY Adams	Beach St EAST ATLNER,ONT	EPCOR NATURAL GAS	NO
Dania Koscinski	dania.koscinski@Hlt.ca	Thames Talbot Land Trust	Yes
RUTH BUCKNELL	363284 McBERTHARD	connection	NO
DON BUCKNELL	11 11 11	11	YES

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