

MUNICIPALITY OF LEAMINGTON

AGENDA



COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010
COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

(A) **CALL TO ORDER:**

(B) **PRAYER:**

(C) **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

(D) **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES:**

1. Minutes of the Council Meeting held July 5, 2010.
Pages 3-11

(E) **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

(F) **PUBLIC MEETINGS/COURT OF REVISION:**

1. Court of Revision - Sturgeon Creek Drain Repairs and Improvements

(G) **REPORTS OF STAFF & DELEGATIONS:**

1. Presentation of Governor General of Canada Commendation to Dwayne Tuffin in recognition of his actions following an incident on Lake Erie, near Leamington, on July 1, 2010
 - Dwayne Tuffin
2. Concerns of Antonio Court Residents Regarding Property Lines and the East Side Arterial Road
 - Wendy and Frank Moscuza, 174 Antonio Court
 - Cathy and Al Campbell, 176 Antonio Court
3. Concerns of Elliott Street Residents Regarding Truck Traffic on Elliott Street (A petition will be presented to Council)
 - Rob and Brigitte Sieler, 97 Elliott Street
4. Report CL/10/10 dated July 2, 2010 re: Increase in Taxicab Rates as Established in By-law 603-05 as a Result of the Implementation of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)
Pages 12-14
5. Report FIN 10-07-01 dated June 23, 2010 re: Agreement with the Province of Ontario under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program
Pages 15-16

(H) **MATTERS FOR APPROVAL:**

1. Minutes of the Leamington Economic Development Committee Meeting held June 17, 2010.
Pages 17-18

(I) **OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

1. Correspondence from the Town of New Tecumseth dated May 13, 2010 re: Harmonized Goods and Sales Tax
Pages 19-20

(J) **CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS:**

By-law 50-10, being a by-law to amend Schedule B of By-law 603-05, being a by-law to provide for licensing, regulating and governing taxicab owners and drivers;

By-law 51-10, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Municipality of Leamington at its meeting held July 12, 2010.

(K) **NOTICES OF MOTION:**

(L) **OPEN SESSION - Council - Administration**

(M) **NEW BUSINESS:**

(N) **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010

Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

(O) **STATEMENT OF MEMBERS:** non-debatable

(P) **ADJOURNMENT:**

JB

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LEAMINGTON

MINUTES - COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD MONDAY, JULY 5, 2010 - COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.
IN LEAMINGTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Adams
Deputy Mayor Schmidt
Councillors: Atkin, MacDonald, Paterson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councillors Derbyshire, Enns

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Marck, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Horrobin, Director of Finance and Business Services
Doug Morrish, Director of Development Services
Allan Botham, Manager of Engineering Services
Amanda Smith, Manager of Culture and Recreation Services
Kim Siddall, Manager of Corporate Services
Denise McGregor, Planning Technician
Jennifer Bavetta, Corporate Assistant

DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

No. C-239-10

Moved by: Councillor Paterson **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Schmidt

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held June 21, 2010 be approved.

“CARRIED”

No. C-240-10

Moved by: Councillor Atkin **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Schmidt

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held June 28, 2010 be approved.

“CARRIED”

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Adams, Bill Marck, Chief Administrative Officer, explained Bruce Maycock will be administering the Tornado Disaster Relief Program on behalf of the municipality commencing July 6, 2010. He further explained it has been advertised that residents can obtain applications for consideration of assistance at the municipal offices within the affected communities and on Leamington's website, www.learmington.ca. He noted the applications are to be submitted to the address listed on the form.

Mr. Marck explained assistance will be considered for costs related to items considered to be necessities of life not covered by insurance. He also explained costs to remove debris and wood from private property, excluding the removal of trunks, up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) may be recovered. Mr. Marck noted the deadline for applications is July 21, 2010.

