

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

May 21, 2010

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, May 21, 2010 at 13:59 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 # 21/05/10/001

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Reid

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, May 7, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried

## FINANCIAL REPORTS - none

Resolution # 21/05/10/001-B

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Comparative Income Statement as of May 21, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried

## 5. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS – none

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

- o Various municipalities – re: Support for our resolution to preserve the rail corridor

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

1. County of Renfrew – re: invitation to seat on County Accessibility Advisory Committee – **Action on Clerk:** advertise to community for volunteer – webpage and newsletter – Council to pay for mileage
2. DRDH – re: Three new area doctors -information
3. Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee – re: extension of free weekend to an entire week - information
4. FCM – re: support for funding for new wastewater systems - information
5. Cheryl Gallant – re: Lobby of Ontario Northland to take over operations in the area - information
6. Ministry of Natural Resources – re: response to Municipal resolution - information
7. AMO – re: Water Opportunities and Water Conservation Act - information
8. AMO – re: Bill 16 – Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act, 2010 - information
9. United Way – re: CPANs Backpack plus program for Children and Youth - information
10. Minister Responsible for Seniors – re: Senior Achievement Awards – pass to Library for consideration
- NRLTC – re: invitation to annual GM – Reeve Stewart may attend
11. L1 - Active & Healthy Communities – re: attendance at information session – received for information
12. L2 – OVTA – promotional Opportunity – Ottawa Valley Endless Summer – **Action on Clerk:** contact local members of OVTA to see if they are interested in a joint advertising venture where Council will commit to funding for the food vouchers - Council approved \$100
13. L3 – Wallowa Resources Community Solutions Inc. re: certification of Ottawa Valley Forest, Inc. - information

## 8. STAFF REPORTS (For information only)

- Clerk's Report – #21/05/10/201 – information only
  1. Economic Development agenda and work plan
  2. information on Ontario Gas Tax (as requested)
- Clerk's Disposal Site Report - #21/05/10/202

9. **BY-LAWS** - none

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

- Report #21/05/10/203 – Mandatory Septic System Inspection

Resolution #21/05/10/002

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Foote

**WHEREAS** provincial concern over groundwater and other environmental protection has resulted in the consideration of a Mandatory Septic System Inspection Program;

**AND WHEREAS** most rural municipalities, including Head, Clara & Maria, have 100% of their residences and businesses on private water systems consisting of dug and drilled wells and private, individual septic systems as has been for many decades;

**AND WHEREAS** there is little evidence of source water contamination due to malfunctioning septic systems across the province and there has never been such a case in our Municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the home owner has the most vested interest in maintaining their septic system in proper working order to ensure continued use and in order to protect their private water supply;

**AND WHEREAS** the installation of septic systems in rural communities is becoming increasingly regulated now, more so than in the past with the use of licensed contractors, installation permits, installation inspections, etc. thus insuring properly functioning systems are built;

**AND WHEREAS** adequate legislation currently exists to deal with malfunctioning septic systems;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of this municipality feels strongly that any mandatory inspection program is redundant;

**AND WHEREAS** it can be argued that the frequent cases of large Municipal sewage systems overflowing into lakes and rivers as a result of large rainwater events is a greater public health hazard to a much larger segment of the Provincial population than malfunctioning septic systems;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby request the province not institute any Mandatory Septic System Inspection Program;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Province make better use of the funds that would be necessary to implement any Private Septic System Inspection Program by continuing to direct their efforts to remedy the much more dangerous situation of malfunctioning Municipal sewage treatment facilities;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MPP John Yakabuski, MP Cheryl Gallant, Premier McGuinty, the County of Renfrew, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, AMO and all neighbouring municipalities for support.

Carried

- Report #21/05/10/204 – Municipal Hall Rental Agreement and Volunteer Security

Resolution #21/05/10/003

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Reid

**WHEREAS** the wording in the current Hall Rental Agreement implies that all security must be licensed and must wear uniforms whether or not they volunteer their services;

**AND WHEREAS** this is a concern to some volunteers in the community;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to amend clause 18. d. of the HCM Hall Rental Agreement adopted June 2009 by adding the phrase 'excluding true volunteers' after the word "personnel" in the first sentence, by inserting the word 'applicable' between the words "all" and "security" in the second sentence, and by removing the sentence 'A license currently costs \$80.'

Carried

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

- Report #21/05/10/205 – Request for Province to open Roadside Parks Earlier

Resolution #21/05/10/004

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Foote

**WHEREAS** the Trans Canada Highway 17 is a major transportation link which runs throughout our municipality with a tourist traffic volume which increases dramatically during the warmer months;

**AND WHEREAS** changing weather patterns have resulted in increased traffic both earlier and later in the year, outside of normal park opening times;

**AND WHEREAS** the road-side parks are opened for a short length of time, limiting the availability of washroom and rest stop facilities requiring travellers to use local business facilities often without corresponding compensation;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby request that the provincial government commits to reviewing the current structure of its road-side park and rest area schedule with a goal towards increased flexibility depending on changing weather patterns and increased demand;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Premier McGuinty, our local MPP – John Yakabuski, John Baird - Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, Kathleen Wynne - Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The County of Renfrew and all local municipalities for support.

Carried

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

**13. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**14. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS**

Resolution # 21/05/10/005

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Reid

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2010-15 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on May 21, 2010 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

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

Resolution # 21/05/10/006

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Aiston

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 14:41h to meet again Friday, June 4, 2010 at 14:00 h.

Carried

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Reeve – Tammy Stewart

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Melinda Reith - Clerk