



THE CORPORATION OF
HALDIMAND COUNTY

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE:

TIME: 9:31 a.m.

PLACE: Cayuga Municipal Administration Building, Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Council	K. Hewitt	Mayor
	L. Bartlett	Councillor
	F. Morison	Councillor
	C. Grice	Councillor
	T. Dalimonte	Councillor
	B. Corbett	Councillor
SMT	D. Boyle	Chief Administrative Officer
	T. Haedrich	Director, Engineering Services & Roads Operations
	H. Hanly	General Manager, Community Services
	C. Manley	General Manager, Planning & Economic Development
	M. Merritt	Acting General Manager, Corporate Services
	P. Mungar	General Manager, Public Works
Staff	M. Evers	Manager, Planning & Development
	M. Ferris	Planner
	S. Wilson	Manager, Community Development & Partnerships
Clerk	T. Olsen	Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Morison called the Council in Committee meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

All Members of Council were in attendance except Councillor Shirton who was absent due to personal reasons.

DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Morison, Chair of Planning and Economic Development, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

Prior to commencing the public meeting the Chair explained the meeting, delegation and appeal process. He noted that decisions made by Committee at this meeting would be given final consideration at the May 24, 2016 Council meeting.

PED-PD-15-2016 RE: ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO FULFILL A CONDITION OF CONSENT (BELK) & PED-PD-16-2016 RE: ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO FULFILL A CONDITION OF CONSENT (SCHILSTAR HOLDINGS INC.)

Recommendation 1

Moved By: Councillor Corbett
Seconded By: Mayor Hewitt

THAT consideration of Reports PED-PD-15-2016 Re: Zoning By-law Amendment to Fulfill a Condition of Consent (Belk) and PED-PD-16-2016 Re: Zoning By-law Amendment to Fulfill a Condition of Consent (Schilstar Holdings Inc.) be deferred to the June 7, 2016 Council in Committee meeting.

CARRIED (5-1)

PED-PD-18-2016 RE: ZONING TO FULFILL A CONDITION OF CONSENT, ONEIDA (SYSTEMA)

M. Ferris introduced Report PED-PD-18-2016 outlining an application to amend the Town of Haldimand Zoning By-law 1-H 86 to (i) prohibit future residential development and home occupation opportunities on the retained farm lands, and (ii) seek relief from the maximum usable floor area for an accessory use to a residential use.

The applicant was in attendance to answer questions.

There being no one else present to speak either for or against this application, deliberations concluded with the introduction of the following recommendations.

Recommendation 2

Moved By: Councillor Dalimonte
Seconded By: Councillor Grice

1. THAT Report PED-PD-18-2016 Re: Zoning to Fulfill a Condition of Consent, Oneida (Systema) dated April 12, 2016 be received;
2. THAT application PLZ-HA-2016-026 to amend the Town of Haldimand Zoning By-law 1-H 86 to (i) prohibit future residential development and home occupation opportunities on the retained farm lands, and (ii) seek relief from the maximum usable floor area for an accessory use to a residential use BE APPROVED for reasons outlined in Report PED-PD-18-2016;
3. THAT the proposal is deemed to BE CONSISTENT with the Provincial Policy Statement (2014), and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe;

4. AND THAT the By-law attached to Report PED-PD-18-2016 BE PASSED.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

PED-PD-19-2016 RE: OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING AMENDMENT TO FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUPERMARKET, CALEDONIA (1921672 ONTARIO INC.)

M. Ferris introduced Report PED-PD-19-2016 outlining an application to amend the Haldimand County Official Plan to facilitate commercial development and to amend the Zoning By-law 1-H 86 from the 'Light Industrial (ML)' Zone, 'General Industrial (MG) Zone', and 'Service Commercial (CS)' Zone to a scoped 'Service Commercial - Holding (CS-H) Zone'.

Carol Wiebe, agent, was in attendance to answer questions. Ms. Wiebe provided Council with some background information on the company and noted their desire to build a supermarket in Caledonia. Discussion ensued regarding the market study and parking.