REPORTS OF STAFF & DELEGATIONS:**CULTURE AND RECREATION SERVICES - Report REC 09/10 dated June 29, 2010 re: Leamington Flyers Advertising Opportunities**

Amanda Smith, Manager of Culture and Recreation Services, provided a summary of the report, noting the new owner of the Flyers is seeking a continuation of the current advertising agreement with the municipality. She further noted the owner is requesting additional advertising locations within the arena, including the faceplate of the stairs and wheelchair seating.

Ms. Smith provided an overview of the proposed terms of the agreement, including the Flyer's share of the advertising revenues, which is seventy-five percent (75%), being applied to their ice rental costs. The other twenty-five percent (25%) of the revenues will be payable to the municipality. It was noted the proposed agreement will last three (3) years.

In response to an inquiry from council, Ms. Smith explained the Flyers will not be permitted to solicit current sponsors to move their sponsorship from municipal advertising to Flyer's advertising, however, current sponsors will be permitted to secure additional advertising with the Flyers while maintaining their current advertisement space with the municipality.

Ms. Smith confirmed the municipality will examine advertising opportunities with other user groups, such as the Leamington Skating Club, on an individual basis. She noted she was unaware of any other user group seeking a similar advertising agreement with the municipality as the Flyers.

No. C-241-10

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Schmidt **Seconded by:** Councillor Paterson

That Council authorize the Leamington Flyers to sell the following advertising at the Leamington Kinsmen Recreation Complex; 2 Ice Logos, 2 Behind the Players Bench ads, face plates to the stairs in the Heinz Arena, Wheelchair sections, On-Wall advertising, and Penalty Boxes;

And that, the advertisements would be sold for the rates approved in the Fees By-law approved by Council each year;

And further, that all costs associated with the approved advertising opportunities would be the responsibility of the Leamington Flyers;

And further, that all advertisements would have to be approved by administration before the advertisements could be placed in any of the approved areas;

And further, that all current advertisers would remain with the Municipality and the Flyers would have to pursue new advertisers for their approved advertising opportunities;

And further, that 75% of revenues collected by the Flyers for the approved advertising opportunities be applied directly to the Leamington Flyers municipal account for ice rental charges and that the remaining 25% remitted by the Flyers to Leamington be applied as miscellaneous recovery for the Leamington Kinsmen Recreation Complex;

And further, that this agreement be for a three year period 2010, 2011, 2012, and be reviewed by administration at the end of the three year term. (REC 09/10).

"CARRIED"

July 5, 2010 - Council MeetingCULTURE AND RECREATION SERVICES - Report REC 11/10 dated June 30, 2010 re: Leamington Marina 2010 Events

Amanda Smith, Manager of Culture and Recreation Services, provided a summary of the report, including a brief description of the upcoming 25th anniversary celebration at the marina.

Ms. Smith explained that due to significant tornado damage, the capacity for transient boaters has been drastically reduced. As such, Ms. Smith noted nine of the sixteen planned theme weekends will be cancelled, resulting in approximately \$2,700.00 in savings. She further noted the "Summer Serenade" concerts held in the park area of the marina will not be cancelled.

In response to an inquiry from council, Cheryl Horrobin, Director of Finance and Business Services, explained staff toured the damaged municipal properties with representatives of the municipality's insurer, OMEX, as well as the local adjuster and information is being compiled on lost infrastructure and lost revenue due to damages caused by the tornado. Ms. Horrobin confirmed information will be provided to council when available.

Ms. Smith confirmed a number of the regular transient boaters have been contacted and informed of the damage and limited docking availability. She noted the marina has received a great deal of support from boating clubs and individual boaters who have informed staff they intend to visit the marina when they can be accommodated.

The Manager of Finance and Business Services confirmed all avenues of fiscal recovery are being investigated.

No. C-242-10

Moved by: Councillor Paterson **Seconded by:** Councillor MacDonald

That Report REC 11/10 dated June 20, 2010 in regard to the amended Marina events schedule for 2010 (as a result of the June 6th, 2010 Tornado) be received for information.

