

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 4

OF

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
UXBRIDGE, ONTARIO**

PRESENT: **MAYOR** **BOB SHEPHERD**
 REGIONAL COUNICLLOR **HOWIE HERREMA**

COUNCILLORS **JACK BALLINGER**
 TED ENG
 GORD HIGHET
 PAT MIKUSE
 BEV NORTHEAST

STAFF PRESENT: **CAO/DIRECTOR OF PARKS**
 AND RECREATION **INGRID SVELNIS**
 CLERK **DEBBIE LEROUX**
 DEPUTY CLERK **DIANA STEPHEN**

The Fourth Meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge was called to order by Mayor Shepherd at 7:00 p.m.

I. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF.

There were none.

II. DELEGATIONS

a) KATHY WASYLENKY, PRESIDENT, LUCY MAUDE MONTGOMERY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

Ms. Wasylenky presented an update on the activities of the Lucy Maude Montgomery Society and the progress at the Leaskdale Manse Historic Site and the Leaskdale Church.

The Church Manse is now being furnished with period pieces either acquired by the Society or ‘on loan’ from others. Through 2007, there was a total of 900 visitors to the site as the result of various events and Ms. Wasylenky identified the positive impact attributable to the activities of a summer student at both sites.

Throughout 2007, many renovations have been completed within the former Church building which has been used in conjunction with numerous events, some of which show the potential for revenue generation. Ms. Wasylenky reminded Council that the Society had recently made a \$20,000 payment toward the loan from the Township which was in addition to the regular monthly installments. The Society has also received a \$24,000 grant from ‘New Horizons’ that will be used for specific renovations as well as a ‘Looping Visual Presentation’ system and a Trillium Grant application has been submitted which, if approved, will be used for major renovations and accessibility features in the Church as well as a cedar shake roof on the Manse.

Ms. Wasylenky thanked Council and the Township for their ongoing support and cooperation and expressed her hope of moving forward to the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of Lucy Maude Montgomery in Leaskdale in 2011. She then outlined the events scheduled for 2008, both local and national. In conclusion, Ms. Wasylenky asked that Council consider the Society’s request for funding as well as a

declaration of 2008 as “The 100 Years of Anne”. She also asked that a display area be allowed in the Town Hall for the balance of the 2008 year.

MOVED by Councillor Mikuse, SECONDED by Councillor Ballinger
“THAT Council for the Township of Uxbridge declare 2008
to be “The 100 Years of Anne of Green Gables” in the Township of
Uxbridge.”

CARRIED

Councillor Mikuse advised those present that the Society would be participating in an “Anne of Greene Gables” feature event for the duration of the 2008 Canadian National Exhibition and that there was also to be an “Uxbridge Day” celebration.

b) JOEL VANVEGHEL & DONNA VANVEGHEL re Request for Reduction for Cash-in-Lieu of Parking – 1 Main Street South

Mr. VanVeghel advised Council that he and his mother, Donna VanVeghel, were planning to open a restaurant at 1 Main Street South. He indicated that they were long-time residents of the Township and were very involved in various community activities. He expressed their excitement about the Downtown Revitalization and how they felt that this business venture could contribute to it but the current Township parking requirements were prohibitive. He indicated that they had met with the Manager of Development Services and were advised that the business would require nine (9) parking spaces. Currently, the property has only two (2) spaces and the Cash-in-Lieu policy would require a payment of \$2,500 per additional space which would mean a total outlay of \$17,500. Mr. VanVeghel asked if Council could recommend an alternative to this requirement, as had been allowed for other restaurant locations in the Downtown area.

MOVED by Councillor Herrema, SECONDED by Councillor Ballinger
“THAT staff be directed to work with Joel and Donna VanVeghel in order to achieve a solution for the parking deficiency at 1 Main Street South that is consistent with that allowed similar businesses in the Downtown area and to bring a recommendation back to Council.”

CARRIED

c) ANNE HOLMES re Accountability and Transparency relative to Bill 130.

