

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

February 5, 2010

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, February 5, 2010 at 14:00 h. in Council Chambers.

1. CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

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

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

(Resolution Prepared)

- Council Minutes

Resolution # 05/02/10/001

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, January 15, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried

- Library Board Minutes (information only)

5. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - none

6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS - none

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

1. Ontario Parks – re: public consultation on Lightening the Ecological Footprint of Logging in Algonquin – Council to review independently and provide input to Clerk
2. HCM Public Library – re: support for Knowledge Ontario – Clerk to prepare resolution of support for next meeting, copy to library board
3. John Hilborn for Children First – re: Morrison School Closing - information
4. Pat Pilgrim – re: Councillor challenge for Haiti - information
5. AMO – re: Pre-budget submission - information
6. Township of South Algonquin – re: human/wolf altercations and request for province to rescind the ban on wolf hunting - information
7. FCM – re: Municipal Reconstruction Response to Haiti - information
8. FCM – re: unprecedented reconstruction efforts in Haiti - information
9. RC Senior Games – re: request for financial support - information

8. STAFF REPORTS (For information only)

- Clerk's Report – #05/02/10/201

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Cheque Log Report #05/02/10/202

Resolution #05/02/10/002

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Foote

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Log from January 01, 2010 to February 01, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried

- Comparative Income Statement Report #05/02/10/203

Resolution #05/02/10/003

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Comparative Income Statement from January 01, 2010 to February 01, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

- By-Law # 2010-02 Interim Tax By-law

Resolution #05/02/10/004

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2010-02 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy on properties designated as residential, farmland, managed forest, pipeline, industrial and commercial and to provide for payment of taxes and penalty and interest of 1.25% be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (reports and resolutions prepared)

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

- Report #05/02/10/204

Resolution #05/02/10/005

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS the County is holding a day long course on Friday, February 19 on Accommodation in the Workplace which the Clerk and Reeve are both to attend;

AND WHEREAS it is our intent to finalize the budget for 2010 in February and it is not yet ready for the first meeting of the month;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in order to ensure that all parties are present at the budget meeting that the date of the second regular meeting of February be changed from Friday, February 19 to Friday, February 26, 2010 with notice given as per our Notice By-law.

Carried

- Report #05/02/10/205

Resolution #05/02/10/006

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS the original Joint Emergency Response Unit Agreement is nearly 25 years old and requires updating;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does have an obligation to continue to provide emergency response service within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS this agreement based on prorated costs amongst municipalities is the most cost effective method;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in order to continue to provide a response to our residents and those who may require assistance while travelling within our municipality the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to enter into an agreement with the Town of Deep River and the Town of Laurentian Hills for the purpose of maintaining emergency services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the issues identified within the draft by-law and the current operation of the Management Board be discussed with the Towns of Deep River and Laurentian Hills and resolved prior to signing the Agreement.

Carried

Resolution #05/02/10/007

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS our Joint Emergency Response Unit Agreement requires that the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria contribute on a pro-rata basis to all capital costs;

AND WHEREAS new cutters and other equipment are required for the auto-extrication unit over the next four years to make it more effective;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby commit to removing \$500 from Auto - Ex Reserves to be used towards this expense with the remaining \$300 to come from general revenues for 2010.

AND FURTHER THAT this decision be forwarded to the other parties to the contract as soon as possible.

Carried

13. IN CAMERA OR CLOSED SESSION - none

14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- How are we going to absorb the increase in taxes needed to make up for the decreased OMPF. Where will the cuts come from? Currently pay taxes significantly lower than anywhere else.

15. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Resolution # 05/02/10/008

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2010-03 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on February 5, 2010 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 05/02/10/009

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 15:32 h to meet again Friday, February 26, 2010 at 13:00 h.

Carried

Reeve – Tammy Stewart

Clerk – Melinda Reith