

TOWN OF FLAMBOROUGH

COUNCIL

MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS February 22 , 1999

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Flamborough met on February 22, 1999 in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor McMeekin presiding and the following persons in attendance:

Present:

Deputy Mayor Braden, Councillors Aggus, McCarthy, Shurvin, Hume, Kidd, Jamieson, Monteith

Staff:

R. Fiebig, Chief Administrative Officer

M. Jane Lee, Clerk Director of Administrative Services B. Roberts, Director of Finance

B. Smith, Director of Planning & Development

K. Keith Director of Community Services

P. Tewari, Director of Engineering Services

P. Parker, Manager of Community Planning

Mayor McMeekin called the meeting to order and led Council in the Lord's Prayer and the singing of O' Canada.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Braden declared an interest with respect to Bill 11/99 Performance Plus Automotive, and as previously declared at the Planning & Development Committee meeting as he does business with the company. He refrained from discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Monteith also declared an interest with respect to the D. Smith Equipment matter of the Planning & Development Committee minutes as he has business with an opponent of the company. He refrained from discussion and voting thereon.

I

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1.

Committee of the Whole Minutes - January 25,1999

Moved by Councillor Monteith Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 25, 1999 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.

Council Minutes - January 25, 1999

Moved by Councillor Jamieson Seconded by Councillor Monteith

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of January 25, 1999 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

II

PRESENTATION(S):

1.

Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee
Re: Certificates of Commendation in Honour of Canada's Heritage Week

The Mayor introduced the chair of Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, Mr. Bill Ireland who assisted him in presenting the certificates of Commendation in honour of Canada's Heritage Week. Mayor McMeekin noted that Heritage Week was last week and that on an annual basis certificates of Commendation are presented at LACACA's recommendation to people in the community who have constructed, maintained or improved their properties in keeping with Flamborough's heritage.

Mr. Ireland then assisted Mayor McMeekin in presenting the certificates to the following individuals.

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Aberdeen Brick & Stone Masonry Dale Bruner
James & Mary-Jane Davison
Monica Groenwold & Richard Bauman Kirkwall Presbyterian Church Terrence & Roseanne Simpson Kevin Thompson
Glen White
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All those present congratulated them for their achievements. Mayor McMeekin thanked LACAC for their good work in the community.

2.

Request to Speak - Chamber of Commerce

It was noted that the members of the Chamber of Commerce had requested to speak to Council with respect to the report concerning Burlington and Flamborough restructuring. Members of Council concurred with the request to allow the representatives to speak.

Mr. Chad Murray, a Director of Flamborough Chamber of Commerce and the chair of the Local Government Affairs Committee, and Mr. Tom Butterworth, President of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke to members of Council. Mr. Murray noted they were speaking in support of the recommendation of the CAO to study governance options with the City of Burlington. He expressed his belief that prior to the next municipal elections some changes will be made and the Province will make a move to amalgamate government in Hamilton-Wentworth. Mr. Murray noted that he did not believe Flamborough is sustainable and that the population base is too small with such a large geographic area. He noted that the Chamber Board has unanimously approved a recommendation and that there was broad based community support for amalgamation and for studying amalgamation. He urged Council to support the study and commit funds and resources to continue the study. He noted that by doing nothing they believe businesses are put in an untenable position. He thanked Council for their support to the businesses, especially over the last year, but noted that they have no confidence that Hamilton-Wentworth will look after the community. He noted that this was a unique opportunity for Council to change and control their destiny and that Council should be pro-active.

Mr. Murray noted their recommendation as follows:

We recommend that the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce support the recommendation to study the amalgamation on the Town of Flamborough and the City of Burlington into one municipal entity. And further we recommend the Chairman of the Committee appear as a delegation along with other members of the board that wish to attend to make our support imitative known to the members of Council of Flamborough. And last to advise Council that the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce request the opportunity to be involved in the study process.

Mr. Butterworth then noted that the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce has had a long standing record of working with Council and they want to continue to do so.

Councillor McCarthy asked if they were familiar with Toni Skarica's platform for the upcoming Provincial election.

Mr. Murray noted they are aware that he is proposing a services board so that they are generally aware of his platform but not specifically.

Councillor McCarthy continued by asking if they were familiar with the referendum which was held by citizens last year and questioned Mr. Murray with respect to why he believes people were opposed to joining other municipalities in amalgamation through Hamilton- Wentworth.

