

**The Corporation of the Township of Malahide
January 14, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.
Special Council Meeting**

The Malahide Township Council met in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. with the following present:

Council: Mayor J. R. Wilson (8:10 p.m.); Deputy Mayor D. Mennill; Councillor G. Cleminshaw; Councillor C. Glinski; Councillor M. Moore; Councillor M. Phillimore; and, Councillor M. Widner.

Staff: C.A.O./Clerk M. Casavecchia; Deputy Clerk D. Wilson; and Director of Municipal Services E. DiMeo (8:10 p.m.);.

Consultants: Planner D. Dudek, of IBI Group.

Absent: None.

CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Mayor Mennill assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. It was noted the Mayor and the Director of Municipal Services were expected to arrive later in the meeting.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST and the General Nature thereof:

No disclosures of pecuniary interests were declared.

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

Springfield Agri-Employment

The Council was advised by the Planner, Mr. Dudek, the many of the issues identified in a memo, dated March, 2009, regarding the Agri-Employment lands have more recently been dealt with in relation to the proposed Springfield Agri-Industrial Park.

Woodlands/Natural Heritage Areas

The Council reviewed a memo received from the Planner, dated March 23, 2009, with respect to Woodlands/Natural Heritage Areas related to the Official Plan Review. The Council was advised that the Ministry of Natural Resources requires additional areas to be included in the new Official Plan as Provincially significant wetlands to be protected. The Ministry want to have protection around the wetlands by including the woodlots. There are three properties under the provincial mandate located within Malahide.

A draft policy was provided to the Council regarding the "Proposed Significant Woodlands Policies". The Council noted that this policy does not restrict the ability of property owners/farmers for existing agriculture uses and normal farm practices as well as does not prohibit the harvesting of woodlands with the necessary approvals.

The Planner indicated that Environment Canada would like to see 30% forest coverage in each municipality in Southern Ontario, currently Malahide has 17%. Ontario Nature would like woodlots of 10 hectares or more to be designated as Natural Heritage; and the Ministry of Natural Resources would like all woodlots of 40 hectares or more designated.

The Planner reviewed several options with the Council and recommended that the Council designate all woodlands greater than 10 hectares which is also the recommendation of Ontario Nature.

The Mayor and Director of Municipal Services entered the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Following some discussion on the matter, the Council concurred with the recommendation of the Planner to designate all woodlands greater than 10 hectares as Natural Heritage areas.

Deputy Mayor Mennill vacated the Chair and Mayor Wilson assumed the Chair at 8:20 p.m.

The Planner advised the Council that the next step in the Official Plan Review process is to distribute the draft Official Plan to the various ministries and agencies, and to schedule a Public Meeting in the near future.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Mark Widner
Seconded by: Max Moore

No. 23

THAT the Council move into Closed Session at 9:00 p.m., pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, to discuss a property matter.
- CS1 - A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land matter (s.239.2(c)) Negotiation related to the proposed Agri-Park.

Carried.

Moved by: Dave Mennill
Seconded by: Mark Widner

No. 24

THAT Council move out of Closed Session and reconvene at 10:13 p.m. in order to continue with its deliberations.

Carried.

Mayor Wilson advised that during its Closed Session, the Council provided direction to the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk concerning a Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land Matter related to the proposed Springfield Agri-Park.

Moved by: Chester Glinski
Seconded by: Mark Widner

No. 25

THAT Council adjourn at 10:14 p.m. to meet on January 21, 2010, at 8:00 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor - John R. Wilson

Clerk - M. Casavecchia