

ELEVENTH SESSION  
REGULAR SESSION

April 14 2008

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Aylmer meets in Regular Session at 3:30 p.m. on this date with Mayor Bob Habkirk presiding.

Present are:	Mayor	B. Habkirk
	Deputy Mayor	R. G. Baldwin
	Councillor	J. Couckuyt
	Councillor	J. Vandermeersch
	Councillor	M. French
	Councillor	J. L. Wright
	Administrator	M. H. Adams
	Clerk	N. J. Irving
	Dir of Planning & Munic Services	D. Dale
	Dir of Finances & Human Resources	J. Reynaert
Dir of Operations	R. Tapp	
Fire Chief	S. Taylor	
Absent:	Councillor	G. H. Richer

1. PRAYER

All rise as Mayor Habkirk reads a brief prayer.

2. ROLL CALL

The Clerk notes the absence of Councillor G. H. Richer.

The Mayor notes that the meeting will recess when all items have been dealt with except for #4 (public meeting under the Planning Act) and #9 (By-laws). The meeting will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. to deal with these two items.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There are no disclosures.

4. DELEGATIONS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

To be considered at 7:00 p.m.

5. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

Resolution No. 134-08

Moved by Deputy Mayor R. G. Baldwin and seconded by Councillor J. L. Wright:

**“That Council adopt and approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2008 Regular Council Session.”**

The motion is Carried.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 135-08

Moved by Councillor J. Vandermeersch and seconded by Councillor M. French:

**“That item (a) of the April 14, 2008 Consent Agenda, be adopted as printed, with appropriate actions to be taken as noted.”**

The motion is Carried.

7. ACTION ITEMS

(a) Presentation from the Administrator – South Central Ontario Region (SCOR) Action Plan.

Council receives a presentation from H. Adams, Administrator, with respect to the Action Plan for the South Central Ontario Region (SCOR).

Resolution No. 136-08

Moved by Deputy Mayor R. G. Baldwin and seconded by Councillor J. Couckuyt:

**“That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Aylmer endorse the recommendations contained in the South Central Ontario Region (SCOR) Acton Plan; and further,**

**That the Town of Aylmer Staff continues to provide support to the initiatives.”**

The motion is Carried.

(b) Report from the Clerk – Lottery Licensing Process.

The Clerk provides an overview about the lottery licensing process in response to a number of concerns expressed by service club representatives at the Council meeting held on April 7, 2008.

Resolution No. 137-08

Moved by Councillor J. Couckuyt and Councillor J. Vandermeersch:

**“That the Report dated April 10, 2008 submitted by the Clerk about the lottery licensing process, be received for information purposes.”**

The motion is Carried.

(c) Report from the Parks & Facilities Manager – Parents for Playgrounds fundraising initiatives. Action: Recommendation

Resolution No. 138-08

Moved by Deputy Mayor R. G. Baldwin and Councillor J. Vandermeersch:

**“That the Parks & Facilities Manager forward a letter of appreciation to Mr. RonAllen, for the Parents for Playgrounds group, in recognition of their fundraising initiatives to raise funds to help purchase new play equipment.”**

The motion is Carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

None.

9. READING OF BY-LAWS AND PROCEEDINGS THEREON

To be considered later in the meeting, following the public meeting for the rezoning application.

10. INQUIRIES BY MEMBERS

There are no inquiries.

11. REPORT OF MAYOR

There is no report.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 139-08

Moved by Deputy Mayor R. G. Baldwin and seconded by Councillor J. Vandermeersch:

**“That Council adjourn to a Closed Session at 4:15 p.m. for the purpose of considering the matters of:**

**(a) personnel matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and**

**(b) proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.”**

The motion is Carried.

Resolution No. 140-08

Moved by Deputy Mayor R. G. Baldwin and seconded by Councillor J. L. Wright:

**“That Council do now rise from Closed Session at 4:30 p.m. and reports as follows:**

**(a) that Council authorizes the hiring of Alissa Gheysen for one of the seasonal student positions in the Town of Aylmer Parks Department, to commence employment on May 5, 2008; and further,**

**(b) that Council authorizes the following actions for staffing at the East Elgin Community Complex:**

- (i) the hiring of Art Johnston as the Physical Services Manager**
- (ii) the hiring of Jamie Benner as B Operator (12-month temporary)**
- (iii) the posting of the Part-Time Operator position.”**

The motion is Carried.