Mr. Murray noted that he was aware that the referendum had indicated opposition to becoming part of a supercity in Hamilton-Wentworth and believe that individuals would have many reasons for voting the way they did.

Councillor McCarthy noted that many people did not want to relinquish responsibility, accountability and representation.

Mr. Murray concurred those would be issues and could have been reasons why people would have voted they way they did.

Councillor McCarthy then asked Mr. Murray if he would be concerned with those issues in an amalgamation with Burlington.

Mr. Murray noted that the main concern is that there will be no choice and they will have to therefore go ahead.

Councillor McCarthy pointed out that our M.P.P. is in opposition to that concept and that if Council approves the recommendation as it stands, it could be interpreted or argued that Council is willing to amalgamate.

Councillor Shurvin then noted the comments from the Chamber of Commerce that they would propose to work with Council and asked how, in an amalgamated Burlington, they would fare in front of a Burlington council.

Mr. Murray noted they would probably would not fare as well as they did in front of this Council. He noted they get a fair hearing here in Flamborough.

Councillor Shurvin asked Mr. Murray if they have given up on Flamborough.

Mr. Murray said no, they are grateful for the support of Council for their tax problems.

Councillor Shurvin then noted the approximately \$1.5 million per year that is to come to Flamborough through the slot machine initiative at Flamboro Downs. He asked Mr. Murray if they would choose a loonie or 17 cents if they had a choice.

Mr. Murray noted that they are not suggesting that they have given up on Flamborough or stating a concern but their concern is that they will not be able to maintain the status quo.

Councillor Kidd asked Mr. Murray why he says with such assurance that we will not have a choice.

Mr. Murray said that there is nothing specific that led him to that belief.

Councillor Hume asked Mr. Murray if they have given up on Hamilton-Wentworth.

Mr. Murray concurred that they had.

Councillor Jamieson indicated broad base support in a recent survey published in the Flamborough Review for retaining Flamborough. She noted that very few questions went to people west of Middletown Road and hoped that the Chamber of Commerce would remember people west of Highway No.6 when they make the determination of their position.

Councillor Monteith clarified with Mr. Murray that they are not supporting amalgamation but that they are supporting the study.

Councillor McCarthy noted that there is nothing wrong with the study. She pointed out that amalgamation is political and a services board is financial. She noted that an amalgamation would relinquish responsibility, authority and accountability and noted that Council is on record as not wanting to support amalgamation.

Mr. Murray and Mr. Butterworth were thanked for their comments by the members of Council.

2.

Report on Regional Items

1.

Water Meter Budget Issue

Deputy Mayor Braden noted that Regional Council is currently in pre-budget stage and were dealing with approximately 40,000 in Hamilton that do not have water meters and are charged a flat rate. He pointed out that there is great political reluctance to making people buy water meters.

2.

Cost of Infrastructure

Deputy Mayor Braden noted that the cost of looking after the infrastructure in the Region over time will be overwhelming and noted that they are not yet putting aside enough money to maintain these systems. He pointed out that the problem is that they continue to concentrate on new capital projects.

3.

Highway No.5 Reconstruction

Deputy Mayor Braden noted that because the Town of Flamborough is dealing with Burlington, there is a sense of paralysis at the Region and Provincial monies set aside for Highway No.5 reconstruction are not going to be spent on Highway No.5. There is a delay with the project.

4.

Transit Needs Survey

Deputy Mayor Braden noted that he and Councillor Kidd met with Mr. Turvey from the Regional Transportation Services Department. He noted they have proposed a study in the urban area of the Town to consider the transit needs. He noted that there is politics involved as we are appealing the Region's transit levy by-law.

Councillor Aggus noted that this demonstrates what we all knew; that the inclusion of Water down was only for a cash grab and now they want to do a study.

5.

Business Taxes

Mayor McMeekin distributed a letter from Gary Graham to the Regional Council regarding business taxes for the large industrial class. He noted that if the case load of general welfare assistance rises from 8,500 to 12,000 it will leave the Regional municipality bankrupted. Mayor McMeekin commented that governance is suppose to provide basic services and to help businesses continue to be prosperous. He noted that only prosperous communities can help the vulnerable.

III

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

1.

