

MINUTES

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Woodlot Committee"
on
Tuesday November 8, 2005 09:00 AM
Committee Room #2
Chair: Jim Foubister

Orders of the Day:

Applications

The Woodlot Committee of the County of Lambton met at the Lambton County Buildings at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 8, 2005, to hold a hearing into an application for Woodlot.

Present: Chair J. Foubister, Warden Pat Davidson, Member: B. Bilton. Also present were Deputy-Secretary-Treasurer M. Pauschenwein, and Woodlot Inspector Corrine Nauta.
Absent: T. Case.

IN-CAMERA

#1: Davidson/Bilton: That the Chair declare the Committee go in-camera to discuss a woodlot item. Carried.

(Item dealt with in the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated November 30, 2005.)

Open Meeting

The Chair declared that the Committee go back into open meeting.

Applications

Application W-003/05

Frank Vanden Ouweland
Concession 5, S.E.R., W 1/4 Lot 5 and E 1/4 Lot 4
6477 Confederation Line
Township of Warwick

The applicants have applied for an exemption from the provisions of By-law 45 of 2003 of the County of Lambton, being "A by-law to prohibit or regulate the destruction or injuring of trees" in respect to a woodlot which is located on the property noted above.

The applicants had recently bulldozed approximately 2.4 acres of trees and a stop work order was issued by the woodlot inspector. The owners were told that they had to submit an application for woodlot removal.

Attending the meeting were the applicants Frank and Mary Lou Vanden Ouweland and neighbours Wayne and Kevin Edwards.

Mr. Vanden Ouweland stated that he had cleared 2 jam piles that were left by a previous owner when woodlot was removed. He said that this was not a bush. He also stated that he owns 550 acres with 64 acres of that being bush.

Mr. Wayne Edwards said that in 1979 he contemplated purchasing the property and at that time there was 32 acres of woodlot. The property was sold to a neighbour in the early 80's who started to clear the woodlot. He was stopped and the woodpiles were left and new growth had taken place. All the piles and the new growth have been removed. There is now 12 acres of bush on the property.

Mr. Vanden Ouweland was asked if he would replant and where. He stated that he owned property on Concession 6, Lot 14 of which 3 to 4 acres of an old gravel pit could be rehabilitated. He asked how much it would cost. He was told that the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority would be contacted for that information.

Kevin Edwards said that it is the policy of the Official Plan that significant woodlot replanting should be done on the property that was cleared. The existing woodlot should be replanted.

#2: Davidson/Bilton: That the Woodlot Committee make a recommendation to County Council that the applicant enter into an agreement with the County of Lambton to replant on a 2:1 in area basis (2.4 acres x 2).

Carried.

Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Jim Foubister
Chair

Madeline Pauschenwein
Deputy-Secretary-Treasurer