

COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, November 25, 2014

The Elgin County Council met this day at the Administration Building at 9:05 a.m. with all members present including Jim McIntyre.

Warden Marr in the Chair.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Walters
Seconded by Councillor Couckuyt

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on October 21, 2014 be adopted.

- Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF –
None.

The Warden made an announcement recognizing the attendance of Jim McIntyre former Mayor of Southwold and County Councillor.

PRESENTATIONS

Retirement Recognition: Deb DeNuke

The Warden presented Deb DeNuke with a retirement certificate for her years of exemplary service as an RPN at Bobier Villa.

Retirement Recognition: Harvey Granger

The Warden presented Harvey Granger with a retirement certificate for his years of exemplary service as a Nurse at Elgin Manor.

DELEGATIONS

Town Crier Annual Report 2014

Mr. Phillips outlined his activities as Elgin County Town Crier in 2014. He informed Council that he was presented with an Ambassador Award for best representation of a community at the Town Crier Championships in Port Perry.

Moved by Councillor Jenkins
Seconded by Councillor Mennill

THAT the report titled "Town Crier Annual Report 2014" from Dave Phillips be received and filed.

- Carried.

Fire Safety House Information

Mr. Crichton, Public Fire Safety Educator gave a presentation on upgrades that need to be made to the Elgin County Fire Safety House and asked Council for funding to make these upgrades.

Moved by Councillor Mennill
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam

THAT the presentation titled "Fire Safety House Information" from the Public Fire Safety Educator be referred to the grant portion of the 2015 budget deliberations.

- Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE**Item for Consideration**

1. Sara Almas, Clerk, Town of Collingwood, with a resolution seeking support urging Canada Post to Reconsider Decision to Eliminate Home to Home Postal Delivery.

The following recommendation was adopted in regard to Correspondence Item #1:

Moved by Councillor Jones
Seconded by Councillor Ens

THAT the Corporation of the County of Elgin support the resolution from the Town of Collingwood requesting that Canada Post reconsider its decision to end home to home postal delivery.

- Carried.

Items for Information (Consent Agenda)

1. Elizabeth VanHooren, General Manager, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority, with an update on the Elgin County Joint Shoreline Management Plan.
2. J. W. Tiernay, Executive Director, Ontario Goods Roads Association (OGRA), seeking nominations for candidates to be considered for a position on the OGRA Board of Directors.
3. AMO Communications Emails re:
 - a) Bill 8, Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014.
 - b) The Municipal Council Education Program, course information.
 - c) Information on the 2014 Ontario West Municipal Conference on December 12, 2014, London, Ontario.
4. Maureen Beatty, Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Municipal Services, with information on the 2014 Ontario West Municipal Conference on December 12, 2014.
5. 2015 OGRA/ROMA Combined Conference information package.
6. Hon. Charles Sousa, Minister, Ministry of Finance, announcing the release of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) program allocations for 2015.
7. Judy Berkin, Business Services Officer, Thames Valley District School Board, with information regarding the disposition of Scott Street Public School property.
8. Hon. Michael Coteau, Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, with approval of 2014-15 Public Library operating, Pay Equity, and First Nation Salary Supplement Grants.

Moved by Councillor Jenkins
Seconded by Councillor Walters

THAT Correspondence Items #1 – 8 be received and filed.

- Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS**Statements/Inquiries by Members**

Councillor Ens put his name forward for 2015 Warden.

Councillor Couckuyt expressed how pleased he was to have served on County Council during the past 4 years. He is proud of Elgin County's focus on culture and quality of life. He is pleased that Council has not supported a monument to mediocrity.

Councillor Jenkins congratulated Warden Marr and the Wardens who have served over the past 4 years. He is honoured to have served on County Council and thanked his colleagues and staff for their dedication and expertise. He sent his best wishes to the new Council.