There being no one else present to speak either for or against this application, deliberations concluded with the introduction of the following recommendations.

Recommendation 3

Moved By: Councillor Corbett
Seconded By: Councillor Grice

1. THAT Report PED-PD-19-2016 Re: Official Plan and Zoning Amendment to Facilitate the Establishment of a Supermarket, Caledonia (1921672 Ontario Inc.) dated April 14, 2016 be received;
2. AND THAT application PLOP-HA-2015-154 to amend the Haldimand County Official Plan to facilitate commercial development BE APPROVED for the reasons outlined in Report PED-PD-19-2016;
3. AND THAT the By-law attached to Report PED-PD-19-2016 to adopt the Official Plan amendment to the Haldimand County Official Plan BE PASSED;
4. AND THAT application PLZ-HA-2015-155 to amend Zoning By-law 1-H 86 from the 'Light Industrial (ML)' Zone, 'General Industrial (MG) Zone', and 'Service Commercial (CS)' Zone to a scoped 'Service Commercial - Holding (CS-H) Zone' BE APPROVED for the reasons outlined in Report PED-PD-19-2016;
5. AND THAT the Zoning By-law amendment attached to Report PED-PD-19-2016 to amend the Town of Haldimand Zoning By-law 1-H 86 BE PASSED;
6. AND THAT the holding provision removal by-law attached to Report PED-PD-19-2016 BE PASSED and the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be granted authority to remove the holding provision when all conditions relating to the matter are satisfactorily addressed;
7. AND THAT the authorizing by-law to allow the Mayor and Clerk to sign a site plan agreement BE PASSED;

8. AND THAT the modified proposal is considered consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement 2014, Provincial Growth Plan 2006 and other matters of provincial interest.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF REPORTS

Planning and Economic Development Business

PED-COM-12-2016 RE: COMMUNITY HALLS – SOUTH CAYUGA HALL REVIEW

Recommendation 4

Moved By: Councillor Corbett

Seconded By: Councillor Grice

THAT the provisions of the Procedural By-law be waived in order to allow the delegation from the South Cayuga Hall to make a presentation with respect to the community hall review.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

Donna Pitcher was in attendance to speak to the report. Ms. Pitcher requested that Council consider providing the required funds to keep the hall open until 2025. If this is not an option, Ms. Pitcher noted that they would like the proceeds from the sale of the property and its contents to be donated to charity.

After Council discussions relating to this matter, Ms. Pitcher requested to re-address Council members.

Recommendation 5

Moved By: Councillor Corbett

Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

THAT the provisions of the Procedural By-law be waived to allow a re-direct discussion from the delegation from the South Cayuga Hall with respect to the South Cayuga Hall review.

CARRIED (5-1)

Ms. Pitcher re-addressed Council.

Recommendation 6

Moved By: Councillor Bartlett

Seconded By: Councillor Dalimonte

THAT Report PED-COM-12-2016 Re: Community Halls – South Cayuga Hall Review dated April 08, 2016 be received.

CARRIED (5-1)

Recommendation 7

Moved By: Councillor Corbett
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

THAT staff be directed to report on the next steps in the South Cayuga Hall closure process at the next Council in Committee meeting.

CARRIED (5-1)

Recommendation 8

Moved By: Councillor Corbett
Seconded By: Councillor Dalimonte

THAT the presentation by Ms. Donna Pitcher regarding the South Cayuga Hall be received for information.

CARRIED (Unanimously 5-0)
Mayor Hewitt was absent from the vote.

Mayor Hewitt assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF RELATED REPORTS

1. Roselle Slaght, Chair, Alison Dunn and Janice Warrell, Poverty Action Partnership of Haldimand and Norfolk RE: Poverty in the Community

The group provided Council with some background information on the organization and discussed poverty statistics, low income criteria, Ontario Works, and their Guaranteed Income Project. Council's support and representation on their committee was requested.