Planning & Development Committee - February 1, 1999

A discussion took place with respect to the funding of the Tourism brochure. Councillor Kidd noted a cautionary message to the Tourism group. He pointed out that he had spoken to James Webb, the chair of the Economic Development Task Force. He noted that the Economic Development Task Force was launched 3 to 4 years ago with no budget at all and that Council had given the committee \$75,000. He pointed out that the Tourism group had separated from the Economic Development Task Force and had siphoned off a large part of the budget. He noted that, in most municipalities, Tourism is part of EconomicDevelopment.

Deputy Mayor Braden underscored the fact that funding of Tourism should not be at the expense of the other Economic Development groups.

Councillor Kidd noted that we will be given a presentation in a week or so from the Economic Development Task Force requesting the establishment of a full-time Economic Development Officer. This person would be in charge of the department with two branches being Economic Development and Tourism. They will be asking for approximately \$100,000. He pointed out that if we give too much money to the Tourism group this will impact on our ability to deal with the Economic Development Advisory Committee request. He noted that although he still believes that we should be matching dollars, he understands the fact that we are waiting for partnership arrangements and will support only the brochures at this time.

Deputy Mayor Braden suggested that as a general direction to the Tourism committee that they provide a one page budget that is prioritized and should include the information of the timing, type and process of future partnerships as well as their priorities for spending of 1999.

Councillor Aggus suggested that since we are going to be dealing with this matter we should look at all options including a community development corporation under the Community Development Corporations Act. He noted that the City of Burlington has one and staff were asked to look at this as a potential partnership with the Town.

Moved by Councillor Aggus Seconded by Deputy Mayor Braden

THAT the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting of February 1, 1999 be adopted as circulated and as amended as follows:

Amendment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Braden Seconded by Councillor McCarthy

THAT the Planning & Development Committee minutes with respect to Item No. 4.02 Flamborough Tourism Brochure be amended to read as follows:

THAT the Flamborough Tourism Development Group be authorized to proceed with reprinting the Town of Flamborough brochure and that Andrew Schaafoma Advertising be awarded the printing contract for the Town of Flamborough brochure, including necessary revision at a quoted cost of \$10,520.00 plus G.S.T. and P.S.T.

Carried

Mayor McMeekin called the question on the amendment.

Carried

Mayor McMeekin called the question on the motion as amended.

Carried

2.

General Government Committee - February 8, 1999

Moved by Councillor Shurvin Seconded by Councillor McCarthy

THAT the minutes of the General Government Committee of January 18, 1999 be adopted as circulated, and amended as follows:

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Shurvin . Seconded by Councillor McCarthy

THAT the General Government Committee minutes, with respect to Item No. 10.03 Tourism Task Force, be amended to delete the first clause so that the motion will read as follows:

THAT a special Committee meeting be set prior to the next Council meeting on February 22, 1999 in order to meet with the Tourism Task Force.

Carried

Mayor McMeekin called the question on the amendment as amended.

Carried

Mayor McMeekin called the question on the motion as amended.

Carried

IV

STAFF REPORT(S):

1.

Chief Administrative Officer

Re: Governance Discussions - Flamborough and Burlington

Mr Fiebig noted that this report was, first of all, a follow-up from the Burlington meeting and, secondly, he noted that he recently had some questions from the individual Councillors. He pointed out for clarification that this was much more than a financial review and it would look at all the principles set out in the report. He noted that it would include a significant review of options and would have to include the assessment and comparison of both assets and liabilities. He noted also that there would be a need to get out of the Regional structure now or in the future before the infrastructure needs to be replaced. The other question that he had responded to was the cost sharing arrangement. He noted that Flamborough's share was 19.4% of the total being based on population figures.

Councillor Aggus noted the importance of the principles included in the report as opposed to the process followed with the Constituent Assembly, Gardner Church, Ernie Hardeman and the Charters and Powers initiatives. He noted that in those cases, there was opposition to the objectives because the process was flawed. He noted that this is our opportunity to declare what Flamborough is in favour of through a fair process. He noted that this is our opportunity to establish a model and pointed out that we should not be afraid of the conclusions which may be in the report. He pointed out that we already know there is some benefit on the face of it, based on tax information circulated earlier by the Mayor and that another benefit is that there is a different political culture in Burlington than the City of Hamilton. He noted that there is considerable support in the community for undertaking this study and pointed out that the status quo is not an option. He noted that if you are going to defend the status quo you need to have looked at the other options. He pointed out that clearly in his constituency there is not a fear of amalgamation and referred to the survey in the local newspaper as evidence of that. He noted that the comment with respect to being so far from city hall in Burlington could be addressed through one stop shopping and technological opportunities that are available today. He noted his vision of the community that includes Burlington in the Hamilton-Wentworth community and that we may have an opportunity at looking at a Greater Bay Area. He suggested to Council that they should have the courage to be visionary.

Councillor Monteith noted that about a year and a half ago, Council endorsed the Skarcia model which is the only position that they officially endorsed. He pointed out the concerns that businesses have raised as a result of the market value assessment and revenue neutral downloading. He noted that the businesses are concerned about where the cost of municipal government is going. He noted that it is incumbent on Council to explore the options. He noted that most people believe that a change in structure of local government is inevitable. He noted that the referendum did not advocate where the Town wanted to go but where the Town did not want to go. He noted that he is confident that the results of the study will give us the information we need to make a decision.

Councillor McCarthy noted that at the onset of the exercise, there appears to be no problem with the study. However, she believes if we are to agree with the recommendation, it would send a clear message that we are willing to flirt with amalgamation. She noted that all members had previously agreed to a services board model and to redefining the way in which we do business in local government. She noted that we have continuously opposed amalgamation and if we accept recommendation number 2 we would be changing our minds. She noted that we had received a clear message from the people to oppose amalgamation and that if we amalgamated there will be less influence from people in Flamborough over issues. She noted that the worst possible scenario would be if Flamborough were to be chopped up. She noted, as a concern, the rate of growth which Council have continuously tried to slow and to manage. She noted that if the Town relinquishes authority to another municipality, growth would increase in terms of rate. She referred to a resolution previously passed to have development pay its way, including schools, and to have designated areas north of Parkside Drive for growth and suggested that there was nothing to suggest that Councillors in another municipality would be concerned by those issues. She noted that a joint services board model transcends boundaries and pointed out that she would discuss anything that would save money, increase services and would be a benefit to the municipality but discussing amalgamation would send the wrong message to the Province.

Councillor Shurvin noted that he would not be supporting the motion as he would not support the dissolution of the Town. He pointed out that it would be impossible for one or two members of this community to represent the area. He noted that there are acres and acres of rezoned land in Flamborough which was the driving force for Burlington as they are looking for land for expansion. He noted that the Mayor of Oakville, Ms. Anne Mulvale, had said the important things in local government are customer service and accountability. He questioned whether or not one or two members from the Flamborough area on a Burlington Council could be accountable. He referred to the meeting with Burlington Council and noted that Regional Chairman Terry Cooke had mocked Mayor McMeekin and noted that he was finally glad that the Mayor had come over to the amalgamation side. . He referred to all of the comments that have been made previously about local people making local decisions and now if we accept this recommendation we are preparing to consider getting rid of local government. He pointed out a campaign promise that he had made to pledge to protect local government. He noted that he was not prepared to investigate letting that control go to people who do not know Flamborough which would then become the least represented geographic mass in all of Ontario. He noted that to say that Burlington Council is a more progressive Council does not wash in the long term as politicians change. He noted at the last municipal election that everyone of the members of Council ran against amalgamation and pointed out that he has the campaign literature. He quoted from some of the campaign literature. He pointed out also that the move to amalgamation spreads from a sense of panic around the Town and the only way out of amalgamation with Hamilton is to amalgamate. He pointed out, that in the long term, we would be as poorly represented in Burlington as we would be as in Hamilton. He noted that the Town of Milton had rejected this proposal quickly and out of hand.

Councillor Shurvin continued by noting that there were numerous myths surrounding amalgamation, including that it would lower taxes. He pointed out that the residential tax rate in Burlington is .147% and in Flamborough it is .151 %. He noted that his was only a .27% difference which is approximate tax revenue of \$162,000. He noted that if the Town succeeds in getting additional

revenue of \$162,000 then there is no residential tax savings to Flamborough residents to join Burlington. He noted that some people believe that the amalgamation would eliminate the business education tax but noted that is up to the Province. He pointed out that Burlington Council is perceived as being progressive and noted that they have reduced the number of Councillors on their Council but the cost of wages had increased. Some people also argue that amalgamation will provide Flamborough schools for Flamborough children. He pointed out that what everyone has forgotten is that if Flamborough amalgamates with Burlington, 50% of the highschool students already in Flamborough go to highschool outside of the Town of Flamborough. We would be left with the Sheffield busing situation again but all the way to Highway No.6 in this case.

Councillor Shurvin then read from the Burlington White Paper and referred to the disadvantages of a one tier system such as lack of competition, accessibility and the cost of levelling services. He noted over time there is an equalization of benefits and wages which is usually expensive for the taxpayers. He referred to a letter that had been distributed from Mike Roughley who was a candidate in the previous municipal election for Regional Chairman. He noted that in Flamborough, Mr. Roughley got more votes than Terry Cooke. He noted that at the heart of this discussion is a strong local government. He pointed out that the Province has already accepted a services board model in the amalgamated Toronto area. He noted that he had spoken with Toni Skarica who pointed out that if elected, he would be pushing for the elimination of regional government in favour of a services board model in Hamilton- Wentworth. He noted that Mr. Skarica is a believer in efficient local government and he had spoken to Mr. Skarica today who had confirmed that there is not a gun being held to our heads with respect to the urgency with which this matter is being dealt. He referred to the referendum on February 8, 1997 held by the citizens of Flamborough when thousands of residents rejected the concept of amalgamation. He noted that those residents realized what was being threatened and he does not accept the argument that they voted only against amalgamation with Hamilton. He noted that he had a separate motion prepared to put on the floor should the motion to adopt the recommendations be rejected.

Councillor Hume noted that he would be supporting the motion. He noted that you cannot manage what you cannot measure and this study would give us a tool of measuring the different options. He referred to issues with respect to downloading of roads, utilities, transit services, etc. He noted the direction in the study would allow us to determine whether or not a Burlington/Flamborough amalgamation in a single tier would be affordable or not. He also questioned whether or not it might be beneficial to divide up Flamborough. He pointed out that, for the members of communities, the foremost issue in their minds is the tax bill and that it is necessary to reduce the tax bill to a competitive level and the matters of economic development and complaints would resolve themselves. He pointed out that perhaps we will end up with cities being regionally sized but until you do some exploring you never learn what the impacts will be.

Councillor Kidd noted that the speeches and arguments being made this evening were very impressive. He reviewed several of the comments made already this evening. He referred to the strategic plan for the City of Burlington being called Future Focus and noted that the proposed expansion of the City of Burlington has been in the works for quite some time. He pointed out that Future Focus was adopted in June of 1998. He noted that it includes as one of its goals the examination of new growth opportunities with neighbouring municipalities. He read an extract from an article called *A Heartland We Called Flamborough* which he had written for the Spectator in the recent past.

He recalled for members of Council how the Town has come together as never before in order to face the spectre of a supercity. He questioned the advisability of decisions being made on Brant Street in Burlington rather than on Main Street in Hamilton and what the difference would be, if any. He noted that Burlington Council had reduced the numbers of councillors and suggested that the best we could hope for on an amalgamated Council would be two seats. He questioned if we should send a message to the Province that we are willing to accept amalgamation as an option. He noted that he does not have much confidence in our ability to influence the outcome should we start down this road. He noted that we should not forget Council's position on the Skarica proposal. He continued by expressing concerns with the rate of growth that Flamborough would experience if it were to amalgamate with Burlington and concern with people outside of the Town making the decisions. He noted, as a positive, the options that would be available for service delivery should we consider a joint services board model and options that would be determined based on cost effectiveness.

Councillor Jamieson then addressed the members of Council and noted that, 25 years ago, the same thing had happened to Beverly Township. They had been gobbled up and have not had much to say since. She is suspicious of an ulterior motive in Burlington and noted previous debates and discussions in the Town where the services board model was chosen as the best way to go. She questioned if the study were to go forward, would it include Flamborough as a whole or only in pieces and noted that no amount of technology would help someone in Flamborough who has to board a bus to get to school in Aldershot.

Deputy Mayor Braden noted that Council probably believes they do a reasonably good job and, although the Region is not the enemy in Hamilton-Wentworth his belief that it does a poor job. He noted that there are political issues at a higher level than this that Council needs to be aware of and that there are people who are much less scrupulous than the Town who would use the words of the resolution in order to blow the idea of amalgamation out of all proportion. He pointed out that there is a real fear of the information being used and abused. He noted his strong belief in the concept of local government and the concept of bigger being better as an approach is foolish. He pointed out that governance all comes down to commitment and he believes the commitment tends to reduce the larger size the municipality gets. He agreed that Burlington is very progressive but noted that suburbs are the most expensive areas to look after. He noted the need for Council to be doing the right things for the right reasons in saving money and the need to have information on a services board model. He noted that there are other municipalities within our area that want to join with us to study the services board model and hopefully progressive municipalities like Burlington will also come forward. He noted the need to preserve local government.

Mayor McMeekin referred to the many previous discussions with respect to restructuring of government and noted that we have had a lot of experience with this. He referred to the previous reviews including the Constituency Assembly, the Hamilton-centred region process, Gardner Church's model, Ernie Hardeman's model and Toni Skarcia's proposal. He referred to comments previously made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs who noted that he wanted a solution made in Hamilton-Wentworth. He pointed out that the Skarica model was made in Hamilton-Wentworth and the Minister would not accept it. He pointed out that he is not afraid to risk, to allow our people to form their own future and we should be instructed by our own process. He noted that we should not be talking about building community, etc. out of any fear of blackmail or influence but we should embrace it because that is what we believe is right to do. He noted previous discussions and comments with respect to putting Flamborough first, maintaining

the status quo and tax increases in assessment drifts. He pointed out his belief that people want and like where they are living because they like the small town atmosphere and there is a good case that Burlington shares the same atmosphere. He noted that there is also similar mentality in Burlington and the citizens are encouraged to participate. He noted also that it is a safe and secure community. He noted that with the decision on the Official Plan Amendment No. 28, Council has adopted a slow growth scenario but people who live in this area want schools built, not just listed as a priority. He asked Council to imagine real bus servicing in Flamborough. He pointed out that we need to be innovative, cost-effective and accountable and that we want municipal government without surprises and we want municipal government that is viable and not on the verge of bankruptcy. He suggested to compare the Hamilton supercity with the relationship with Burlington is comparing apples to oranges. He noted that in a two tier system, there is absolute control of almost nothing at the local level. He noted recent discussions about budgets at the Regional level and that we would be doubling or tripling our local level of taxes. He noted that we get \$.41 service for every dollar that we spend on policing and that we have half a percent of the general welfare assistance caseload and we pay 8%. He noted his belief of the Borer's Creek issue will be potentially debilitating. He suggested that we should not be talking about accessibility and accountable government if we do not want to review options. He noted that there are a lot of questions to be answered and that he would love to believe that a services board itself is a possibility. He noted that it is only a possibility, however, in direct portion to Hamilton's willingness to consider it. He noted that Mayor McIsaac and Councillor Shriver of the City of Burlington have indicated that they want all of Flamborough, they are committed to a one window service and that they would see a strong preference here for one window service. He noted that Council has an obligation to get information and to explore legitimate options and to involve our people in the exercise.

Moved by Councillor Aggus Seconded by Councillor Hume

THAT the Town of Flamborough engage in a joint review with the City of Burlington on the Governance options as generally described in the joint report to both Councils submitted February 1999 by Rick Fiebig, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Flamborough and Tim Dobbie, City Manager, City of Burlington. Governance options to include:

1.

Flamborough remaining as a local municipality with some services delivered by a joint Services Board.

2.

Flamborough amalgamating with Burlington, with some services delivered by a joint Services Board.

AND THAT both of these options be compared to the status quo, having regard to the agreed upon objectives and principles.

Lost

Yeas:

Mayor McMeekin, Councillors Aggus, Hume, Monteith

Nays:

Deputy Mayor Braden, Councillors McCarthy, Shurvin, Kidd and Jamieson

Councillor Shurvin then proposed an alternate motion. He noted that Toni Skarica our current M.P.P., is running on a platform in the next election of eliminating Regional government in favour of a services board model. He noted that there were other municipalities interested in the services board model. He noted pursuing this motion would take the Town off hold at the Regional level with respect to the Burlington amalgamation issue. He also noted that it would allow the separate school board to move forward and it should allow the sewage treatment plant to be taken off hold as well as the Giant's Rib proposal.

Councillor Hume noted that he could not support the motion, he thought all opportunities should be brought forward to the table including one corner of Flamborough looking at Waterloo and another to Brant County because the motion says we will not consider amalgamation. He noted many of his constituents wish to explore their opportunities in adjacent counties and regions.

Councillor Aggus noted that there was nothing in the previous motion which was defeated that precludes Councillor Shurvin's motion from going forward. He suggested that we had missed an opportunity to come up with empirical evidence to support the services board model. He noted that we had had an opportunity for a proper process which had been turned down and that the motion being passed now is simply a motherhood motion.

Mayor McMeekin noted that difficulty at the Regional level with respect to financing infrastructure has been addressed by another consortium coming forward. He pointed out that the public school trustee has said that amalgamation would be the fastest way to a new school.

Councillor Aggus noted that there has been no delay with respect to the Giant's Rib proposal going forward.

Councillor Jamieson noted she also lives in an area with majority of people who would rather be somewhere else but noted that the Region of Waterloo did not want to consider taking on part of Flamborough. Although it is not an ideal situation, it is a preferable position to be taking forward.

Councillor Shurvin commented that a boundary adjustment or annexation was not precluded by his motion.

Moved by Councillor Shurvin Seconded by Deputy Mayor Braden

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Flamborough chooses first and foremost that Flamborough continue as an independent municipality and as such does not wish to pursue amalgamation with any municipality;

AND THAT staff be instructed to pursue service delivery alternatives with various municipalities with particular emphasis on a Services Board;

AND THAT a copy of this motion be provided to the City of Burlington, the Town of Dundas and Toni Skarica, M.P.P.

Carried

Yeas:

Mayor McMeekin, Deputy Mayor Braden, Councillors Aggus, McCarthy, Shurvin, Kidd, Jamieson, Monteith

Nays:

Councillor Hume

2.

Finance Department

Re: 1998 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses Paid to a Councilor a Member of a Local Board or Body

Councillor Kidd noted that he would like this discussed further at an Audit Commi meeting. It was explained that the report was only being reviewed, not approved.

Moved by Councillor McCarthy Seconded by Councillor Shurvin

THAT this report be received.

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V. CORRESPONDENCE

- Nil

VII. NOTICE OF MOTION

-Nil

VII MOTIONS:

- Nil

VIII UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Hwy #6 Reconstruction

Councillor Kidd noted that Mr. Lai, Ministry of Transportation, would be appearing before General Government Committee with respect to the concept of centre barrier on Hwy #6. The Clerk confirmed that members of the public would be put on a speakers list with respect to this matter by phoning by March 8, 1999.

IX

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nil

X

BY-LAWS:

Moved by Councillor McCarthy Seconded by Councillor Aggus

That the following bills be passed, that the corporate seal be affixed thereto and the by-laws be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, and numbered as shown.

Bill # By-law#

Being a By-law to:

10/99 99-09-0

Adopt Amendment No. 69 to the Official Plan of the Town of Flamborough (Canusa Park)

11/99 99-IO-Z

Being a By-law to:

Amend Zoning By-law No. 90-145-Z
as amended, of the Town of Flamborough (Performance Plus Automotive)

12/99 99-II-Z

[Deputy Mayor Braden abstained.]

13/99 99-12-Z

14/99 99-13-D

15/99 99-14-A

16/99 99-15-A

17/99 99-16-A

18/99 99-17-A

19/99 99-18-P

20/99 99-19-R

21/99 99-20-R

Amend Zoning By-law No. 90-145-Z as amended, of the Town of Flamborough (John Schotsman Carpentry)

Amend Zoning By-law No. 90-145-Z
as amended, of the Town of Flamborough (Automotive Panel Products)

Repeal By-law No. 95-21-D, being a by-law
to authorize the Town of Flamborough to enter into an agreement with Ralph & Yvonne Kikkert

Repeal By-law No. 98-83-A being a by-law to authorize the Town of Flamborough to enter into an agreement with Rudolph Richard

Authorize the execution of a Release & Discharge of an Agreement with Sequin Building Corporation respecting the Sequin Estates Phase I Subdivision

Authorize the execution of a Release & Discharge
of an Agreement with C. DiSapio & Sons Construction respecting the Morningstar Phase II Subdivision

Authorize the Release & Discharge of a Pre-Servicing Agreement between Royledge Industries Incorporated And the Town of Flamborough

Amend By-law No. 90-96-P, as amended, being a by-law to provide for maintaining land in a clean & clear condition

Amend By-law No. 94-51-R for the Town of Flamborough (Rate Review)

Impose fees or charges for Services and Activities provided by or on behalf of the Town of Flamborough

XI RESOLUTIONS:

Nil

XII IN-CAMERA:

Nil

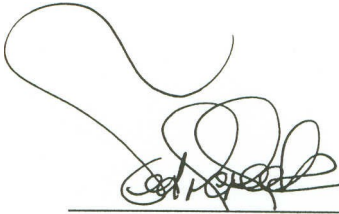
Carried

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ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

~ Clerk

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Mayor