

**THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA**

**May 7, 2010**

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 14:00 h. in Council Chambers.

**1. CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

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

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

(Resolution Prepared)

- Council Minutes

Resolution # 07/05/10/001

Moved by Councillor and seconded by Councillor

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, April 23, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried

- Valley Employee and Family Assistance Program AGM Minutes – April 22, 2010 (for information only)

**5. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS – none**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS – for your information, have not included the documents**

- Various municipalities – re: Support for Knowledge Ontario resolution
- Various municipalities – re: Support for Ottawa to assist in maintaining a viable rail line

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

1. Deep River and District Hospital re: physician recruitment update and fees for 2009
2. Children First – re: letter to Minister Dombrowsky
3. John Yakabuski – re: Gasoline Tax Fairness for All Act, 2010
4. Ottawa Riverkeeper – re: invitation to participate
5. MMAH – re: Making Choice: A guide to Service Delivery Review for Municipal Councillors and Senior Staff
6. Nuclear Legacy Liabilities Program – re: Information sessions
7. PC Riding Association – re: annual fundraising event – John Yakabuski
8. Canada Post – re: Committed to Rural Service
9. Renfrew County United Way – re: Youth Mental Illness Education Program
10. Friends of Petawawa Research – re: Newsletter #14
11. Northern Development, Mines and Forestry – re: review of forest tenure and pricing systems
12. MNR – re: Natural Heritage Reference Manual

**8. STAFF REPORTS** (For information only)

- Clerk's Report – #07/05/10/201 – information only
- CBO Report - #04/05/10/201-A

**9. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- Report - #07/05/10/202 – Cheque Log Report to April 30, 2010

Resolution #07/05/10/002

Moved by Councillor Seconded by Councillor

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Cheque Log Report to April 30, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried

**10. BY-LAWS - none**

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** (reports and resolutions prepared)

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

- Report #07/05/10/203 – Resolution re: Federal Conservation of Railway Infrastructure Corridor

Resolution #07/05/10/003

Moved by Councillor and Seconded by Councillor

**WHEREAS** rail service is a vital transportation link required for the maintenance and development of sustainable and vibrant communities throughout rural Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** the loss of rail service from Smiths Falls to Sudbury would represent a significant economic impact to an area that has been severely impacted by the current economic recession and requires improvement to all transportation infrastructure to compete on a level playing field for community sustainability;

**AND WHEREAS** Canadian Pacific has issued a Notice of Sale or Discontinuance of Railway Line in accordance with the Canadian Transportation Act for the Chalk River rail line between Smiths Falls and Petawawa;

**AND WHEREAS** Canadian Pacific has also indicated that a Notice of Sale or Discontinuance will be given for the rail line between Petawawa to Mattawa and that a short-line operator will be sought for the line between Temiscaming and Sudbury only;

**AND WHEREAS** the federal and provincial governments have a responsibility to all Canadians and Ontarians, respectively, to ensure that vital transportation infrastructure that was established to serve all Canadians, with substantial investments by Canadian taxpayers, is not lost to the detriment of existing and future citizens or rural Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** rail transportation is an environmentally responsible means of transporting goods particularly in the face of rising energy and transportation costs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby request that the federal and provincial governments commit to a program of funding or conserving the current railway transportation infrastructure corridor, thereby maintaining valuable railway infrastructure for potential future use once the global economy recovers;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this situation be monitored on a regular basis with a full review to occur after a global recovery from the current economic downturn to ensure that a decision to close this line was not made in haste during an economic downturn;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, our local MP – Cheryl Gallant, our local MPP – John Yakubuski, John Baird - Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, Kathleen Wynne - Ontario Minister of Transportation, Geoff Hare - Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Transportation Agency, and Rick Poznikoff - Canadian Pacific Railway, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The County of Renfrew and all local municipalities between North Bay and Sudbury for support.