"CARRIED"

ENGINEERING SERVICES - Report ENG 15/10 dated June 10, 2010 re: Proposed Modifications to Sturgeon Meadows Phase 2 Storm Water Management Pond

Allan Botham, Manager of Engineering Services, reviewed the report, noting the municipality is working in partnership with the County of Essex to complete construction of the East Side Arterial Road (ESAR) from Talbot Street to Seacliff Drive. He further noted Phase 2 of the project requires drainage.

Mr. Botham explained that as a result of the Environmental Assessment for the new drainage, the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has expressed concern over nutrient levels, as the Sturgeon Creek Drain does not have sufficient capacity for additional nutrients. He further explained staff met with the MOE to discuss the costly pond improvements they suggested, and that a letter of commitment will be required prior to commencement of the construction of the drain. It was noted the estimated cost for the modifications will be one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), and there may be opportunities for cost sharing in the future as benefitting properties downstream are developed.

Mr. Botham provided a brief history of the Sturgeon Meadows pond, which is currently dry, and suggested the proposed storm water management facility modifications would result in economic and environmental benefits to the municipality.

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With respect to the tender results, Mr. Piroli noted they were all relatively close, which is an indication that the bidding was fairly accurate.

Cheryl Horrobin, Director of Finance and Business Services, explained the costs related to the June 6, 2010 storm are still being tabulated, and a number of projects have had to be put on hold due to the storm. Ms. Horrobin confirmed she does not expect there to be a great deal of unused funds in 2010.

Bill Marck, Chief Administrative Officer, explained it is not recommended the project be deferred in order to pass the responsibility on to another council, but rather, due to the significant difference between the budgeted funds and the tender amounts. Mr. Marck stated the municipality does not have an additional two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) to spend on the project at this time. He explained the municipality's tendering process does not allow for negotiation with the tenderers.

Mr. Marck confirmed he does not believe there is a time limit in which the work must be completed due to the favourable Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) decision.

No. C-245-10

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Schmidt **Seconded by:** Councillor Paterson

That Council not accept the tender for the Reconstruction of Armstrong Drive and Johnson Avenue and consider the project again during the 2011 budget deliberation process. (ENG 17-10)

"CARRIED"

PLANNING SERVICES - Report PLA 30/10 dated June 23, 2010 re: Application for Site Plan Control Approval - Proposed Greenhouse Addition - Phase 3 - Magri Greenhouses Inc. - 312 Mersea Road 3

Denise McGregor, Planning Technician, provided a summary of the report, noting there is no site plan agreement currently registered on title for the property. She reminded council that permission was granted to the applicant to commence the project during the last council meeting as long as all fees were paid to the municipality. Ms. McGregor confirmed all fees have been paid.

No. C-246-10

Moved by: Councillor MacDonald **Seconded by:** Councillor Atkin

That the site plan be approved for a proposed greenhouse addition located at 312 Mersea Road 3 (Magri Greenhouses Inc.) as outlined in Report PLA 30/10;

And further, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the site plan agreement.

"CARRIED"

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PLANNING SERVICES - Report PLA 31/10 dated June 23, 2010 re: Application for Site Plan Control Approval I- Proposed Greenhouse Expansion - 1078329 Ontario Limited (Tony Mastronardi) - 325 Talbot Street West

Denise McGregor, Planning Technician, reviewed the report, noting the applicant, Tony Mastronardi, was in attendance should council have questions.

The Planning Technician explained there are no site plan agreements currently registered on title for the property and that footings and posts for the greenhouse expansion were constructed prior to amalgamation with the approval of Mersea Township.

No. C-247-10

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Schmidt **Seconded by:** Councillor Paterson

That the site plan be approved for the proposed greenhouse expansion located at 325 Talbot Street West (1078329 Ontario Limited) as outlined in Report PLA 31/10;

And further, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the site plan agreement.

“CARRIED”

PLANNING SERVICES - Report PLA 32/10 dated June 23, 2010 re: Application for Site Plan Control - Proposed Building Addition - 2221233 Ontario Limited (Paul George) - 46 Erie Street North

Denise McGregor, Planning Technician, reviewed the report, noting there are no existing site plan agreements registered on title for the property.