Recommendation 9

Moved By: Councillor Corbett
Seconded By: Councillor Grice

THAT the correspondence and presentation from the Poverty Action Partnership of Haldimand and Norfolk Re: Poverty in the Community be received;

AND THAT Councillor Dalimonte be appointed to serve on the Poverty Action Partnership of Haldimand and Norfolk for a term ending November 30, 2018.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

2. Mike Evers, Manager, Planning & Development RE: Dunnville Waterfront Site Plan

M. Evers provided Council with an overview of the project. Concerns were expressed regarding the possible deviation from the original plan and the community request for "green space".

Recommendation 10

Moved By: Councillor Corbett
Seconded By: Councillor Grice

THAT the presentation from Mike Evers, Manager, Planning and Development Re: The Dunnville Waterfront Park Site Plan Design be received;

AND THAT the design concept SP1 and SP2 prepared by Stempski Kelly Associates Inc. dated April 8, 2016 with revisions, be approved as the basis of tender proposals.

CARRIED (5-1)

DELEGATIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF RELATED REPORTS

1. Dean Glenney and James Richardson, Dunnville Farmers' Market Redevelopment Group RE: Update on the Dunnville Farmers' Market Redevelopment Project

Mr. Glenney and Mr. Richardson provided Council with an update on the project and timelines. It was noted that the group and staff are working together on this project and a report will be coming forward in June. The project is anticipated to commence in September, 2016.

Recommendation 11

Moved By: Councillor Corbett
Seconded By: Councillor Grice

THAT the correspondence and presentation material from Dean Glenney and James Richardson, Dunnville Farmers' Market Redevelopment Group Re: Update on the Dunnville Farmers' Market Redevelopment Project dated May 10, 2016 be received as information.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Planning and Economic Development Business (CONTINUED)

Councillor Morison, Chair of Planning and Economic Development, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

PED-EDT-05-2016 RE: DUNNVILLE MARINA UPDATE

Recommendation 12

Moved By: Councillor Corbett
Seconded By: Councillor Grice

1. THAT Report PED-EDT-05-2016 Re: Dunnville Marina Update dated March 02, 2016 be received;
2. AND THAT the conversion of these lands into overflow parking to compliment the development of the Waterfront Park and the Farmers Market be approved;
3. AND THAT the Revised Budget as outlined in PED-EDT-05-2016 be approved;

4. AND THAT Staff be directed to include a project for consideration during the 2017 Capital Budget deliberations to pave and landscape the marina property.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

PED-EDT-06-2016 RE: RURAL BUSINESS AND TOURISM COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN, 21 ERIE AVENUE NORTH, FISHERVILLE

Recommendation 13

Moved By: Councillor Bartlett

Seconded By: Councillor Corbett

1. THAT Report PED-EDT-06-2016 Re: Rural Business and Tourism Community Improvement Plan, 21 Erie Avenue North, Fisherville dated April 19, 2016 be received;
2. AND THAT the project as outlined in Report PED-EDT-06-2016 for the property at 21 Erie Avenue North, Fisherville, be approved for a grant to be funded from the Community Improvement Plan Reserve, to a maximum of \$10,000;
3. AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Downtown Areas Community Improvement Plan Financial Incentive Program Agreement with the respective property owner.

CARRIED (Unanimously 5-0)

Mayor Hewitt was absent from the vote.