Ms. Holmes presented Council with her interpretation of Bill 130 and its implications for the Township of Uxbridge, one being the possibility of the formation of a Lobbyist Registry. She reviewed features of the legislation that should ensure public participation in Township matters as well as deter any devolution of power. She then voiced her concerns regarding the role of Uxbridge Naturally in the matter of the Tannenbaum lands and, further to this, also expressed concern about the future of the Tannenbaum lands and the possible financial impact she feels they could have on the Township along with the impact of those properties that she understands to be not producing their proportionate share of current tax burdens. Ms. Holmes concluded her deputation by requesting information concerning Council’s position on the acquisition and management of the Tannenbaum lands, who would be responsible for maintenance costs on these lands should they be acquired by the Township, as well as the Township’s policy and long-term plans for the protection of wildlife habitat and plant species on Township lands. She further questioned the Township’s policy on the promotion to the Toronto Region Conservation Authority on protection, preservation and conservation on lands controlled within the Township. Ms. Holmes requested a timely response to her queries.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Herrema, SECONDED by Councillor Highet
“THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 11th, 2008
be adopted.”

CARRIED

V. CORRESPONDENCE

A. RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

49 AMO Communication Alert No. 08/004 re AMO Report to Members on January
2008 Board Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Herrema, SECONDED by Councillor Highet
“THAT Correspondence Item No. 49 be received for information.”

CARRIED

B. REQUIRING ACTION

50 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority re Earth Hour – March 29, 2008 from
8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

51 Mayor David Miller, City of Toronto re Earth Hour – March 29, 2008 from 8:00
p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Eng, SECONDED by Councillor Ballinger
“THAT Correspondence Item Nos. 50 and 51 be received for information.”

CARRIED

52 June Davies, Uxbridge Energy Conservation Advisory Committee re Earth Hour –
March 29, 2008 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Northeast, SECONDED by Councillor Eng
“THAT Council for the Township of Uxbridge support the “Earth Hour”
movement;
AND THAT the Township of Uxbridge ‘sign up’ to participate in the
“TURN OFF YOUR LIGHTS” event, where feasible and practical.”

CARRIED

53 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority re Notice of Commencement regarding
the Source Water Protection Terms of Reference

MOVED by Councillor Herrema, SECONDED by Councillor Highet
“THAT Correspondence Item No. 53 be received for information.”

CARRIED

54 Township of Greater Madawaska re Logging on Crown Lands

MOVED by Councillor Herrema, SECONDED by Councillor Northeast
“THAT Council for the Township of Uxbridge support the resolution of the
Township of Greater Madawaska requesting the Province to establish a
revenue system similar to that which currently occurs with aggregate
extraction to compensate municipalities for damages sustained by municipal
roads as the result of commercial logging activities .”

CARRIED

- 55 Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey re Banning the Ownership of Handguns

MOVED by Councillor Hightet, SECONDED by Councillor Mikuse
“THAT Correspondence Item No. 55 be received for information.”
CARRIED

- 56 Judy Pirone, Co-Chair, Uxbridge Business Improvement Area re Appointment of Ian Giffin to sit on the Culture and Tourism Advisory Board as a representative of the Uxbridge Business Improvement Area

- 57 Gail Pimm re Appointment to sit on the Culture and Tourism Advisory Board as a representative of Heritage Uxbridge

- 58 Ian Giffin re Appointment of Angela Horne to sit on the Culture and Tourism Advisory Board as a representative of the Uxbridge Chamber of Commerce

MOVED by Councillor Mikuse, SECONDED by Councillor Hightet
“THAT Council for the Township of Uxbridge endorse the individuals named in Correspondence Item Nos. 56, 57 and 58, being Ian Giffin, Gail Pimm and Angela Horne ;
AND THAT staff be directed to prepare a By-law appointing those individuals to the Uxbridge Culture and Tourism Advisory Board ”
CARRIED

- 59 Precious Minds re Request for Sponsorship of the 5th Annual Precious Minds Charity Golf Tournament at Wooden Sticks on May 9th, 2008.

