

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2016

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at the Calvin Community Centre. Present were: Mayor Brown, Deputy Mayor Pennell, Coun Adams, Coun Edwards, Coun O'Connor, Chris Whalley & Lynda Kovacs.

Regrets: None

Guests: 3

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Brown

DELEGATIONS: None

PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

2016-023 MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Coun Pennell and seconded by Coun O'Connor that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Tuesday February 9, 2016 are hereby adopted and signed as circulated.

Carried

2016-024 BY-LAW 2016-006 ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT EAST FERRIS

By-law 2016-006 received 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings and was finally passed before an open Council, this being a by-law to enter into an engineering services agreement between the Municipality of Calvin and the Municipality of East Ferris for the provision of engineering and related services by the Municipality of East Ferris' professional engineer to undertake a number of projects with respect to roads, bridges and associated facilities within the boundaries of the Municipality of Calvin.

Carried

2016-025 TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET SUPPORT RE: NEW WIND GENERATION PROJECTS

Moved by Coun Adams and seconded by Coun Edwards that

Whereas the Township of Wainfleet has passed a Resolution requesting that Ontario cancel an RfP for added wind power generation and the Council of the Municipality of Calvin also supports that;

Whereas the independent Electrical System operator, under Ministerial Directive, issued an RfP for additional renewable energy generation including 300 MW of wind generation and is considering issuing further RfPs for 2016;

And whereas the December 2015 Auditor General's report confirmed that Ontario is generating surplus electricity with capacity increasing by 19% in the last 8 years while demand fell by 7.5% in the same period. Additional capacity is not required at this time;

And whereas the Auditor General also reported that the existing Feed In Tariff (FIT) contracts mean that Ontario power consumers will pay a premium of \$9.2 billion for renewable power with wind power pricing that is double the prices paid in other jurisdictions;

And whereas the Ontario Chamber of Commerce reports that the escalating price of electricity is undermining their members capacity to grow, hire new workers, and attract investment, and that Ontario's electricity costs are among the highest in North America, making the province uncompetitive for business growth;

And whereas adding wind to Ontario's grid drives CO2 emissions higher. The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers estimated that wind with natural gas backup produces base load electricity at about 200 grams of CO2 emissions/kWh compared with the current system average level of 40 grams CO2 emissions/kWh;

And whereas Nature Canada reports that wind power facilities have a substantial negative impact on endangered species including migrating bats and birds as well as destroying habitat for species at risk;

And whereas wind power is an intermittent source of electricity generation meaning that it cannot be used to replace dependable generating capacity without natural gas as a back-up;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Calvin request that

1. The Province of Ontario exercise its rights in Section 4.13 (12) of the current LRP | RFP to 'cancel the process at any stage and for any reason' and not issue any new wind generation contracts;
2. The Province of Ontario hold off any further renewable procurement process until the capacity is actually required and focus on sources that will actually reduce carbon emissions;
3. The IESO review the outstanding FIT contracts that have not achieved 'Commercial Operation', and vigorously enforce the terms of the FIT contract with a view to eliminating further expensive wind generation capacity being added to the grid.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, our local MPP, the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, the Ontario NDP and the Township of Wainfleet.

Carried

2016-026 CASSELLHOLME - LETTER

Moved by Coun O'Connor and seconded by Coun Pennell that after careful consideration Council hereby agrees to sign the "Private and Confidential" NON-BINDING letter of interest received from Cassellholme Board Chair Chris Mayne, dated February 9, 2016, in order to be able to review the financial analysis

Carried

2016-027 LIABILITY FOR CONTAMINATED SITES – UPDATE

Moved by Coun Edwards and seconded by Coun Adams that as of April 1, 2014 the accounting standards, to be applied by municipalities for the preparation of their financial statements, must include a new section, under Section PS 3260 of the Liability for contaminated Sites, to recognize liability for contaminated sites,

And further that in November 2014 the Clerk-Treasurer met with staff and Council to discuss and identify any known potentially contaminated sites within the Municipality of Calvin,

And further that no potentially contaminated sites were identified in 2014 and there remains to date no identified contaminated sites,

Therefore no further action is currently planned or required.

Carried

2016-028 DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Coun Adams and seconded by Coun Edwards that the disbursements dated February 16, 2016 in the amount of \$2,492.04 and February 17, 2016 in the amounts of \$39,051.07 and February 23, 2016 in the amount of \$5,086.20 be hereby authorized and passed for payment.

Carried

2016-029 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Coun Adams and seconded by Coun Edwards that this regular Meeting of Council now be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Carried