PED-COM-11-2016 RE: 2016 MAJOR FESTIVAL AND EVENT ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

Recommendation 14

Moved By: Councillor Bartlett

Seconded By: Councillor Dalimonte

1. THAT Report PED-COM-11-2016 Re: 2016 Major Festival and Event Enhancement Grants dated April 05, 2016 be received;
2. AND THAT a 2016 Major Festival and Event Enhancement Grant to Caledonia Agricultural Fair in the amount of \$10,000 be approved;
3. AND THAT a 2016 Major Festival and Event Enhancement Grant to Caledonia Canada Day in the amount of \$10,000 be approved;
4. AND THAT a 2016 Major Festival and Event Enhancement Grant to Christmas in Caledonia in the amount of \$ 5,000 be approved;
5. AND THAT a 2016 Major Festival and Event Enhancement Grant to CayugaFest in the amount of \$10,000 be approved;
6. AND THAT a 2016 Major Festival and Event Enhancement Grant to Cayuga Light Up & Santa Parade in the amount of \$5,000 be approved;
7. AND THAT a 2016 Major Festival and Event Enhancement Grant to Dunnville Agricultural Fair in the amount of \$10,000 be approved;

8. AND THAT a 2016 Major Festival and Event Enhancement Grant to Dunnville Mudcat Festival in the amount of \$ 10,000 be approved;
9. AND THAT a 2016 Major Festival and Event Enhancement Grant to Dunnville Santa Claus Parade in the amount of \$ 5,000 be approved;
10. AND THAT a 2016 Major Festival and Event Enhancement Grant to Hagersville Rocks in the amount of \$ 10,000 be approved;
11. AND THAT a 2016 Major Festival and Event Enhancement Grant to Hagersville Santa Claus Parade in the amount of \$5,000 be approved;
12. AND THAT a 2016 Major Festival and Event Enhancement Grant to Hagersville Summer's End Festival in the amount of \$ 5,000 be approved;
13. AND THAT a 2016 Major Festival and Event Enhancement Grant to Selkirk Gas Fest in the amount of \$ 4,300 be approved.

CARRIED (Unanimously 5-0)
Mayor Hewitt was absent from the vote.

PED-COM-13-2016 RE: FRIENDS OF LAFORTUNE PARK PLAN

Recommendation 15

Moved By: Councillor Grice
Seconded By: Councillor Corbett

1. THAT Report PED-COM-13-2016 Re: Friends of LaFortune Park Plan dated April 20, 2016 be received;
2. AND THAT staff continue to work with the Friends of LaFortune Park to build its organizational capacity and bring forward its capital improvement initiatives utilizing the Community Partnership Program and the LaFortune Park Reserve Fund in accordance with the parameters set out in PED-COM-10-2016.

CARRIED (Unanimously 4-0)
Mayor Hewitt and Councillor Dalimonte were absent from the vote.

PED-GM-05-2016 RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM STRATEGY – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Recommendation 16

Moved By: Councillor Grice
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

1. THAT Report PED-GM-05-2016 Re: Economic Development and Tourism Strategy – Terms of Reference dated May 03, 2016 be received;
2. AND THAT the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy Terms of Reference incorporating the scope, process and steering committee composition as set out in Report PED-GM-05-2016, be approved;

3. AND THAT the following members of Council be appointed to sit on the ad hoc Steering Committee for the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy:
 - a. Mayor Hewitt
 - b. Councillor Morison

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Mayor Hewitt resumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

MOTIONS OF CONSENT

Recommendation 17

Moved By: Councillor Corbett
Seconded By: Councillor Morison

THAT the following memorandum/report be received as information:

1. PW-RO-M01-2016 Re: Winter Control Update
2. CS-SS-12-2016 Re: 2016 1st Quarter Insurance Loss Report

AND THAT the recommendations as contained in the following reports be adopted:

PED-BC-03-2016 RE: APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – DANIELLE THOMAS

1. THAT Report PED-BC-03-2016 Re: Appointment of Temporary Municipal Law Enforcement Officer – Danielle Thomas dated April 22, 2016 be received;
2. AND THAT a by-law to appoint Danielle Thomas as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer under the *Police Services Act* be presented for enactment.

PW-ES-16-2016 RE: STOP SIGN INSTALLATION – WINNETT STREET NORTH AT HILL STREET, CAYUGA

1. THAT Report PW-ES-16-2016 Re: Stop Sign Installation – Winnett Street North at Hill Street, Cayuga dated April 25, 2016 be received;
2. AND THAT a stop sign be installed on Winnett Street North at Hill Street in Cayuga.