In response to an inquiry from council, the Planning Technician explained properties zoned C1, such as the subject property, are permitted one hundred percent (100%) lot coverage, however, the developer is not proposing to do so.

With respect to parking, the Planning Technician noted the property owner will be required to pay cash in lieu of parking due to the uptown location, however, as the developer is proposing to include on-site parking there will be a reduction in the amount payable to the municipality for cash in lieu of parking.

The Planning Technician confirmed the municipal Engineering Technologist met with the property owner and agreed to the removal of the driveway on Nelson Street.

No. C-248-10

Moved by: Councillor Paterson **Seconded by:** Councillor Atkin

That the site plan be approved for the proposed addition located at 46 Erie Street North (2221233 Ontario Limited) as outlined in Report PLA 32/10;

And further, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the site plan agreement.

“CARRIED”

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MATTERS FOR APPROVAL:**No. C-249-10**

Moved by: Councillor MacDonald **Seconded by:** Councillor Paterson

That the Minutes of the Leamington Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) Meeting held June 9, 2010 be approved.

“CARRIED”

OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill Marck, Chief Administrative Officer, reviewed correspondence from the Union Water Supply System regarding the 2010 Inspection Report. He noted there were no deficiencies found during the inspection.

No. C-250-10

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Schmidt **Seconded by:** Councillor Atkin

That the Union (Essex County) Area Water Treatment Plant Drinking Water System Inspection Report dated April 21, 2010, prepared by the Ministry of the Environment be received.

“CARRIED”

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS:**No. C-251-10**

Moved by: Councillor MacDonald **Seconded by:** Councillor Paterson

That the following by-law be read a third time and finally enacted:

By-law 49-10, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Municipality of Leamington at its meeting held July 5, 2010.

“CARRIED”

NOTICES OF MOTION: None.

OPEN SESSION: - Council - Administration

Councillor Paterson explained he received a call from the President of the Landscape Ontario Windsor Chapter regarding where trees to replenish those lost to the June 6, 2010 storm will be obtained from. The caller noted his understanding that the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) will be overseeing the tree planting however, there are a number of nurseries located within Leamington and the surrounding area that pay taxes to the community and have a number of trees to sell. Council Paterson noted the caller wanted the issue raised with council, and that a meeting will be held on July 21, 2010, at which time the caller would like to discuss the issue.

Councilor Paterson noted the Landscape Ontario Windsor Chapter would like to present memorial trees to the municipality to be planted in Seacliff Park or another municipal area, and inquired whether Council would be interested in accepting the offer. Mayor Adams stated the municipality would definitely be interested in accepting memorial tree donations.

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Bill Marck, Chief Administrative Officer, explained there have been no plans made as of yet regarding where trees will be obtained from, noting any decision would be subject to Council's approval. Mr. Marck noted the issue would be considered by council in the next month.

Councillor Atkin noted the replenishment of trees will be a major undertaking, and expressed his concern that the municipality, not ERCA, act in the leadership role during the task.

The Chief Administrative Officer explained an arborist will be visiting Seacliff Park with Cam McKay, Manager of Operations, in order to create a tree planting program. He further explained the municipality contacted ERCA to inquire whether they had any information to assist the municipality in establishing a program.

Councillor MacDonald noted her belief that nurseries will have a number of customers as there are many people requiring trees and ERCA will not replenish every property.

Deputy Mayor Schmidt suggested meetings will be required for discussion of a plan to reestablish what we lost. He explained some of the funds collected during the recent fundraiser held at Colasanti's were directed to ERCA, as that is what the organizers wished to do with the money. Deputy Mayor Schmidt stated there are a number of individuals and companies that wish to come forward and assist in the planting of trees.

Deputy Mayor Schmidt informed council he attended the re-opening of Walmart, and that there are a number of businesses and individuals wishing to make contributions towards the tornado relief effort. He explained the municipality must use all available resources to assist in the revitalization.

