

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

April 1, 2011

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, April 1, 2011 at 14:00 h. in the Community Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent/Excused:

Also in attendance: Marlene Gibson, Gayle Watters, John Walden, and David Balla-Boudreau.

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

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

(Resolution Prepared)

i. Council Minutes

Resolution # 01/04/11/001

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, March 18, 2011 be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS – Lisa Severson and Jim Pines, EORN (Eastern Ontario's Regional Network) re: high speed options for HCM. For presentation please see the power point on our website.

Lisa, Jim, Marlene, Gayle, David and John left the meeting at 3:08. Council had a short break.

Meeting resumed at 3:16.

6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS – FYI only - documents not included

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

- i.** Daniel O’Gorman – re: improvements to Stonecliffe Boat Launch – respond with history;
- ii.** County of Renfrew – re: tree planting – Thanks but no thanks, the costs associated with planting negate any benefit.
- iii.** Amo – re: Provincial Budget - info
- iv.** Ministry of Infrastructure – re: 10-year infrastructure plan - info

8. STAFF REPORTS (For information only)

- i.** Clerk’s Report #01/04/11/801 – information
- ii.** Road Super’s Report #01/04/11/802 - information

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

i. Cheque Log Report #01/04/11/901

Resolution # 01/04/11/002

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Foote

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Log from J145 to 251 dated March 24, 2011 in the amount of \$84,815.27 be accepted as presented.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

i. Budget By-law Report #01/04/11/1001

Resolution # 01/04/11/003

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Aiston

WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria did decide through a resolution of council during a duly called and conducted meeting of Friday, February 18, 2011 to adopt a budget of \$781,898;

AND WHEREAS staff followed the direction of Council and prepared the budget by-law for approval which was defeated with staff directed to bring the matter back before Council for further debate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to reconsider resolution #18/02/11/006;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to adopt a municipal operating budget in the amount of \$ 781,898;

AND FURTHER THAT the number \$781898 be inserted in the draft by-law #2001-10 to be read immediately following the passing of this resolution;

Reeve Stewart requested a recorded vote:

Aiston – Yes
Foote – Yes
Gibson – Yes
Reid – Yes
Stewart – No

Carried

Resolution # 01/04/11/004

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2011-10 being a by-law to adopt the 2011 municipal operating budget be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

ii. By-law to Appoint a Community Fire Safety Officer Report #01/04/11/1002

Resolution # 01/04/11/005

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Foote

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2011-09 being a by-law to appoint a Community Fire Safety Officer be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

i. Report #01/04/11/1101 – Waste Management By-law Options

Resolution # 01/04/11/006

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Aiston

WHEREAS the Council of United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria has implemented a recycling program in 2007 which has realized some participation which might be improved upon by implementing various participation strategies;

AND WHEREAS increased diversion will decrease the volume of material going to landfill extending the life of municipal disposal sites and decreasing costs;

AND WHEREAS user pay and other encouragement strategies have proven results in increasing diversion rates in other areas of the province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to implement the following waste management strategies to increase the amount of material being diverted from landfill...

Deferred

Action: Clerk to create an information newsletter to be circulated in the community with a public meeting to follow. Council will decide on options to implement once public consultation has occurred.

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

i. Report #01/04/11/1201- Amend Building Permit Schedule Definitions

Resolution # 01/04/11/007

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS the current by-law and fee schedule for Building permits does not include a definition for institutional or industrial construction;

AND WHEREAS in order to adequately provide for any such need in the future the current schedule is to be modified;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Schedule A to By-law 2007- 06 concerning building permit fees be amended to add beside the word “Commercial” in all categories the words “/Industrial/Institutional” so as to clarify that the corresponding fee is to be applied for each or any of the categories of construction.

Carried

ii. Report #01/04/11/1202 – Office Hours – Christmas Holiday Schedule

Resolution # 01/04/11/008

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS annually office staff have requested to have the office closed on Christmas Eve to allow them to spend more time with family as work demands are low during the entire holiday period;

AND WHEREAS over the past 4 years Council has agreed to allow staff to close the office either early or for the entire day and make up the time through vacation or time in lieu at no additional cost to ratepayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree that when Christmas Eve falls on a regularly scheduled work day, that the Municipal office may be closed on Christmas Eve providing staff have sufficient vacation time to cover absences and work demands allow;

AND FURTHER THAT for the same reasons and under the same circumstances, the Municipal office may also be closed on New Year's Eve.