PW-ES-17-2016 RE: STOP SIGN INSTALLATION – NABLO STREET AT HELD CRESCENT, FISHERVILLE

1. THAT Report PW-ES-17-2016 Re: Stop Sign Installation - Nablo Street at Held Crescent, Fisherville dated April 25, 2016 be received;

2. AND THAT a stop sign be installed on Nablo Street at Held Crescent in Fisherville.

PW-ES-20-2016 RE: STOP SIGN INSTALLATION – ALEXIS DRIVE AT HELEN DRIVE, HAGERSVILLE

1. THAT Report PW-ES-20-2016 Re: Stop Sign Installation - Alexis Drive at Helen Drive, Hagersville dated April 25, 2016 be received;
2. AND THAT a stop condition be installed on Alexis Drive at Helen Drive in Hagersville.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF REPORTS (CONTINUED)

PUBLIC WORKS Business

Councillor Bartlett, Vice Chair of Public Works, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

PW-ES-19-2016 RE: WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT ENGINEERING AND DESIGN – MAIN STREET, HAGERSVILLE

Recommendation 18

Moved By: Councillor Dalimonte
Seconded By: Councillor Corbett

1. THAT Report PW-ES-19-2016 Re: Watermain Replacement Engineering and Design - Main Street, Hagersville dated April 25, 2016 be received;
2. AND THAT staff initiate engineering and design work to replace two sections of cast iron watermain in Hagersville;
3. AND THAT the replacement of these two sections of watermain be included in the 2017 Draft Rate Supported Water and Wastewater Budget for consideration;
4. AND THAT the Revised Budget as outlined in Report PW-ES-19-2016 be approved.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

PW-SW-01-2016 RE: CANBOROUGH WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT

Recommendation 19

Moved By: Councillor Corbett
Seconded By: Councillor Grice

1. THAT Report PW-SW-01-2016 Re: Canborough Waste Management Facility Property Lease Agreement dated May 03, 2016 be received;
2. AND THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Norfolk County for their information;

3. AND THAT a lease be entered into with Haldimand County and Norfolk County, as joint owners, for Haldimand County use of the designated portion of the Canborough Waste Management Facility, for a term of 20 years, including the terms and conditions as shown in Attachment 1 to Report PW-SW-01-2016;
4. AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents;
5. AND THAT a by-law authorizing the lease be presented to Council.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Joint Services Business

Councillor Corbett, Chair of Joint Services, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Haldimand & Norfolk Resource Card – This item is now available for the public and contains contact numbers for all social services matters.

Community Services Business

Councillor Bartlett, Chair of Community Services, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Update RE: Grandview Lodge – In partnership with Niagara College, a Personal Support Worker Diploma Program will be offered. An information session open house will be held on May 18, 2016 in the Grandview Lodge Auditorium.

Corporate Services Business

Councillor Dalimonte, Chair of Corporate Services, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

CS-FI-09-2016 RE: DEVELOPMENT CHARGES RESERVE FUNDS – TREASURER’S ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 2015

Recommendation 20

Moved By: Councillor Grice
Seconded By: Councillor Corbett

1. THAT Report CS-FI-09-2016 Re: Development Charges Reserve Funds - Treasurer's Annual Statement for 2015 dated May 10, 2016 be received as information;

2. AND THAT the Treasurer's Annual Statement of Development Charges Reserve Funds for 2015 shall be made available on the Haldimand County website or upon request.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

CS-FI-10-2016 RE: CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE – DECEMBER 31, 2015

Recommendation 21

Moved By: Councillor Grice
Seconded By: Councillor Corbett

1. THAT Report CS-FI-10-2016 Re: Capital Project Update - December 31st, 2015 dated April 28, 2016 be received;
2. AND THAT the recommendations for individual capital projects, as outlined in Attachment #2 to Report CS-FI-10-2016 (under separate cover), be approved.

