

THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA
August 7, 2009

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, August 7, 2009 at 13:58 h. in Council Chambers.

1. CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

The following were present: Reeve Tammy Stewart, Councillors: Ed Aiston, Dave Foote, Jim Gibson, and Bob Reid.

Also in attendance Tracy Pearce, Treasurer Trainee.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – None

4. ADOPTION of MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETINGS (INCLUDING COMMITTEES) –

(Resolution Prepared)

a. Resolution # 07/08/09/001

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Gibson **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, July 17th, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - none

6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

The following items will remain as information items, missing from last package.

- a. AMO Alert – re: Report to Members
- b. AMO Alert – re: Business Leaders Working Together
- c. CUPW – re: Canada Post threat to small post offices and rural delivery
- d. Cheryl Gallant – re: Diesel Spill
- e. Cheryl Gallant – re: Local TV Programming
- f. MNR – re: Rabies
- g. Ontario Parks – Forest Management Plan
- h. FCM – re: Status of Federal Infrastructure Stimulus Funding
- i. FCM – re: Equal Voice and the election of women

7. CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ONLY (Please advise if you feel any item warrants further consideration at a subsequent meeting.)

- a. Douglas Walsh, MOE – re: response to our letter re: diesel spill -info
- b. Doug Antler – re: response to my email re: response from MOE - info
- c. Stewardship Ontario – re: Financial Allocation for MHSW Promotion and Education - info
- d. Ministry of Government Services – re: Industry Canada and Federal Broadband Program- info
- e. AMO Alert – re: Count Me In Community Challenge - info
- f. Ontario Property and Environmental Rights Alliance – re: endangered species and private property - info
- g. Township of Huron-Kinloss – re: Giant Hogweed and declaration as noxious weed - info
- h. Township of Woolwich – re: development charges and grant funding - info
- i. AMO Alert – re: Drinking Water Stewardship funding Available - info
- j. Minister of Infrastructure and FCM – re: update on infrastructure funding - info
- k. Late 1 – FCM – re: Halton Hills and Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters – support for Fair Trade in US Stimulus Package – prepare resolutions for next meeting

8. STAFF REPORTS (For information only)

- a. Clerk's Report – 07/08/09/201
- b. CBO's Report – 07/08/09/201B

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Cheque Register Report #07/08/09/202

Resolution # 07/08/09/002

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Aiston **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Cheque Register dated July 27, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried

b. Budget Report #07/08/09/203

Resolution # 07/08/09/003

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Foote **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the budget report for the period ending July 27, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS - none

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Canada Day Report 07/08/09/204

Resolution #07/08/09/004

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS the first Canada Day Celebration was a success despite the weather and the event being held mid week;

AND WHEREAS this Celebration is the only direct municipally organized community event held in some time;

AND WHEREAS an important part of governance is creating and nurturing a sense of community;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria has since received requests for a fireworks display to be included for next year;

AND WHEREAS in the past fireworks were not considered because of the prohibitive costs and need to hire a licensed operator to produce the display;

AND WHEREAS Council agrees that fireworks would be an added draw to our celebration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria authorizes the creation and advertising of a fundraising drive for the purposes of obtaining fireworks for 2010's Canada Day Celebration.

Defeated – add to budget for 2010

12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS) (reports and resolutions prepared)

a. Town of Arnprior/City of Pembroke Report #07/08/09/205– re: Support for Canadian Nuclear Build – resolution of support for next meeting

Resolution #07/08/09/005

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS the Town of Arnprior has requested support for its resolution no. 232-09 as follows:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has resolved to purchase two new nuclear reactors and is deliberating on whether to buy Canadian technology;

AND WHEREAS Canadian nuclear technology is world renowned, environmentally innovative and currently supports a robust local manufacturing economy;

AND WHEREAS a commitment to buying Canadian nuclear technology would result in a stimulation of the local economy in the short term, while ensuring the future sustainability of these local industries over the long term;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria be proactive in supporting local industry by asking both the Federal and Provincial governments to commit to Canadian nuclear technology as opposed to foreign nuclear technology;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Natural Resources Lisa Raitt, our local MP and MPP, the Federal Leader of the Opposition, The Leader of the NDP, AECL Canada, George Smitherman, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, John Baird, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, The County of Renfrew, all area municipalities and AMO for circulation and support.

Carried

b. Report #07/08/09/206 Support for Community Schools Alliance and moratorium on school closings

Resolution #07/08/09/006

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS communities across Ontario are concerned with the Accommodation Review Committee process and the impact this flawed process has on the socio-economic fabric of our municipalities;

AND WHEREAS many schools are the hubs of their communities, a better accommodation review system is needed to address the educational facility needs of our residents;

AND WHEREAS a system to address the educational facility needs in Ontario must ensure that school boards and municipal councils partner on decisions regarding education infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS greater accountability for school board decisions is needed;

AND WHEREAS a thorough review of the governance model for school accommodation decisions must include an opportunity to appeal these decisions;

AND WHEREAS the accommodation review process should respect and value the input of students, parents, the community and municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria supports the Community Schools Alliance and petition the Province on Ontario to implement a “smart moratorium” on disputed school closing to provide the opportunity for the Ministry of Education, school boards and municipalities to work together to develop policies addressing such issues as planning for declining enrolments, a mutually agreed upon

Accommodation Review Committee process, a review of funding to rural and small community schools, and transparency and accountability between municipalities and school boards.
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our MP, The Minister of Education, AMO and the local school boards.

Carried

c. Report #07/08/09/207 Haldimand County Disaster Relief Committee
Resolution #07/08/09/007

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Aiston

WHEREAS parts of Haldimand County have been declared a disaster area as a result of spring overflow and ice jams on the Grand River;

AND WHEREAS the Haldimand County Disaster Relief Committee is charged with raising funds to be matched by the provincial government to provide financial assistance to the victims of the flooding;

AND WHEREAS the amount requested is minimal and the funds are available in our donations account;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to donate \$250 towards this cause.

Resolution #07/08/09/008

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amount of \$250 be removed from the motion and replaced with the amount of \$100.

Carried

Resolution 07/08/09/007 (as amended)

Carried

13. IN CAMERA OR CLOSED SESSION - none

14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- a. Can we go ahead with preparations for 2010? Quotes for fireworks etc. – yes, issue of funding will be brought up at budget time.
- b. Amount of funding from Stewardship Ontario for education – received \$1,000 for 2009, don't know what will be forthcoming in the future.
- c. Date for HHW collection? – Still in contact with Buckham.

15. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

a. Resolution # 07/08/09/009

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2009 -20 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on August 7, 2009 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 07/08/09/010

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 14:50 h to meet again Friday, September 4, 2009 at 14:00 h.

Carried

Reeve – Tammy Stewart

Clerk – Melinda Reith