

Minutes of a special meeting of Council of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre held this date at the Municipal Office, Coldstream at 8:30 a.m.

This special meeting of Council was called to discuss and make a decision regarding the Tunks Lane Drain routing and to discuss the installation of solar energy panels at the Wellness and Recreation Centre.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

Mayor Edmondson
Deputy Mayor Bannister
Councillor Filson
Councillor Brennan
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Bloomfield
Councillor Berze

ALSO PRESENT

Greg Watterton	Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer
Stephanie Troyer-Boyd	Acting Clerk
Maureen Looby	Director, Public Works & Engineering
Jim Reeve	Drainage Superintendent
Mike Barnier	Corporate Support Specialist

Mike DeVos of Spriet Associates also attended the meeting.

Mayor Edmondson presided.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None were disclosed by any of the members.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None were disclosed by any of the members.

TUNKS LANE DRAIN ROUTING DISCUSSION AND DECISION

Mike DeVos of Spriet Associates attended the meeting to provide information and advice to assist Council in determining the preferred routing for the Tunks Lane Drain.

Mr. DeVos responded to three specific questions which Council had posed. Mr. DeVos stated that Option 2A had an allowance of \$3000 for a geotechnical report to be completed to confirm related pipe trench information and ground water levels. The estimated cost includes allowances for minor dewatering by local sumps and pumps (no well points). Mr. DeVos stated that this is based on the ground water levels known on the Wellness Center site and the water level in the big pond on the south side of Glendon Drive.

Mike DeVos stated that the intention is to bore the Glendon Drive crossing at a cost of \$50,000. He estimated that the cost to open cut would be \$60,000 including traffic control with temporary by-pass. Mr. DeVos has contacted County of Middlesex staff to discuss any concerns with the proposed drain.

Mr. DeVos indicated that Option 2B would have the proposed drain sewer pipe located under the center of the driveway for a length of 76 meters where it would outlet into a new open ditch. Local dewatering with sumps will likely need to be used for this alternative as well. The driveway and fence would be restored upon completion.

Councillor Ritchie asked about the urgency in completing the municipal drain. Mr. DeVos indicated that construction will be able to begin on the Wellness Centre site but once the building had a roof on it and other hard surfaces were installed on the site, the drain would need to be completed.

Mr. DeVos also stated that a decision will need to be made by Council whether the municipality will bear the entire cost of the drain or will upstream landowners be assessed their portion.

Resolution #2010/035
Moved by Frank Berze
Seconded by Brian Ritchie

THAT Council direct staff to move forward with Option 2A and that the cost of the drain be assessed completely to the Wellness Centre site.

- Carried -

KOMOKA COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTRE – SOLAR ENERGY AND THE FEED-IN-TARIFF PROGRAM

Mayor Edmondson stated that the timing of the decision regarding the installation of solar panels on the Wellness and Recreation Centre is critical.

Mike Barnier, Corporate Support Specialist, confirmed that he has proceeded with the preparation of a Request for Proposal as Council had directed. He indicated that there would be a quick turnaround for proposal submissions of approximately 2 weeks and a short window of a week to review the proposals and forward a recommendation to Council. Cornerstone Architecture have indicated that they would like to have a decision the first week in March.

Mayor Edmondson stated that there needs to be a proposal review team established to evaluate the submissions. Councillor Filson indicated that he had been in touch with the Dean of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Western Ontario and he had expressed an interest in providing assistance in the evaluation. Councillor Filson stated that in addition to technical advice, the review team would also need a financial advisor to assist in the evaluation of the proposals.

Councillor Brennan expressed concern that the timeline for proposals and a decision is short. Councillor Filson recognized the urgency in making a decision and indicated that the municipality could choose to abandon the solar energy project if the proposals do not prove to be of benefit to the municipality. If the project does not go forward, the roof structure could be redesigned at a savings of \$ 300,000.

It was decided that the review committee will be made up of the Councillors Berze, Filson and Ritchie, Acting CAO, Greg Watterton, a technical reviewer and a hydro consultant.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

1. Resolution #2010/036
Moved by Clare Bloomfield
Seconded by Albert Bannister

THAT By-law Number 2010-014 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the special meeting of Council held on February 8, 2010 be approved and that this constitutes the first, second and third reading and By-law Number 2010-014 is hereby enacted.

-Carried-

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, this special meeting of the Council adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

MAYOR

CLERK