



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

**COUNCIL BRIEF**

At the Chatham-Kent Council meeting held on March 3, 2008 Council:

- Approved a Notice of Motion from Councillor McGregor to support Earth Hour on March 29, 2008.
- No seconder was received, therefore Council did not vote on a Notice of Motion from Councillor Parsons regarding Wind Turbine Locations.
- Tabled a Notice of Motion from Councillor Parsons regarding Licensing of Card Tournaments until the March 31, 2008 Council Meeting.
- Approved a Notice of Motion from Councillor Vercouteren to direct administration to prepare a report as to the cost to install safety coat hooks in all arena dressing rooms, especially minor hockey dressing rooms.
- Approved an encumbrance reserve of \$1,020,300 be carried forward to 2008 to allow for the completion of projects approved during the 2007 budget. Approved the following transfers to specific software reserves from the 2007 approved budget to be carried forward to future years' system upgrades:
  - Financial Services \$32,400
  - Human Resources \$18,040
- Approved one-time budget maintenance for account code activity. Directed administration to monitor and manage the forecasted deficit of \$239,500 through adjustments to the encumbrance reserve to ensure there is not an operating deficit for 2007. Approved the final year-end budget transfers as part of the final 2007 budget variance report to be completed in April or May 2008.
- Received a deputation from John Sigurjonsson, Member Services Officer, Cycle Chatham-Kent regarding Active Transportation in Chatham-Kent and referred the contents of the presentation to administration for incorporation into the active transportation report.
- Received a presentation from Paul J. Mackin, President, MGCG Limited regarding the Information Technology Strategic Plan and approved the following recommendations:
  1. The information Technology Strategic Plan as prepared and presented by the firm MGCG Limited be received.

2. All recommendations contained within the Information Technology Strategic Plan developed by MGCG Limited be taken into consideration, and referenced specifically when planning future budget and work plans for information technology services.
  3. Administration use the Information Technology Strategic Plan to develop and implementation report for tactical cycle one covering the eighteen month period to September 2009 within the next two months for Council's consideration.
- Adopted the Chatham-Kent Transportation Master Plan dated January 2008 and referred the plan to administration for implementation.
  - Reduced the speed limit on Seventh Line East from 80 km/h to 50 km/h between Charing Cross Road and a point 440 m west of Charing Cross Road in the Community of Raleigh. Directed that the Municipality of Chatham-Kent Traffic and Parking By-law 245-2004 be amended accordingly.
  - Approved a three year installation and replacement program for Neighbourhood Watch signs, with a maximum funding not to exceed \$2,000 in any year and that the funding to provide the signs be taken from the Sign Shop sign manufacturing base budget.
  - Authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign the necessary Letter of Agreement and/or by-law which shall be submitted to the Ministry of Transportation in accordance with guidelines and requirements of the 2007 Ontario Bus Replacement Program and the Amending Letter of Agreement as prepared by the Ministry of Transportation.
  - Authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign the necessary Letter of Agreement and/or by-law which shall be submitted to the Ministry of Transportation. Authorized the Engineering and Transportation Division to prepare the necessary reporting forms and forward to the Ministry of Transportation.
  - Approved amendments to the Staff Panel Committee of Adjustment.
  - Approved amendments to Appointment By-laws.
  - Received an Information Report regarding St. John Ambulance Service in Chatham-Kent.
  - Approved the February 11, 2008 and March 3, 2008 Council Information Packages.

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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