



Motion

Re: Blenheim Business Park

“Whereas the Blenheim Business Park is a municipally owned business park which has existed since before amalgamation;

And whereas the Municipality has invested significant taxpayer resources in servicing the Blenheim Business Park in order to provide competitively priced industrial sites to attract new industry to Chatham-Kent;

And whereas in early 2017, in the midst of interest from a business in potential development within the Business Park, the Municipality received correspondence from the Province indicating that endangered species were reportedly within the Business Park;

And whereas the Municipality, in an effort to ensure the Business Park would be capable of its intended use as an economic driver, needed to take various steps including swapping land with the intended developer and undertaking various species protection works which to date have cost the Municipality just over \$100,000;

And whereas a significant portion of the Blenheim Business Park remains vacant as the Municipality continues to navigate the permit process and legislative protections identified by the Ministry with respect to these lands.

Therefore be it resolved that:

- 1. Mayor or Administration write to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, requesting a resolution to this matter;**
- 2. Administration report back to Council with options for resolving this matter.”**

Signed: Councillor Anthony Ceccacci

Notice Given On: January 13, 2020