Deputy Mayor Schmidt explained new proposed regulations for offshore wind turbines have been released, and it was his understanding there is a sixty (60) day commenting period. Deputy Mayor Schmidt stated his hope staff will review the proposed regulations and provide comments to senior government. He noted the new regulations propose a five kilometer (5 km) setback, while setbacks in the United States are five (5) miles. He further stated setbacks are not the only issue that must be examined, but that migratory birds and the location of the Union Water Supply System intake must also be considered.

Councillor Atkin noted a number of residents wish to assist in the donation or planting of trees, however, many have specific locations they would like to see trees planted.

Councillor Atkin explained he has received complaints from residents on Pulford Avenue regarding the use of off road vehicles on the recreational trail. He noted he informed the residents the Police must catch people using the vehicles in order to lay charges. Councillor Atkin suggested the existing signage must be reviewed along the trail, as the symbol restricting off road vehicles is very small and may need to be enhanced.

Councillor MacDonald inquired when the East Side Arterial Road between Talbot Street and Oak Street will open to traffic. Allan Botham, Manager of Engineering Services, noted a guardrail must be installed and a driveway must be opened prior to doing so. He explained his expectation the road will be open in approximately four (4) weeks.

In response to an inquiry from council, Mr. Botham noted the new driveway for Nassif Trucking has been designed and the final cost of the driveway is being calculated by the contractor.

Mayor Adams noted he received a call from a resident inquiring whether the municipality would be interested in creating a specific area for off road vehicle use. Bill Marck, Chief Administrative Officer, noted he would not recommend the creation of this type of work due to the immense liability the municipality would face. He noted he is not aware of any other municipality that has created such an area, and suggested the private sector may do so if they wish.

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Councillor Paterson noted there are a number of snowmobile trails, which are used for off road vehicles in the summer, located in Northern Ontario. The Chief Administrative Officer explained his understanding those trails, of which a number are located on Crown Land, are maintained by snowmobile associations, which also maintain their own insurance.

NEW BUSINESS: None

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS: non-debatable

ADJOURNMENT:

No. C-252-10

Moved by: Councillor Paterson **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Schmidt

That the meeting adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

“CARRIED”

John Adams, Mayor

Brian Sweet, Clerk

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REPORT

TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: BRIAN SWEET, DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

DATE: JULY 2, 2010

RE: INCREASE IN TAXICAB RATES AS ESTABLISHED IN BY-LAW 603-05 AS A RESULT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HARMONIZED SALES TAX (HST)

AIM:

To report upon an increase in the rate charged by taxicabs within the Municipality of Leamington, as established by Schedule B of By-law 603-05.

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, Council adopted By-law 603-05, being a by-law to provide for licensing, regulating and governing of taxicab owners and drivers.

Schedule B of By-law 603-05 established the following rates to be charged by taxicab companies:

	REGULAR RATE	SENIOR RATE (65 years or older)
Zone 1	\$6.00	\$5.50
Zone 2 (All of Municipality except for Zone 1)	Regular Rate plus \$1.00/km	Senior Rate plus \$1.00/km

A map indicating the boundaries of Zone 1 and Zone 2 is attached to this report.

The rate charged by taxicab companies, as established by By-law 603-05 included GST, which was payable by each taxicab company to senior government. Further, the rate has not been amended since the adoption of the by-law in 2005.

COMMENTS:

On July 1, 2010, the Province implemented the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) which resulted in an increase of eight percent (8%) in taxes charged for goods and services, including taxicab fares. The additional tax was not accounted for in the current taxicab rates (By-law 603-05).

It is recommended regular and senior taxicab fare rates be increased by fifty cents (\$0.50) in order to address the implementation of HST. It is further recommended the additional charge of \$1.00 per additional kilometre outside of Zone 1 not be changed.