Carried

iii. Report #01/04/11/1203 - Summer Meeting Schedule

Resolution # 01/04/11/009

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby declare that the meetings for the 2011 summer months will occur on Friday, July 15 and Friday, August 12 and that staff will advertise these changes as per our Municipal Notice By-laws.

Carried

iv. Report #01/04/10/1204 – Late – First Aid Training

Resolution # 01/04/11/009-A

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS the Municipal First Aid training policy states that Council is to pay for certain staff to complete First Aid training... and "any other persons as deemed necessary by Council."

AND WHEREAS upon receipt of the AED Council opened a training session (complimentary) in May 2008 to the regular users of the Hall.

AND WHEREAS staff training is being planned for May which will include Emergency First Aid, CPR and AED refresher.

AND WHEREAS Council deems it important to have as many first aid trained people in the municipality to assist in the event of emergency due to our distance from health care;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to cover the costs of the one day program for interested members of the community, who are regular users of the recreation hall, up to 5 individuals at a cost of \$70 per person and up to 0 individuals for the ½ day course at a cost of \$35 per person.

Carried

13. IN CAMERA OR CLOSED SESSION - none

14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- i. Councillor Gibson – Missing Link Snowmobile Club is competing for the provincial snowmobile club of the year! John Walden is to write a letter of reference on behalf of the Area Economic Development Committee. Honours include "bragging rights" and \$2,000. Decision will be made in September of 2011.
- ii. Councillor Foote – Request for feedback from Economic Development decision. No response. Basically the decision was made with regret however; the benefits we receive from membership do not justify the expense.
- iii. Reeve Stewart – AMO conference expenses. \$2,000 was approved for Councillor training, costs for AMO conference approved during budget discussions.

15. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Resolution # 01/04/11/010

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2011-11 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on April 1, 2011 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 01/04/11/011

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 16:08 h to meet again Friday, April 15, 2011 at 14:00 h.

Carried

Reeve – Tammy Lea Stewart

Melinda Reith – Clerk

Notes from EORN presentation

- ◆ Lengthy process – 2005 application to Federal and Provincial governments – approval in July 2009 and finally the agreement.
- ◆ Plan is to build capacity for today's needs with potential for substantially increased bandwidth into the future as needs are not yet known (currently Netflix uses 20% of all bandwidth in Ontario).
- ◆ Goal is to make high-speed affordable for rural residents – in comparison to their city-dwelling counterparts.
- ◆ Want to make the entire region of Eastern Ontario stand out with connectivity options to attract residents and business alike.
- ◆ Bell and Bell Aliant have partnered to use existing platforms and then to increase and link them so that they cover more area and have built in redundancies to better serve customers. Will lay 500 km of new optical fibre to current system.
- ◆ The three “last mile” options for rural residents will be wired, fixed wireless and satellite (Barrett Xplore Inc. helping with satellite at this point.) This project is not connecting fibre optics to homes – too costly.
- ◆ In areas with <3 houses per square kilometer it is impossible to get a wireless solution cost effectively. This is where HCM falls.
- ◆ Reason that the fibre optics will not be coming further than Rolphton is because of the lack of the Bell control offices (last of which is in Rolphton). These control offices will be the ISPs (internet service providers) and are open to use by any willing service providers.
- ◆ Satellite service is improving. With new technology Barrett is launching a new satellite in 2012 (or as early as this fall). EORN has negotiated a dedicated amount of service for its customers which will be available soon. For existing Xplornet customers, you can notify Xplornet that you are in the EORN area and will receive a reduction in your monthly fee. It is up to you to contact the company. (\$99 - \$79). Once the new satellite is operational that fee will reduce to \$44 + \$5 rental fee monthly. A substantial savings from now. If you have over 1 year remaining in your current contract you will automatically be transferred to the new service.
- ◆ New providers who contract with the EORN project will have to sign performance contracts for up to 14 years. A board has been created to ensure that these providers live up to their contracts.
- ◆ EOWC will own 51% of the new grid for 7 years at which time they will transfer it back to the private companies for \$1.
- ◆ By October 2011 the RfP for our phase of the project will be complete. We will know more by then what potential for alternatives there will be by that time in this area.
- ◆ In November or December – invite Lisa and Jim back to explain what has transpired and update us on options for service for our residents.

- ◆ Marlene questioned the static IP address for library use. They will get back to us.