



Council Meeting Highlights

May 15, 2018

Public Meetings

Henderson Drain/McKay-Barnett Drain/Borland Drain – Courts of Revision

The Courts of Revision was held for Henderson Drain, McKay-Barnett Drain and Borland Drain. The County of Oxford is proposing to reconstruct Road 84 (Oxford Road 16) east of Kintore. Part of this reconstruction requires that municipal drains in the area be upsized to handle additional surface water. M.P. DeVos of Spriet Associates, engineer for the project, was present before the Courts of Revision. There were no appeals on any of the drain assessments.

Cost of work for the Henderson Drain is \$72,700 and the County of Oxford has been assessed \$71,930 as their share of the project.

Cost of work for the McKay-Barnett Drain is \$151,200 and the County of Oxford has been assessed \$79,345 as their share of the project.

Cost of work for the Borland Drain is \$123,700 and the County of Oxford has been assessed \$122,745 as their share of the project.

Ken Thompson, Application for Minor Variance, 195913 19th Line

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 'Residential Type 1 Zone(R1)', from 4.0 m (13.2 ft) to 4.75 m (15.58 ft). The variance has been requested to permit a new accessory structure with a storage loft. The property is described as Part of Lot 15, Concession 10 (EN), shown as Part 2 on Plan 41R301, located on the west side of 19th Line, between Road 84 and Road 78. Council, sitting as Committee of Adjustment, approved the application.

Township of Zorra, Application for Minor Variance, 90 Union Street, Embro

The applicant has requested relief from the provisions of Table 24.2, Zone Provisions for Institutional Zone (I), to permit a non-residential use with:

- I. A rear yard setback of 7.15 m (23.5 ft) in lieu of the minimum depth of 10 m (32.8 ft);
- II. An interior side yard setback of 1.75 m (5.7 ft) in lieu of the minimum width of 7.5m (24.6 ft).

The variance has been requested to facilitate an addition to an existing non-residential use (fire station) to accommodate a larger fire truck in the Village of Embro. The subject property is described as Part Lot 7 (east of Elgin St. & west of Huron St.), Registered Plan No. 134 (Village of Embro). The subject property is adjacent to lands also owned by the Township used for parking purposes. The lands are located on the north side of Union St. between Elgin St. and Huron St., and are known municipally as 90 Union St. Council, sitting as Committee of Adjustment, approved the application.

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Wesvalley Holsteins Inc., Application for Minor Variance, 804190 Road 80

The applicant has requested relief from the Provisions of Section 7.2.2 – Minimum Distance Separation Requirements For Manure Storage Structures (MDS II), to reduce the minimum distance separation requirement to the nearest Type A land use (residential dwelling located at 415649 41st Line) from 291 m (955 ft) to 235 m (771 ft) in order to facilitate the construction of a new manure storage structure. The subject property is described as Part of Lot 11, Concession 6 (West Zorra). The lands are located on the south side of Road 80, between 41st Line and 43rd Line, and are known municipally as 804190 Road 80. Council, sitting as Committee of Adjustment, approved the application.

Delegations

Awards Presentations

Council recognized Ella McRoberts from Zorra Skating Club.



Ella (age 16) became the youngest and first female skater in Zorra Skating Club's 42 year history to earn a gold test status in all 5 disciplines in skating. She represented Zorra at five StarSkate competitions this season, earning a medal in all 5. She qualified for the Provincial StarSkate Championships for the fourth year in a row. This year she qualified for the Gold Triathlon where she placed 8th and Star 10 Women's where she placed 14th overall in Ontario. Ella was recently the recipient of the Spirit Award for the Zorra Skating Club. This was to recognize her dedication to the club and her commitment to volunteering - she volunteers her time helping to coach the younger skaters in the club and volunteers at many fundraising events throughout the year.

Jessica Hatch and Bryan Smith

Jessica Hatch, a Grade 8 student at A.J. Baker Elementary School in Kintore, appeared before Council to provide an update from her student exchange in France. Jessica studied inter-community transportation options and how to help in reducing fossil fuel usage. Jessica was part of the International Student Exchange Program and a recipient of the Oxford Community Sustainability Bursary.

Correspondence & Staff Reports

Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO)

The Township Council supported a resolution from TAPMO requesting that the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to implement a fair and equitable method of valuation for aggregate producing properties. The Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector produced a comparison that indicated the taxes paid by six representative gravel pits paid an average of \$5,449 in taxes



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while a three larger residentially assessed properties paid an average of \$5,296 in taxes. The negative impacts from gravel pits on the municipal road system is of concern to the municipality.

Recreation and Facilities Manager Position

Section 8.3 of the recently adopted Recreation, Arts and Culture Master Plan addressed the organizational structure of the Recreation Department. Recommendation 41 reads as follows:

41. Develop a Recreation Facilities & Services Manager position to oversee all aspects of the Recreation Department. The position should include existing responsibilities of the Recreation & Facilities Manager, and working closely with the Recreation & Facilities Program Coordinator to oversee and provide direction on the development of programs, services, and community development.

Doug Mills, Recreation and Facilities Manager has announced his intention to retire during the summer of 2018. Council passed a resolution to authorize the CAO to begin recruitment for the position. It is anticipated the advertisement will be published within the next week.

Union Gas Open House – 41st Line Gas Main Project

Union Gas will be holding an information session on May 23, 2018, from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm at Embro Zorra Community Centre. The purpose of the session is to provide the public an opportunity to learn about the planning process, review studies and investigations that have been completed to date, and to discuss the project with representatives from Union Gas and their consulting firm, AECOM.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is to be held on June 5, 2018, at 9:30 am in the Council Chambers.