If approved, the new rate structure charged by taxicab companies will be as follows:

	REGULAR RATE	SENIOR RATE (65 years or older)
Zone 1	\$6.50	\$6.00
Zone 2 (All of Municipality except for Zone 1)	Regular Rate plus \$1.00/km	Senior Rate plus \$1.00/km

All taxicab company owners were notified of consideration of the proposed fare increase by council at the July 12, 2010 council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

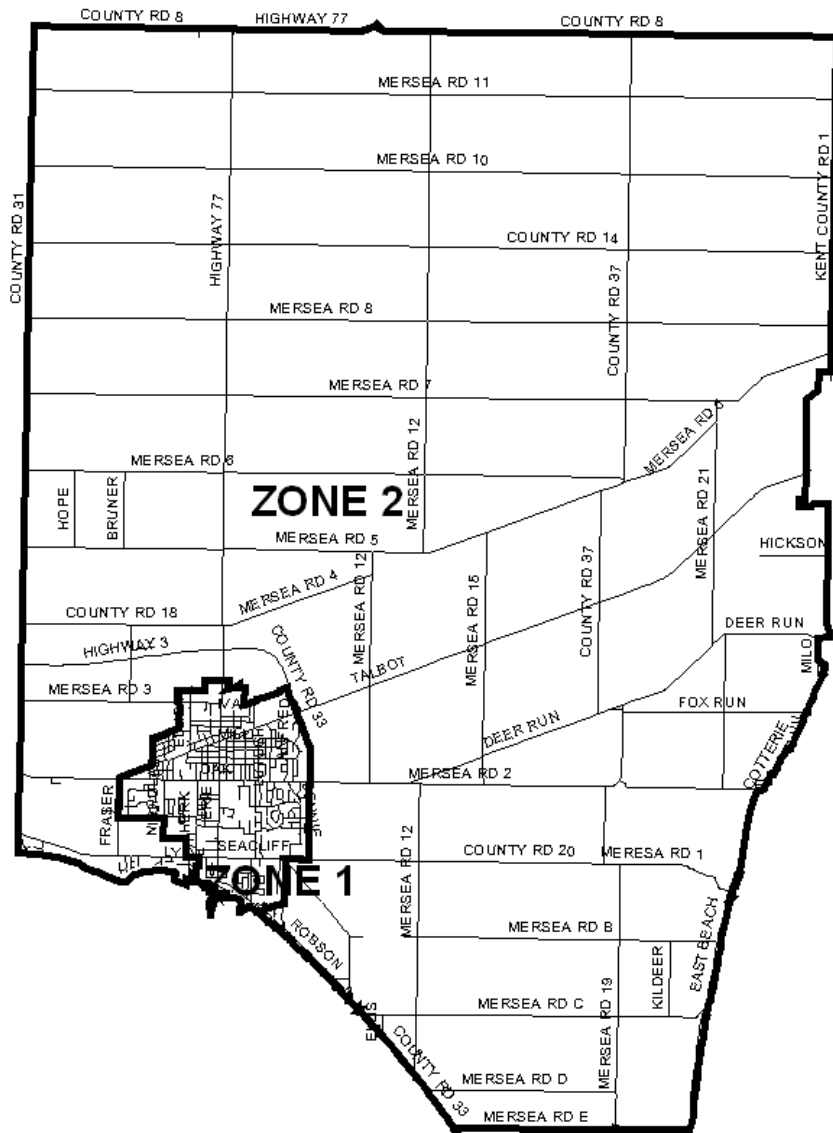
That Council approve an increase of fifty cents (\$0.50) to the regular and senior rates charged by taxicab companies, as established in Schedule B of By-law 603-05;

And that the one dollar (\$1.00) additional charge applied to taxicab fares for each kilometre travelled outside of Zone 1, as established in Schedule B of By-law 603-05, remain at one dollar (\$1.00);

And that By-law 50-10, being a by-law to amend Schedule B of By-law 603-05, be forwarded to Council for consideration. (Report CL/10/10)

Respectfully submitted,

/jb



THIS MAP IS DRAWN BY THE MUNICIPALITY
AND IS NOT TO SCALE

REPORT

TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: CHERYL HORROBIN, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & BUSINESS SERVICES

DATE: JUNE 23, 2010

RE: AGREEMENT WITH THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO UNDER THE DEDICATED GAS TAX FUNDS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

AIM:

To report upon the letter of agreement to be endorsed between the Province of Ontario and the Municipality of Leamington for the funding provided by the province to the municipality under the "Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program".

