



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

COUNCIL BRIEF

At the Chatham-Kent Council meeting held on September 22, 2008 Council:

- Received a deputation from Cheryl deVries and Brian Lawson representing the Bothwell Concerned Citizens regarding the Bothwell Sanitary Sewer Project.
- Approved the following recommendations with regards to the Bothwell Sanitary Sewers Assessment By-law:
 1. The necessary By-law under Part XII of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, 2001 for the assessment of the Sanitary Sewer Collection System for the Community of Bothwell be approved.
 2. The borrowing of monies towards the project by the issuance and sale of debentures be authorized to make such temporary borrowing as may be required in order to meet the payments due to vendors.
 3. The PUC to review its policy with respect to vacant lots and provide recommendations to Council.
- Received a deputation from Lynn McGeachy Schultz regarding the Healthplex on the Thames Campus of St. Clair College and endorsed the direction of development at Thames Campus and agreed to work with the college to realize opportunities for additional government funding.
- Amended By-law 323-2004 which provides businesses in Chatham-Kent exemptions from the Retail Business Holidays Act for Victoria Day, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day, to include Family Day. The passing of the by-law does not mean that businesses must be open on these holidays. The decision remains with the individual business owner.
- Approved the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented and directed that action be taken as required (excluding any items placed aside).
- Received for information a report regarding 2007 Use of Consultants
- Received for information a report regarding 2007 Municipal Performance Measurement Program.

- Approved the amended policy for the development of Chatham-Kent Dog Off-Leash Recreation Areas. Directed administration to prepare an advertisement to determine interest in forming a Committee to pursue a municipal DOLRA and that that the Committee return to Council with recommendations on a preferred site. Further directed that the site selection include consideration of the PUC property and the private sector option.
- Approved the following recommendations with regard to Tender Award: Contract No. T07-247 Addition and Renovations to the Gable Reese Rotary Pool:
 1. The tender in the amount of \$1,310,749.12 (excluding GST) for an addition and renovations to the Blenheim Gable Rees Rotary Pool, be awarded to Intrepid General.
 2. \$588,377 of the project be funded from the Province’s Municipal Infrastructure Fund from the “Investing in Ontario Act.”
 3. The South-Kent Implementation Committee be required to raise an additional \$15,000 towards the project.
 4. The condition that the South-Kent Implementation Committee secures 75% of the fundraising required before administration proceeds with the construction be waived.
- Supported the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) – Wastewater Projects application for the Ridgetown Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.
- Approved the following recommendations regarding Source Water Protection:
 1. That the Municipality of Chatham-Kent consents to perform the drinking water source protection work required under the Clean Water Act related to the following systems:
 - Groundwater Supply for the community of Highgate (Drinking Water System #260015587)
 - Groundwater Supply for the community of Ridgetown (Drinking Water System #220003369)
 2. That the work including any data compiled while undertaking the drinking water source protection work, required by the Clean Water Act be shared with the Source Protection Committee so that it may be included in the Assessment Report for the Source Protection Area.
 3. That the Municipality of Chatham-Kent will, for the systems identified in recommendation Number 1 and upon full funding approval from the Province, undertake all work related for the completion of tasks as outlined in the Thames-Sydenham and Region Terms of Reference.

- Approved the forty year amortization period, with a ten year term option, where the asset value being financed has a life expectancy of at least forty years and the amount financed is at least \$10,000.
- Approved a Notice of Motion from Councillor Weaver, which directed administration to consider the request of the Active Communities Committee for \$2 million of the recently announced infrastructure funding be allocated to develop projects within Chatham-Kent. This request is to be considered when developing recommendations to Council for the allocation of the infrastructure funds.
- Approved that Chatham-Kent become a member of South West Economic Alliance (SWEA) for an initial fee of \$10,000 to be funded by the Reserve for Strategic Development. Appointed the following five voting members to represent Chatham-Kent in SWEA affairs:
 - Councillors Gilbert, Parsons and Fluker
 - Chief Administrative Officer
 - Director of Economic Development
- Approved the September 8, 2008 Council Information Package.
- Conducted a two-thirds vote in order to discuss the RFP regarding Photocopiers and approved the following motion:
 1. Xerox Global Services be contracted to provide digital photocopiers for a term of five years.
 2. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary agreements.
 3. The estimated annual savings of \$35,000 be allocated to the ITS lifecycle categories.

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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