

JANUARY 12 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AND HIRA COMMENTS

Item 5:

T. Van Allen re: Elizabeth & Emma Streets. This issue has been on the 'table' for 23 years with Mr. Van Allen's involvement at Council meetings beginning in 2000. It relates to a subdivision on Wolfe Island and the ownership and maintenance of these two streets. At the time, a \$6000. deposit was required by the developer to bring the roads up to standard. There is an agreement between the Township and developer...nothing has happened and nobody can account for the \$6000. The developer, who lives in the development, hasn't/isn't doing anything, so it's up to the residents to try and resolve with the Township. Next steps...both residents and Township will get 'rough' costs from their respective contractors.

Item 6:

R. Reitzel re: traffic in Marysville. "You can't legislate common sense" (HIRA quote). Residents, not only in Marysville, but on other roads on Wolfe, are complaining about speeding particularly the construction vehicles racing to catch a ferry. The posted speed limit in Marysville is 50 k/h. Mr. Reitzel presented a plan to reduce the speed limit to 25 k/h, add speed bumps but not have a 'police presence' or add stop signs and/or lights. The Mayor agreed that there is a problem...he also said there is a problem with parking, idling, ferry loading. Next steps...Council will prepare a traffic study and call the OPP.

Item 9:

Tenders re: Howe Island garbage collection. The tenders were submitted to the Township and the current vendor will continue through to the end of 2011.

Item 11:

Payment Voucher #12. Departmental surplus' or deficits accumulated in any area rated department in 2008 remain in that department with surpluses transferred to area rated reserves. The \$50,000. received from the County for Howe Island roads and ferry in 2008 be put in the 2009 budget.

Item 12:

Residents petition re: property assessment. This petition was done on Wolfe Island (HIRA is working with WRAFT, Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxation, and we have posted information for residents to respond to the Province with more to come). While the Township can't do anything regarding the assessment, they will write to MPAC outlining their displeasure with the process on behalf of the Township residents.

Item 13:

M. Eves re: Official Plan review. A review of the Official Plan draft is scheduled for January 19 at which time, a date will be selected for a public meeting.

Item 14:

Other Business. The Wolfe Islander III Environmental Assessment hasn't started and the Township is waiting to hear from the Province. The Mayor, in his December 2006 address following the election, stated, "Another is to add to the pending Wolfe Islander III Environmental Assessment a requirement that the next generation of the Howe Island transportation service issues be included. Planning should begin now".

Item 14: Other Business.

The Amenities Agreement between the Township and Canadian Renewable Energy Corporation outlines the allocation of fees commencing with the commercial

operation date. The Mayor asked council members to begin the process on how to spend the money.

If you have any comments, please contact Terry Botten, Chair at terrybotten@hotmail.com