BACKGROUND:

Funding in the amount up to \$187,787 for 2009/10 (\$139,345 - 2008/09) has been approved through the Province of Ontario, under the "Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for a Public Transportation Program". This funding is to be used to increase public transportation ridership in the municipality and to support renewal and expansion of public transportation systems.

Council has acknowledged the 'Gas Tax Funding' allocation methodology includes statistics from both our conventional 'Municipal' transit system and the specialized transit system delivered by the South Essex Community Council which is funded by the Municipality of Leamington and the Town of Kingsville.

Council has confirmed its commitment to utilizing "Dedicated Gas Tax Funds" for the benefit of both the conventional transit system and the Erie Shore Community Transit service, and thereby the Town of Kingsville.

The Province requires that every year the Municipality of Leamington endorse the Letter of Agreement for the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program which sets out the terms and conditions for the use of the dedicated gas tax funds by municipalities for public transportation. The Province requires a by-law and signed agreement from the municipality prior to sending the funds for the 2009-2010 year, being October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010; this agreement was received June 21, 2010.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Up to \$187,787 in Ontario Transit Gas Tax funding will be available under the agreement with MTO to support conventional transit in Leamington and specialized transit in Leamington and Kingsville. These funds are dedicated and are set aside in a reserve fund, along with any related interest earned on the fund, and are used for approved/eligible transit related costs allowed under the funding agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Municipality of Leamington accepts the designation of host municipality by collecting the dedicated gas tax funds on behalf of the Municipality of Leamington and the Town of Kingsville;

And that the Mayor and Treasurer for the Municipality of Leamington be authorized to execute the Letter of Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program and be bound to the terms of the said agreement. (Report FIN 10-07-01)

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Horrobin, CA
Director of Finance & Business Services

MINUTES

LEAMINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2010 AT 5:30 P.M.

IN THE DOWNSTAIRS COMMITTEE ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Nicholson, Chair Chris Chopchik
Robert Schmidt, Hilda MacDonald
Deputy Mayor
Bill Gay Ann Seigle-Robertson
Pat McLean

STAFF PRESENT: Anne Miskovsky, Economic Development Officer
Shelly Quick, Corporate Assistant

REGRETS: John Paterson Ted Wigfield
Carol Bell Louie Saad

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm.

Moved by: Chris Chopchik **Seconded by:** Robert Schmidt

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held Thursday, May 20, 2010 be approved.

“CARRIED”

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1) **St. Clair College:** The Economic Development Officer, Anne Miskovsky informed committee of the recent tour with representatives from St. Clair College and Peter Quiring Greenhouse owner on June 9, 2010 at Nature Fresh Greenhouses. The college representatives were impressed with the in-depth involvement of operations of a greenhouse and would like to see a satellite campus in Leamington possibly in the next three or four years. EDO is planning a follow-up meeting with St. Clair College in the near future. Peter Quiring applied for CAF funding but was denied. He will be pursuing other means of funding. Mr. Quiring expressed frustration with the government and indicated he may develop a greenhouse research centre in the United States rather than Ontario.
- 2) **Children’s Festival-Feasibility Plan Progress:** The EDO updated the committee regarding the feasibility plan progress stating the University of Windsor students from the Centre of Business Advancement will be working for a total of fifty(50)hours at the cost of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00). They will be creating a feasibility plan examining marketing, target audiences, local artists, working with school boards, potential funding sources available, and costs reviewing existing children’s festivals in London, Chatham and Windsor. They will submit a final draft of the plan on August 5, 2010 the feasibility plan then will be reviewed and updated by the EDO and be used as the basis for a Trillium Foundation for application.