MOVED by Councillor Ballinger, SECONDED by Councillor Eng
“THAT Correspondence Item No. 59 be received for information.”
CARRIED

- 60 Carol and Terry Kuula re Resignation from Zephyr Hall Board

MOVED by Councillor Eng, SECONDED by Councillor Ballinger
“THAT Correspondence Item No. 60 be received for information;
AND THAT a letter of “Thanks” be forwarded to Carol and Terry Kuula for their years of service on the Board.”
CARRIED

- 61 Rick Greene re Downtown Parking Configuration

MOVED by Councillor Mikuse, SECONDED by Councillor Ballinger
“THAT Correspondence Item No. 61 be received for information;
AND THAT a copy be referred to the Development Services Department.”
CARRIED

- 62 Lucy Maud Montgomery Society of Ontario re Update on Celebrations marking 2008 as 100 Years of Anne Celebration.

MOVED by Councillor Mikuse, SECONDED by Councillor Hightet
“THAT Correspondence Item No. 62 be received for information;
AND THAT a copy be referred to staff for a review and report to Council of any available funding.”
CARRIED

- 63 Lucy Maud Montgomery Society of Ontario re Support for having Heritage Sites Open Five Days a Week in the summer months

MOVED by Councillor Mikuse, SECONDED by Councillor Ballinger

“THAT Correspondence Item No. 63 be received for information;

AND THAT a copy be referred to the Uxbridge Culture and Tourism Advisory Board.”

CARRIED

VIII. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

- a) Report DS 10/08 of Richard Vandezande, Manager of Development Services re Committee of Adjustment Application A4/2008, South Part Lot 24, Concession 4, Part 1, Plan 40R-16004, Township of Uxbridge, 5610 Regional/Hwy. No. 47, Steve Craig & Monica Francis

MOVED by Councillor Ballinger, SECONDED by Councillor Mikuse

“THAT the Council of the Township of Uxbridge accept the recommendation in Report DS 10/08 of Richard Vandezande, Manager of Development Services that the Committee of Adjustment consider any comments of the neighbours and agencies as the Township has not had the benefit of such input;

AND THAT any approval of the application should be conditional upon the following:

1. A permit from the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority be obtained prior to the issuance of a Building Permit for the proposed addition.”

CARRIED

- b) Report DS 11/08 of Richard Vandezande, Manager of Development Services re Letter of Credit Reduction Request, Uxbridge Industrial Subdivision – Phase 2, Plan 40M-2336.

MOVED by Councillor Herrema, SECONDED by Councillor Mikuse

“THAT the Council of the Township of Uxbridge accept the recommendation in Report DS 11/08 of Richard Vandezande, Manager of Development Services that the Council of the Township of Uxbridge on the recommendation of the Township’s Consulting Engineer and the Township Treasurer in accordance with Township policy, hereby directs the Treasurer to authorize the reduction in the Letter of Credit to \$1,053,409.56 for the Uxbridge Industrial Park – Phase 2, Plan 40M-2336.”

CARRIED

- c) Report PW 12/08 of Ben Kester, Director of Public Works re Ravenshoe Road Reconstruction.

MOVED by Councillor Herrema, SECONDED by Councillor Ballinger

“THAT Report PW 12/08 of Ben Kester, Director of Public Works, be tabled pending the completion of deputations by affected residents scheduled for the Regular Committee Meetings of March 3rd, 2008”

CARRIED

- d) Report PW 13/08 of Ben Kester, Director of Public Works re Surplus Land – Lormik Drive and Main Street North

MOVED by Councillor Herrema, SECONDED by Councillor Ballinger

“THAT the Council of the Township of Uxbridge accept the recommendation in Report PW 13/08 of Ben Kester, Director of Public Works, that the Council of the Township of Uxbridge instruct the Clerk’s Department to proceed with the process to declare this piece of land to be surplus to the needs of the Municipality.”

CARRIED

- e) Report DS 09/08 of Blain Lalonde, Building Inspector re Building Permit Bond Refund – Emer Developments Ltd.

