

MINUTES
For the Special Meeting of the
Council of the Municipality of West Grey
Held on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.
At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office

<u>Council</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles, Deputy Mayor Dan Sullivan, Councillor John A. Bell, Councillor John S. Black, Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Don Marshall, Councillor Bev Plume (left meeting at 11:30 a.m.)
<u>Absent</u>	Councillor David Mollison
<u>Staff</u>	Christine Robinson, CAO/Clerk, Mark Turner, Deputy Clerk; Kerri Mighton, Treasurer-Deputy Tax Collector; Ken Gould, Public Works Manager; Brian Marcell, C.B.O./By-law Enforcement Officer

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest - None
Closed Session – None
Matters Arising From Closed Session – n/a

Delegations

Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Western Ontario Municipal Services Office, as represented by Roger Moyer, Manager - Local Government, Luanne Phair, Municipal Advisor – Local Government, and Tim Ryall – Municipal Advisor – Local Government

Tim Ryall, Roger Moyer and Luanne Phair, from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Municipal Services Office – West Region, provided a powerpoint presentation to Council regarding The Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program.

The powerpoint presentation explained “who pays for what” when disasters happen, ODRAP terms and conditions, ODRAP coordination and responsibilities, and ODRAP municipal forms. MMAH representatives responded to a number of questions from Council concerning The Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program.

Francesca Dobbyn, reported on the 211 Central East Ontario system and calls received as a result of the West Grey Tornado Event. Ms. Dobbyn also stated that the Grey-Bruce United Way is willing to financially assist in Tornado Relief initiative. - resolution #328-09

SULLIVAN-BELL, WHEREAS, the Municipality of West Grey recently experienced a Tornado on August 20th, 2009, and has experienced substantial damage to private and public property, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing to declare the Municipality of West Grey, a “disaster area” for the purposes of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP); And

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FURTHER, should the Minister declare a disaster, Council will immediately, under the authority of ODRAP, appoint members to a disaster relief committee to administer ODRAP, as required. ... #328-09

Tracy Detzler & Kris Kennedy, The Durham Activity Centre Board of Management

Tracy Detzler & Kris Kennedy, representing The Durham Activity Centre Board of Management, provided a brief background relating to the establishment and ongoing operations of The Durham Activity Centre. The Durham Activity Centre building is owned by the Municipality, and there is an existing lease for the operation of the Centre by The Durham Activity Centre Board of Management.

The Durham Activity Centre was demolished by the West Grey Tornado Event on August 20, 2009, and Mr. Detzler noted the desire of The Durham Activity Centre Board of Management that Council for the Centre to re-open by January 2010. The present location is the preferred site as it offers continuity, considerable time and money have been spent establishing the outdoor volleyball courts that are still intact, the centre is a good fit and compliments the Business and Industrial Park, and the area accommodates the outdoor summer activities without hindering residential areas.

The CAO/Clerk reported that the municipal insurer has been contacted, and a response has not been received to date regarding content insurance coverage. The Treasurer-Deputy Tax Collector indicated that The Durham Activity Centre is insured at a May 2008 replacement value of \$476,000 coverage, with a \$5000 deductible, and noted as a non-profit organization, the Centre will be eligible for ODRAP funding as to be determined by the Disaster Relief Committee. Winmar Construction is to provide the municipal insurer an estimate for the replacement of the Centre. The Durham Activity Centre reimburses West Grey for covering building insurance for the Centre.

Some discussions ensued regarding the proposed location of the building and proposed size and construction of the new building for The Durham Activity Centre. The CAO/Clerk recommended that should Council entertain constructing a new building for use by The Durham Activity Centre, that a new Lease Agreement be drafted to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

The C.B.O./By-law Enforcement Officer questioned what the existing zoning is on the property, noted that insurance companies generally agree to upgrades to meet current codes, and asked if there is a better location for the Centre than the Industrial Park. Kris Kennedy noted it has always been considered a business/industrial park, and therefore, would consider the Centre to be a complimentary use. Mr. Kennedy stated that the Centre wants to know if Council wants to pursue steps for replacement of the building at the current site.

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Council requested municipal staff to verify the zoning and official plan status of the subject property, work on a proposed amended Agreement, and to address insurance matters, in time for discussion at the next regular meeting of Council. - resolution #329-09

LAWRENCE-CUTTING, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports in principle the replacement of The Durham Activity Centre at the same location; AND FURTHER THAT, this resolution be brought back to the September 9, 2009 Council meeting. ... #329-09 CARRIED.

New Business

1) **Building Permit Fees**

The C.B.O./By-law Enforcement Officer provided some information relating to consideration of waiving building permit fees. It appears the Disaster Relief Committee could compensate individuals/firms for building permit fees paid if insurance does not cover such fees.

The C.B.O./By-law Enforcement Officer provided an estimate of \$14000 in commercial building fees. In terms of residential and farm property, there is an estimated \$5.1 million in structural damage, and would be at least double that amount if property damage is included. There is an estimated \$23,000 to \$25,000 in building permit fees for residential/farm properties that will be required. There are currently 72 properties listed as having incurred tornado damage.

Council instructed municipal staff to keep building permit fees in force at this time, and to keep a separate account for building permit fees received that relate to the tornado event. Municipal staff are to consider options for administrative assistance in this regard.

Adjournment

BELL, RESOLVED THAT, we do now adjourn at 11:40 a.m., to meet again on Wednesday, September 9th, 2009, 10:00 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor. CARRIED.

Kevin Eccles, Mayor

Christine Robinson, CAO/Clerk