



# Council Meeting Highlights

## May 1, 2018

### Delegations

#### Town of Ingersoll

Mayor Ted Comiskey and Deputy Mayor Fred Freeman appeared before Council to request that Zorra agree to an annexation for a 60 acre parcel of land at 99 North Town Line for a multi-use recreation facility. The Town undertook a planning process and the study identified two potential locations with the second being Town owned property on Clark Road. The Township Council passed a resolution stating that Zorra was opposed to the North Town Line annexation due to the potential loss of Class 1 farmland.

#### Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation

Don McKay, Chair of ROEDC appeared before Council One of the challenges for the ROEDC in retaining excellent staff is stable funding. Currently at any time any member, because of local budget pressures, can decide to discontinue their participation. Each year as each Council wrestles with the fiscal pressures, the question of supporting the ROEDC becomes a question for debate. If the ROEDC was to become “County funded” then the ROEDC budget would become part of the County budget and assessed through an area rating. While this would change the cost sharing model slightly, it would also reflect the tax base each lower tier has to draw from and create a truly fair funding formula. The Township Council passed a resolution in support of this proposal.

### Public Meetings

#### Matthew Roser & Nicole Smith, Application for Minor Variance, 2 Cornelia St., Harrington

The applicant has requested relief from Table 5.1.1.3, Regulations for Accessory Uses, to increase the maximum permitted height for an accessory structure in the ‘Village Zone (V)’ from 4.0 m (13.2 ft) to 5.79 m (19 ft). The variance has been requested to permit a new accessory structure. The property is described as Part of Lots 5-8, Block C, Plan 87, shown as Part 1 on Plan 41R4280, located on the east side of Cornelia Street, in the Village of Harrington, and known municipally as 2 Cornelia Street. Council, sitting as Committee of Adjustment, approved the application.

#### Shawn Krafft, Application for Minor Variance, 165 Huron Street, Embro

The applicant has requested relief from Table 5.1.1.3, Regulations for Accessory Uses, to increase the maximum permitted gross floor area for an accessory structure in the ‘Residential Type 1 Zone (R1)’ from 10% of lot area or 100 m<sup>2</sup> (1,076.4 ft<sup>2</sup>) of gross floor area, whichever is the lesser, to 178.4 m<sup>2</sup> (1,920 ft<sup>2</sup>) of gross floor area. The variance has been requested to permit an addition to an existing accessory structure on a property zoned ‘Special Residential Type 1 Zone (R1-8)’ in the Village of Embro. The property is described as Part of Lots 7, 8, and 19-20, Plan 69, shown as Part 3 on Plan 41R-6775, located on the west side of Huron Street, between Halladay Street and Kincardine Street in the Village of Embro, and known municipally as 165 Huron Street. Council, sitting as Committee of Adjustment, approved the application.



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### Department Reports

#### Fire

Zorra Fire & Emergency Services have responded to 18 calls in April and a total of 82 year to date. For the same period in 2017, the Fire Service responded to 68 calls.

#### Recreation

A successful night of pickleball and Family Game was held at AJ Baker Public School on April 5. Sportball also continued at Thamesford with a spring session. Summer camp registrations are continuing to be accepted and most staff have been hired.

#### Building and Drainage

The Building Department issued a total of 15 permits in April and a total of 55 for this year. During the same period in 2017, there were 36 permits issued. There were four new housing permits issued in April bringing the total to 17. During the same period in 2017, there were nine new housing starts.

#### Public Works

North Town Line/Road 62 construction project is slated to begin on May 22, weather permitting. There will be a Public Information Meeting held on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Ingersoll Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

#### Finance

Over the last several months, Council has been deliberating the Township's 2018 operating and capital budgets with the Director of Finance and Department Heads. Council at a regular meeting held on February 13, 2018, instructed the Director of Finance to provide tax rate based on levy requirement of \$7,752,754.00; a \$411,221.00 or 5.6% increase, in tax levy dollars for Township purposes only. Average residential single family house assessed at \$270,000 would see an increase of \$5.70 or .19% or \$.47 cents per month. The average farmland assessed at \$1,205,632 would see an increase of \$212.32 or 7.20% or \$17.70 per month.

#### Administration

Council adopted an amended policy for the selection of the Township's representative on the ERTH Board of Directors. The criteria are as follows:

1. Satisfy the eligibility requirements under the Business Corporations Act (Ontario) and the Securities Act (Ontario);
2. Are residents of Ontario; and
3. Preference will be given to candidates that are not elected officials of the Township or any of its agencies or corporations.
4. Are not employees of the Township, its boards or committees



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5. Are not employees, or have immediate family members employed by ERTH Corp. or any of its related business activities.

In addition, Board members should demonstrate successful industry private sector expertise in one or more of the following:

- experience on a public utility commission or board of a major corporation or other commercial enterprise;
- experience or knowledge with respect to:
  - corporate finance;
  - corporate governance;
  - market development;
  - large system operation and management;
  - urban energy industries;
  - public policy issues and laws relating to Hydro distribution and the electricity industry and related industries;
  - environmental matters;
  - labour relations; and
  - occupational health and safety issues;
- commercial sensitivity and acumen;
- independence of judgement; and
- personal integrity.

### Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is to be held on May 15, 2018, at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.