



The Corporation of the Municipality of
Central Elgin

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Following Matters were Dealt with at the Regular Meeting of Central Elgin Council dated Monday, February 8th and Tuesday, February 16th, 2010.

CLOSED MEETING INVESTIGATOR

Report Referred to Accountability and Transparency Committee

The Municipality's Closed Meeting Investigator recommended that Council consider amending its procedural by-law to ensure that the by-law reflect the practices of the Municipality, such as not accepting anonymous correspondence at Council meetings. Investigator John Maddox was responding to a complaint. Council referred Mr. Maddox's report and recommendation to its Accountability and Transparency Committee. Deputy Mayor Marks thanked Mr. Maddox for his report. He stated, "I welcome the opportunity to review the recommendation with my colleagues."

The complaint was a first for Central Elgin. Any person can file a complaint with the Closed Meeting Investigator by completing a complaint form and paying the \$25 fee.

CONCERNS PRESENTED REGARDING PROPOSED SOLAR FARM

Proposed Solar Farm Neighbours

Sandy Hushagen appeared before Council representing a group from Belmont who have identified themselves as BSF Neighbours. The group has concerns with the development of 150 acre solar farm on 450 acres of land north of Seventh Avenue the Belmont area. The solar farm is being proposed by First Solar Inc. and also involves lands in the neighbouring municipalities of Thames Centre and London.

Council will invite a representative of First Solar to attend a future meeting to answer questions about the project and address concerns raised prior to Council providing comments to the provincial government on the application.

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

Heritage Community Awards Presented

Congratulations!! Several Central Elgin residents/organizations were awarded certificates from Ontario Heritage Trust to recognize their contribution to heritage in our community in the following categories:

- Lifetime Achievement – Richard Haddow
- Built Heritage – Sparta & District Historical Society
- Cultural Heritage – Jean McDougall
- Natural Heritage – Girl Guides – Camp Orenda
- Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award – Don Cosens

Mr. Cosens award will be formally presented to him by Lieutenant Governor David Onley at a special ceremony at Queen's Park later in the month.

PORT STANLEY ARENA

LED Message Sign Donated by Port Stanley Lions Club

In celebration of their 50th Anniversary, the Port Stanley Lions Club has generously offered to donate a lighted message sign to be installed in front of the Port Stanley Arena. The sign will help to promote and advertise a variety of events which are happening throughout the community. Council accepted the donation with appreciation. The sign will be installed during renovations to the Port Stanley Arena this summer.

KETTLE CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

2010 Levy Approved

Central Elgin's apportionment of the 2010 KCCA Levy was approved in the amount of \$51,112.24, an increase of \$758.49 from 2009.

REACH THE BEACH RACES

Running & Walking Event in Port Stanley

Council granted municipal approval for the 4th annual event which will be held on Port Stanley streets on Friday, August 13th, 2010.

CELEBRATE CANADA APPLICATIONS

Canada Day Activities Planned for Belmont and Port Stanley

Council gave municipal approval for events planned for Canada Day on municipal property in Belmont and Port Stanley.

PROCEDURAL BY-LAW

Amendment to be Considered on March 1

Council gave notice of its intention to pass a By-law to Amend the By-law Governing the Proceedings of Council, the Conduct of its Members and the Calling of Meetings.

BY-LAWS

The following by-laws were given first, second and third reading:

- By-law 1219 - Being a By-law to Authorize Borrowing for Costs of the 2007/2008 Capital Water Projects
- By-law 1220 Decrease Martyn Drain No. 1
- By-law 1221 Being a By-law to Execute an Easement Agreement with Brian George Robinson and Elaine Beverly Robinson respecting 45334 Thomson Line
- By-law 1222 Being a By-law to Establish Pay Schedule for Employees covered by the Job Evaluation Scale
- By-law 1223 Being a By-law to Execute an Agreement with 560789 Ontario Limited o/a R&M Construction for Tender PW 10-043 Kettle Creek Streambank Rehabilitation Project (Thomson Line Bridge)
- By-law 1225- Being a By-law to Execute an Agreement with Jason William Andrews and John Geoffrey Andrews and Richard Albert Andrews respecting 10844 Wellington Road
- By-law 1226 - Being a By-law to Execute an Agreement with AECOM for Pt Stanley Arena Upgrades



UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

MARCH 2010

Monday, March 1st, 2010
Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 8th, 2010
Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 15th, 2010
Planning Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 22nd, 2010
Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 29th, 2010
Special Meeting of Council – 2010 Operational Budget

