



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF CHATHAM-KENT**

**COUNCIL BRIEF**

At the Chatham-Kent Council meeting held on September 8, 2008 Council:

- Recognized the Graphic Emporium Slo-Pitch Team for winning the Men's 50 Intermediate 2008 SPN National Championships.
- Received a deputation from Andy Watson, Chair of the Kent Agricultural Hall of Fame Board of Directors re Kent Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductees.
- Received a deputation from Aaron Neaves, President, CAW Local 127 and Mike Byrne, Vice President, CAW Local 1941 and supported in principle the Buy Canadian – Build Communities Resolution. Council directed administration to investigate and report back on ways this resolution can be incorporated into the municipal procurement policy.
- Approved the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented and directed that action be taken as required.
- Received for information an update on the Southwestern Regional Centre.
- Directed Chatham-Kent Energy and administration bring forward a report to Council that outlines the information to be discussed at the Chatham-Kent Energy Inc. 2007 Annual General Meeting, and Council will at that time direct the proxy on how to vote on those issues and propose any appropriate by-law amendments.
- Awarded the tender in the amount of \$196,875 for the development of Phase One of the Minor Soccer Complex, Keil Drive South to Delway Contractors Ltd.
- Approved the low tender of The Canadian Salt Company Limited for the per tonne unit price of \$65.98 based on an estimated tonnage of 22,600 tonnes for a total of \$1,491,148.
- Awarded a tender in the amount of \$200,504.35 (\$190,956.52 plus 5% GST) for work associated with Contract T08-137 Rehabilitation of Queens Line Bridge over Government Drain 1 to Ben Bruinsma & Sons Limited of Chatham, Ontario.
- Awarded a tender in the amount of \$563,224.19 (\$536,403.99 plus 5% GST) for work associated with Contract T08-188 Drake Road Bridge and Seventh Line Bridge Replacements to Elmara Construction of Oldcastle, Ontario.

- Declared the following properties as surplus:
  - Part of Lots 7 and 8, Block 5, Plan 291, with a right-of-way over Part Lot 7, Block 5, Plan 291, municipally known as 25 Richmond Street in the Community of Chatham.
  - Part of Lots 1, 2 and 10, Block K, Plan 115, municipally known as 323-327 Queen Street in the Community of Wallaceburg.
  - Part of Lot 24, Concession 2, municipally known as 21398 Coatsworth Road in the Community of Romney.
  
- Extended the agreements to provide sales service to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent for one additional year.
  
- Approved the following recommendations with respect to the June 30, 2008 Budget Variance Forecast:
  1. Administration continue to monitor operations through future variance reports for the periods ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, and October 31<sup>st</sup>.
  2. The net forecasted surplus of \$92,000 be monitored and managed by administration.
  3. One-time reserve transfers be identified to fund the following, pending final year-end results:
    - a) \$518,000 from the Reserve for Future Years to assist in offsetting fuel price increases as per the recommendation of the 2007 Final Variance report.
    - b) \$496,000 from the Reserve for Winter Control to assist in projected deficits in winter control costs.
    - c) \$189,000 from the Reserve for Closed Session to fund legal issues in the Human Resource area, and the increased mileage rate.
    - d) \$345,000 from the Reserve for Future Economic Downturns to offset the increased caseload in Ontario Works and benefits for the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
  
- Approved the following recommendations with respect to the Mileage Reimbursement Rate Policy:
  1. A mileage reimbursement rate of \$.46 per kilometer be established for mileage incurred after the acceptance of this report.
  2. The annualized impact of this change in policy of \$66,000 be referred to the 2009 budget.
  3. Council adopt an ongoing policy for kilometer reimbursement as set annually by the Minister of Finance (per section 7306 of the Income Tax Regulations). The rate shall reflect the amount set out in the Income Tax Regulations for travel in excess of 5,000 kilometers. The current rate for 2008 is \$0.46 per kilometer.

- Approved the following recommendations with respect to the Subsidy Increase for Registered Practical Nurses (RPN's) and Personal Care Givers (PCG's)
  1. Approval be given to the Director of Seniors Services to accept the increased funding from the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network (ESC LHIN) in the amount of \$235,426 annually to allow for an increase in the Registered Practical Nurse (RPN) classification of 3.03 full time equivalencies (FTE's).
  2. An increase be approved in the Personal Care Givers (PCG's) classification of 1.49 FTE's to be purchased with the increased funding announced by the Province and the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network (ESC LHIN) in the amount of \$147,168 annually.
- Approved the following recommendations with respect to the Cat Control Strategy:
  1. A Voluntary Cat Registration Program be implemented.
  2. A Responsible Cat Ownership Educational Program be developed and implemented.
  3. Administration return to Council with one year to report on the success of the Voluntary Cat Registration Program and Educational Program and provide any suggestions or changes for improvement.
  4. An Advisory Committee on Cat Control be formed with a mandate to review community cat control issues, recommend initiatives and strategies, and develop active partnerships.
  5. The above recommendations be implemented at no incremental cost to the tax payers.
- Authorized the Mayor, Clerk and Administration to sign the necessary Letter of Agreement with respect to the 2008 Ontario Bus Replacement Program Guidelines and Requirements.
- Direct administration to implement the recommendations as presented in the July 25, 2008 Stantec report Re: Bridge Failure Investigation and Proposed Guidelines for Bridge Condition Survey and Evaluation.
- Supported the resolution from the Office of the Mayor regarding destination marketing fees.
- Approved the September 8, 2008 Council Information Package.

For further information on any of the above items, please contact Elinor Mifflin, Clerk, Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, 360-1998 extension 3200.

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