The Council meeting recesses at 4:31 p.m. to reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

The Council meeting reconvenes at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

Zoning By-law Amendment made by the Town of Aylmer for lands located at 249 John Street South, Aylmer

Resolution No. 141-08

Moved by Deputy Mayor R. G. Baldwin and seconded by Councillor J. Couckuyt:

**“That Council do now commence a Public Meeting at 7:00 p.m. under the Planning Act to consider a Zoning By-law Amendment for property located at 249 John Street South in Aylmer.”**

The motion is Carried.

Mayor Habkirk chairs the Public Meeting.

The Chair reads the following statement:

This Public Meeting has been organized in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, 1990, to consider a proposed amendment to the Town of Aylmer Zoning By-law.

The lands affected by the Zoning By-Law Amendment are located on the east side of John Street South and south of Elk Street, consist of 0.4± hectares (1.0± acres) of land, and are known municipally as 249 John Street South in the Town of Aylmer. The subject lands are zoned “Residential Type 2-6 (R2-6), which, in addition to the uses permitted in the Residential 2 Zone, permit a variety store, laundromat, and mirror and glass business. While the portion of the site occupied by the glass and mirror business has been vacant since early 2006; the variety store and laundromat continue to operate on the subject lands. The applicant is requesting an amendment to the Zoning By-Law

to add “A Day Care and Early Years Centre” as an additional permitted use within the R2-6 Zone.

The proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law No. 57-99 would continue to maintain the zoning for 249 John Street South as “Residential Type 2-6 Zone (R2-6)” with the additional permitted use.

The proposed Amendment to the Zoning By-law is in conformity with the Town’s Official Plan.

The Chair advises that Council will hear comments in the following order:

- (a) Applicant.
- (b) Public – The Chair asks individuals to clearly state their name and address for the record of the Clerk. There is a “sign in” registration sheet for the public to provide information for our records.
- (c) Clerk – if there are any additional communications received with respect to this application.
- (d) Planning Staff – available for clarification where required.

Mr. Stephen Mawdsley on behalf of the applicant, provides an overview about the application wherein he states it conforms with the Town’s Official Plan, enables vacant property to be a benefit to the neighbourhood, and includes playground and parking available.

No other members of the public provide comments.

The Clerk advises that a communication has been received from the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA), a copy of which was included in the Council agenda, stating that the CCCA has reviewed the subject amendment and has no objections.

The Director of Planning & Municipal Services refers to his report and provides an overview about the application. He notes that the current site plan is preliminary and the final will be subject to the Town’s site plan review and approval process.

Deputy Mayor R. G. Baldwin expresses concerns and similarities with site specific zoning at Elm and Talbot Streets where problems were encountered as businesses changed, and anticipates a similar challenge in the future. Councillor J. Vandermeersch inquires about why staff is suggesting that the mirror and glass business be removed from the zoning, and D. Dale responds that it is to maintain the integrity of the zone and offers a degree of protection to the residential zone.

There is no further discussion.

At the conclusion of the public meeting, the Chair advises that the applicable By-law will be considered by Council after the public meeting.

Resolution No. 142-08

On a motion of Councillor J. Vandermeersch and Councillor M. French:

**“That Council do now adjourn the Public Meeting at 7:08 p.m.”**

The motion is Carried

The Council meeting resumes.

BY-LAWS

Resolution No. 143-08

Moved by Councillor M. French and seconded by Councillor J. Vandermeersch:

**“That Council suspend the procedural policies and proceed with first, second and third reading of By-Law No. 18-08.”**

The motion is Carried.

Resolution No. 144-08

Moved by Councillor J. Vandermeersch and seconded by Councillor M. French:

**“That the following By-law be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed, sealed and numbered by the Mayor and Clerk:**

**(a) By-law 18-08 – Rezoning of lands at 249 John Street South.**

The motion is Carried.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 145-08

Moved by Deputy Mayor R. G. Baldwin and seconded by Councillor J. Vandermeersch:

**“That Council do now adjourn at 7:10 p.m.”**

The motion is Carried.

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MAYOR

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CLERK