Carried

- Report #07/05/10/204 Resolution to Set Summer Meeting Schedule

Resolution #07/05/10/004

Moved by Councillor and Seconded by Councillor

**WHEREAS** the municipal procedure by-law allows for fewer Council meetings during the summer months to allow for holidays;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby declare that the meetings for the 2010 summer months will occur on Friday, July 16 and Friday, August 13 and that staff will advertise this change as per our by-laws.

Carried

- Report #07/05/10/205 – Support for CREATE Report

Resolution #07/05/10/005

Moved by Councillor and Seconded by Councillor

**WHEREAS** the Chalk River Employees Ad hoc Task Force (CREATE) for a national laboratory was formed in July 2009 in response to the on-going restructuring of AECL and Canada's need for a new multi-purpose research reactor that will surpass the current capabilities of the aging NRU reactor at Chalk River Laboratories (CRL);

**AND WHEREAS** AECL is being restructured to enable the Canadian nuclear industry to compete more effectively in domestic and international markets;

**AND WHEREAS** CREATE's concept for Chalk River as a National Laboratory envisages Chalk River National Laboratory (CRNL) as Canada's premier laboratory for nuclear and related sciences, and a resource for researchers from across a broad spectrum, from fundamental sciences to industrial applications;

**AND WHEREAS** CREATE's vision for the future CRNL is consistent with the federal government's statements on restructuring;

**AND WHEREAS** the restructuring decisions soon to be made by the federal government could have a significant impact on the future economy and well-being of Deep River and surrounding communities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby strongly support CREATE's three main recommendations to the Government of Canada to:

- o **PROCEED** with the restructuring of AECL to optimize the independent missions of AECL's commercial division and CRL for the benefit of all Canadians.
- o **ANNOUNCE** the adoption of the CHALK RIVER NATIONAL LABORATORY concept for CRL's future mandate and mission, including a new multi-purpose research reactor.
- o **IDENTIFY** a federal agency with broad science and industry experience to lead detailed planning of CRNL's future and a new multi-purpose research reactor.

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to CREATE, the office of the Prime Minister, the Federal Minister of Natural Resources, the Federal Minister of Energy, our local MP Cheryl Gallant, our local MPP John Yakabuski, the Premier of Ontario, The Provincial Leader of the Opposition, the Federal Leader of the Opposition, the Federal Leader of the NDP, AECL Canada, Mr. Hugh MacDiarmid, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and The County of Renfrew and all local municipalities for support.

Carried

- Report #07/05/10/206 – Support for Reform to Joint and Several Liability Insurance Report

Resolution #07/05/10/006

Moved by Councillor and Seconded by Councillor

**WHEREAS** the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has recently presented a report from their Municipal Liability Reform Working Group;

**AND WHEREAS** that document has effectively demonstrated the effects of joint and several liability on municipalities in some key areas including building inspections, the scaling back of services and motor vehicle and road safety;

**AND WHEREAS** other governments worldwide have also begun to make changes to their legislation and for the same reasons;

**AND WHEREAS** AMO's document has revealed that the origin of joint and several liability insurance has never been an explicit legislated intent of common law jurisdictions;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria support the position of AMO on this issue and agrees that Ontario municipalities ought not to be insurers of last resort, targeted deliberately in some instances because of joint and several insurance;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby call on the Federal and Provincial governments to reform joint and several liability insurance as it exists today, with a particular regard for the impact it has on 'deep pocket' property taxpayers and their communities;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the office of the Prime Minister, our local MP Cheryl Gallant, our local MPP John Yakabuski, the Premier of Ontario, The Provincial Leader of the Opposition, the Federal Leader of the Opposition, the Federal and Provincial Leaders of the NDP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and The County of Renfrew and all local municipalities for support.

Carried

**13. IN CAMERA OR CLOSED SESSION - none**

**14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**15. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS**

Resolution # 07/05/10/007

Moved by Councillor and Seconded by Councillor

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2010-14 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on May 7, 2010 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

**16. ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)**

Resolution # 07/05/10/008

Moved by Councillor and seconded by Councillor

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at h to meet again Friday, May 21, 2010 at 14:00 h.

Carried

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Reeve – Tammy Stewart

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Melinda Reith - Clerk