MOVED by Councillor Ballinger, SECONDED by Councillor Northeast

“THAT the Council of the Township of Uxbridge accept the recommendation in Report DS 09/08 of Blain Lalonde, Building Inspector, that the Council for the Township of Uxbridge authorize the treasurer to release the \$1,000.00 bonds for Lots 5 and 10;
AND THAT Council further authorizes the treasurer to release the \$1,000.00 bonds for Lots 12 and 14.”

CARRIED

- f) Report CL-003/08 of Debbie Leroux, Clerk, re Posting of Agendas and Minutes on Township Website.

MOVED by Councillor Herrema, SECONDED by Councillor Ballinger

“THAT the Council of the Township of Uxbridge accept the recommendation in Report CL 003/08 of Debbie Leroux, Clerk that the Report CL-003/08 be received for information;
AND THAT the Council of the Township of Uxbridge approve posting the agendas for Committee meetings and Council meetings prior to noon on the Friday immediately prior to the respective meeting;
AND THAT Council approve the posting of Committee and Council minutes in draft format prior to noon on the Friday immediately following the respective meeting;
AND THAT when the draft minutes are posted a proviso be added stating that the minutes are subject to change until adoption by Council.”

CARRIED

- g) Report CL-004/08 of Debbie Leroux, Clerk, re Township Domain Name

MOVED by Councillor Herrema, SECONDED by Councillor Ballinger

“THAT the Council of the Township of Uxbridge accept the recommendation in Report CL 004/08 of Debbie Leroux, Clerk that the Report CL-004/08 be received for information;
AND THAT the Council of the Township of Uxbridge approve the continued use of the Domain Name of ‘town.uxbridge.on.ca’;
AND THAT Council direct staff to reserve the domain name of ‘uxbridge.ca’ for potential future use.”

CARRIED

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Celebrate Canada re Delegation of Signing Authority for the “Funding Application Form” with respect to funding for Canada Day

MOVED by Councillor Mikuse, SECONDED by Councillor Herrema
“THAT Ingrid Svelnis, CAO/Director of Parks Recreation & Culture, be delegated signing authority for the Township of Uxbridge on its submission to the Department of Canadian Heritage in regard to the “Celebrate Canada” Program.”

CARRIED

- b) Debbie Leroux, Clerk, advised Council that the Public Information Session requested by Council as the result of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority / Uxbridge Naturally presentation of January 7th, 2008, regarding the Downtown Floodplain Model has now been scheduled. It will be held on Wednesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Seniors’ Centre on Marietta Street. Public Notice of the session will be posted in the Local Newspaper and on the Township Website.
- c) Councillor Ballinger advised those present that the Family Day events at the Legion building were most successful in spite of the damaging effect of the rain on Elgin Pond and the scheduled ‘Family Skate’. He expressed his hope for the continuation, next year.
- d) Councillor Herrema advised those present that the Federal Government had just announced an additional \$12 million funding for the protection of Lake Simcoe. This is in addition to the \$18 million already identified. Monies will be used, in part, for the reduction of phosphorous, buffer zones and stormwater management.

He further advised that, during the Ontario Good Roads Association Annual Conference this week, Premier McGuinty announced an additional \$150 million ‘top-up’ for the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative Program. Councillor Herrema suggested this added money may be the amount required to cover the applications received to date and that the Uxbridge submission might be successful.

- e) Councillor Ballinger advised those present that the event to recognize Bob Harrison was ‘sold out’. He thanked the community at large for its overwhelming support.
- f) Councillor Ballinger reported that the ice thickness on Elgin Pond was currently eleven inches thick.

XII. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

BY-LAW NO. 2008-025

MOVED by Councillor Ballinger, SECONDED by Councillor Northeast
“THAT leave be granted to introduce By-law No. 2008-025 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting of February 25th, 2008 and the same be read a first and second time.”

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Ballinger, SECONDED by Councillor Northeast
“THAT By-law No. 2008-025 be now read a third time, finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk duly sign and seal same.”

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK