

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Highlands East held on
Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cardiff United Church, Cardiff, Ontario
To discuss the Cardiff Pathways/Walking Trail.**

Members Present:

Reeve, Dave Burton
Deputy Reeve, Jim Mackie Ward 1
Councillor Suzanne Partridge Ward 2
Councillor Gary Stoughton Ward 4

Staff Present:

Clerk, Irene Cook

Regrets: Councillor Donna Graham Ward 3

Attendance:

Liz Danielsen, The County Voice
Reverend Joan Hacock
Roger Williams
Carrol Williams
Marg Rabb
Judy Smith
Barb Haley-Marsh
Robert Shetlor
Dee Riddell
John Grady
Steve Kauffeldt
Rod Callander
Charlene Callander
Doreen Covert
Lorretta Charron
Cam McKenzie
John Carter
Vi and Bill Johnston
Evelyn & Victor Dunk
Diane Sadds
Yvonne Trollope
Sam and Claire Sealteal
Darlene Thomas
Delma Sleeper
Marilyn Dillon
Ann Meharrie
Brenda Park
Frances A. Clark
Eileen Williams

Emilie Mackie
Marielaine Mackie
John Bishop
Dolores Scott
Brad Scott
John Hughes
Shawn and Janet Cox
Basil Cox
Daphne Boone
Barb and Mike Croft
Harold Boone
Evelyn VanderZelm
Dennis Reinhardt
John Amyot
Sandra Middag and family
Massino-Antonio-Riggs
Marie Nicholls
Frank Bannister
Dale Woodcox
Suzanne Woodcox
Norman King
Tom and Helen James
Ed Hurst
Larry Graves
Rick Moody
Sharon Jones
Luella Smith
Doris Hogan

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF.

- The Reeve called the meeting to order.
- The meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m.
- A quorum was present.

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- He reminded Council of the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest as noted on the agenda.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof:

None declared.

Reeve Dave Burton thanked the United Church for allowing the Municipality the use of the United Church and asked the Reverend to say a few words. Reverend Joan Hacock welcomed everyone and offered a prayer.

Open Meeting

2009-309

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be declared open.

Carried.

Adopt Agenda

2009-310

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Council meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

Reeve Dave Burton then opened the floor to questions and comments. He requested that each person state their name before speaking.

The following is a brief excerpt of the comments from those in attendance:

Mike Croft said that he had heard about the trail idea the other day and he is in agreement with the pathways but disagreed about creating a walking trail behind the houses on Sprucedale. Mr. Croft said that the streets would be safer to use for walking.

Barb Haley-Marsh said that she was in agreement with Mr. Croft.

Vi Johnston said she lives on Sprucedale and that the corners on the street are extremely dangerous. People are driving in excess of the speed limit (50 – 60 km). The pathways alongside the streets should be made accessible so that people can walk.

Dee Riddell said she had purchased 80' behind her house on Sprucedale from the Municipality to ensure her privacy. The ball diamond which has been here for 30 – 40 years has not been used for baseball for quite a few years.

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Ms. Petronella said she lives on Great Oak and that \$80,000 would be better spent on the libraries.

John Shaw who lives on Birch said he has owned his home for three years and that the pathways have not been maintained.

Carrol Williams who lives on Sprucedale said that it is open behind their house and the snowmobiles use it and it is not safe back there. If opened up it would increase the likelihood of vandalism and theft. Lots of areas in the townsite that could be used for walking trails without using the area behind Sprucedale. Mrs. Williams then read a letter from Sindi Hawley regarding her objections to the walking trails. Mrs. Hawley requested a copy of the minutes from this meeting.

Richard Moody said that there is enough room on the roads (4' wide around streets) that could provide an area to walk. The road department could plow and wing down and fix the problem around the corners.

Ann Meharrie wanted to know why open a trail system behind the houses.

Loretta Charron wanted to know why a path through an area that a swamp runs through.

Ward Councillor Jim Mackie stated that it was not the intention to create problems by opening a walking trail and that some areas behind the houses on Sprucedale do need to be cleaned up. Council did look at sidewalks in the townsite but it was too cost prohibitive.

Daphne Boone stated that she is wheelchair bound and is concerned about getting through the existing pathways. In the winter she is housebound and the roads have too many potholes for her to travel on. She would like to see safe transportation through the pathways.

Charlene Callander wanted to know who proposed this project without first obtaining public input.

John Carter asked if this was a proposed project why there is an advertisement in the paper for a tender for the work. Mr. Carter said that the money should be used for upgrades on the side of the road.

Mr. Mass Morido said that there were better ways to spend money and Council should have asked the people first.

Dennis Winheart stated that the safety of the seniors and children are important and that the Municipality should maintain the existing pathways.

Norman King said if the Municipality can't maintain the existing pathways and make it safe for everyone how does Council figure they will make the backwoods area safe.

Fran Clark wanted to know where the snow was going to go when the pathways are cleaned out.

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Chris (youth in the audience) stated that they don't need a paved pathway but clean it up.

Ed Hurst requested a breakdown of what it would cost to do only the pathway and side of the road (one side only).

Connie King stated that she is wheelchair bound and the pathways are rough and that is should be smoothed out.

Ron Hughes said that there is 6' area of pathway that the snowmobiles could get through.

Ward Councillor Jim Mackie responded that they need enough room to get through to plow and some of the posts were removed because it did not provide accessibility for wheelchairs.

Charlene Colander said the snow plows should lift the blades when plowing.

Barb Marsh said the area behind Sprucedale should be cleaned up from the damage that was done by the storm.

Reeve Dave Burton then recapped the general consensus of those attending the meeting.

- Existing pathways only – street to street
- Scrap Sprucedale walking trails but clean up only
- Need to determine how to deal with the removal of snow from pathways
- Involve the school
- Have an Arbor Day to clean up the area

The Reeve at this time asked if everyone was in agreement with this recap and by show of hands it was unanimous.

Adjournment

2009-311

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Reeve, Dave Burton

Clerk, Irene S. Cook

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Unapproved Minutes of Council Meeting