CARRIED (Unanimously 5-0)
Councillor Morison was absent from the vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Correspondence and Draft Terms of Reference for Hydro One Advisory Committee for Haldimand County

Recommendation 22

Moved By: Councillor Morison
Seconded By: Councillor Corbett

THAT the correspondence from Kyal Butler, Public Affairs Officer, Hydro One Networks Inc. dated May 4, 2016 Re: Hydro One Integration be received;

AND THAT the Draft Terms of Reference for the Hydro One Advisory Committee for Haldimand County be approved as presented;

AND THAT Mayor Ken Hewitt and the following individuals be appointed to serve as members of the Hydro One Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2018:

- a. Councillor Dalimonte
- b. Councillor Bartlett

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

Mayor Hewitt resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Minutes of the Police Services Board – March 23, 2016

Recommendation 23

Moved By: Councillor Corbett
Seconded By: Councillor Grice

THAT the Minutes of the Police Services Board dated March 23, 2016 be received as information.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution from Township of Clearview dated April 26, 2016 RE: Support Resolution – Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force & Bill 158

Recommendation 24

Moved By: Councillor Corbett
Seconded By: Councillor Morison

THAT the resolution from the Township of Clearview Re: Support Resolution – Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force & Bill 158 dated April 26, 2016 be received as information.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

Recommendation 25

Moved By: Councillor Grice
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

WHEREAS human trafficking is a heinous crime that has been referred to as modern day slavery;

AND WHEREAS traffickers recruit, transport, harbor and control the girl next door for sexual exploitation or forced labour;

AND WHEREAS it is one of the fastest growing crimes that starts and stays in Canada, targeting victims – 90 percent of which are Canadian-born and predominantly female, averaging the age of 14;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is a major hub of human trafficking in Canada, and victims are lured, manipulated and coerced, often over the internet from every part of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS human trafficking is in our neighbourhoods and communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of Haldimand County support Bill 158, Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016, support MPP Laurie Scott's motion for multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victim's services and frontline agencies;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to MPP Toby Barrett, MPP Laurie Scott and the Township of Clearview.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

2. Motion RE: Provincial Manufacturing Strategy

Recommendation 26

Moved By: Councillor Dalimonte

Seconded By: Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the manufacturing sector in Ontario employs nearly 750,000 people and remains a major component of the Ontario economy;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement, Places to Grow legislation and associated employment projections emphasize the need to plan for employment growth including manufacturing;

AND WHEREAS Southwestern Ontario and, in particular, the rural and small communities therein have been adversely impacted in terms of manufacturing job loss and business closures due to global economic conditions;

AND WHEREAS, over the past few years, Haldimand County has seen the loss and restructuring of several key employers resulting in a significant contraction of jobs and assessment associated with the industrial sector with resultant negative impacts to municipal taxation revenue and on the viability of the local supply chain businesses;

AND WHEREAS the County's largest private sector employer is currently under Company Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) court protection and its ability to operate as a going concern in the long term is uncertain;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently does not appear to have a focused and comprehensive provincial manufacturing strategy that includes labour force attraction, the shift into advanced manufacturing, a research and development/innovation tax credit system, a foreign market exporting strategy, promotion of inter-provincial trade and the creation of manufacturing hubs in the province;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Province of Ontario be requested to develop a provincial manufacturing strategy, specifically focused on rural communities, and to allocate funds from Communities in Transition Funding Program to rural areas, including Haldimand County, to be used to implement the strategy;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the local MPP, local MP, Ontario Chamber of Commerce Association and municipalities under 100,000 population.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)

INQUIRIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF COUNCILLORS

1. The following items were highlighted:

- The Ontario Government's Climate Action Plan;
- The Mayor's Gala on May 28, 2016 will be televised on Channel 14.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation 27

Moved By: Councillor Bartlett

Seconded By: Councillor Grice

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

CARRIED (Unanimously 6-0)