- 3) **Mural:** The EDO informed the committee that Frank DeBlock will be starting the mural in approximately two weeks. The mural will be located on the west wall of 22 Talbot Street West and will be a three dimensional depiction of butterflies in flight. Frank advised the EDO that he will have the mural done within a four month time frame. The EDO advised they will have a press release and inform the community of the progress.
- 4) **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a) **Grown Right Here Launch:** The EDO informed the committee the event sponsored by the Development Commission, Tourism Windsor Essex, and local farm groups held on June 12, 2010 in Windsor was well attended and a great success. Sandra Papatello MPP and Bruce Crozier MPP were in attendance also. EDO thanked everyone who helped from the committee at the Leamington booth.
 - b) **Leamington Businesses:** The EDO informed the committee the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) reported that after being declared in a “state of emergency” area due to the F1 tornado on June 6, 2010 Leamington is open for business. The EDO informed residents via the Leamington website businesses and events such as the Leamington Triathlon are still operational. The Windsor Star has offered free advertisement space for a thank you or similar for all the efforts and help with clean-up and donations.
 - c) **Chamber Website:** Chris Chopchik informed the committee the Chamber will be launching their new website in approximately two weeks.
 - d) **Business Excellence:** The award ceremony event will be held this year in September 24, 2010 and the committee is reminded to submit any nominations they have soon.
 - e) **Tapping the Keg Event:** Chris Chopchik informed committee that the Chamber will be hosting the “Tapping the Keg” event to be held on Wednesday, August 18th, 2010 at the Big Tomato to start off the Leamington Tomato Festival. All proceeds from the selling of hotdogs and drinks will go back to the Leamington Tomato Festival.

Moved by: Ann Seigle-Robertson **Seconded by:** Bill Gay

That the meeting of the Economic Development Committee be adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

“CARRIED”

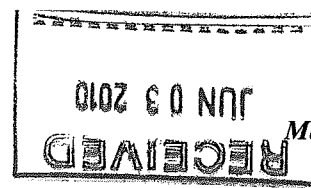
DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

**REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. *NEW TIME*
DOWNSTAIRS COMMITTEE ROOM**

- If you cannot attend please notify Anne or Shelly at (519) 326-5761.



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May 13, 2010

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty,
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Dear Sir:

RE: HARMONIZED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Please be advised that Council for the Town of New Tecumseth passed the following resolution on May 10th, 2010 and is seeking support from all Ontario Municipalities:

WHEREAS the Harmonized Goods and Services Tax will come into effect on July 1, 2010 resulting in an 8% increase on many products and services for tax payers;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of New Tecumseth passed a resolution in July 2009 requesting the Provincial Government to minimize the impact on taxpayers and businesses that was widely endorsed by Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS minor sports organizations have expressed concerns that the HST will result in children's and youth sports activities being too expensive for working families and that enrolment in minor sports will diminish;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are being requested by minor sports organizations to freeze or reduce facility rental fees in order to lessen the impact of the HST;

AND WHEREAS all taxpayers will have to bear the cost of any further subsidy provided by municipalities;

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AND WHEREAS the Province has publicly stated that the health system is committed to reversing the trend to overweight and obesity, but it cannot solve the problem on its own and that physical, social, cultural and environmental factors have strong influence on weight and that Ontario needs a broad, multi-sectoral, community-wide response to the obesity epidemic;

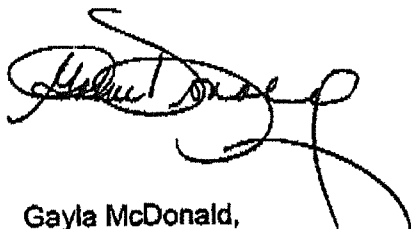
AND WHEREAS the increased cost of recreation and athletic programs resulting from the HST will further prevent individuals, youth and children from registering in these programs;

AND WHEREAS the rising cost of policing is further exacerbated by the increasing number of crimes perpetrated by youth and that keeping our young people active and involved in recreation and sports assists in reducing such criminal involvement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to consider exempting children's recreation programs from the HST in order that Ontario families can afford to participate in athletic and recreation programs in their communities.

We look forward to your favourable consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,



Gayla McDonald,
Clerk/Manager of Administration and Economic Development

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