

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

June 3, 2011

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, June 3, 2011 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 Robert Reid.

Also in Attendance: members of the public, Ruth Morin, Treasurer, media

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

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

i. Council Minutes

Resolution # 03/06/11/001

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, May 20, 2011 be accepted as presented.

Carried

ii. Canada Day Committee Minutes

Resolution # 03/06/11/002

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Foote

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Canada Day Committee meeting of April 18, & May 24, 2011 be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS – Public Meeting – Budget process Q&A

Short presentation and explanation provided as per documents on the website and handed out at the meeting – made available in the office on May 31. Questions concerned:

- ◆ the amount of reserves as quoted by the audited financial statements – which include the library board;
- ◆ how amounts for reserves are determined – some from auditor, some legislated, some best guess;
- ◆ explanation of reserves and a cushion for known future expenses so that borrowing does not have to occur;
- ◆ assessments and tax increases;
- ◆ demands of the province – legislated requirements and staff having to complete the work even though the issue may not apply to the same extent to a municipality of this size;
- ◆ BB funding and the work required compared to the funds received;
- ◆ examples used and the remaining amount of the 18% - Council and member of the public suggested the simplest explanation as the 18% increase was only 18% of 15% of your total tax bill;
- ◆ Request for an annual public meeting prior to the budget for 2012 – Council will continue – we do have a public meeting planned for waste management for July;
- ◆ No other comments or suggestions were heard.

Council took a break from 2:50 – 2:55 p.m. Some members of the public left the meeting, the majority stayed.

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. National Grinding INC – re: local grinding company and options for extending disposal site life – information, Councillor Gibson so stop in while volunteering for HCM at EXPO.

ii. County of Renfrew –re: assignment of economic development officers to individual municipalities

Action: Clerk to contact Alistair Baird to arrange a meeting for September.

iii. Joe Hall, Redi-Recycling Inc. – re: new are WEEE company.

Action: Clerk to follow up with Joe re: costs of participation.

iv. Doug Antler – re: Ottawa River Water levels.

Action: Clerk to prepare letter to OPG re: dissatisfaction of management of spring water levels and the effects on fisheries and tourism.

- v. Leeds Grenville – re: call to amend the Municipal Act – information;
- vi. Doug Reycraft – re: Community Schools Alliance updates – information;
- vii. Town of Ingersoll – re: elimination of Municipal Health Care professionals recruitment incentives – information;
- viii. County of Renfrew Family and Children’s Services – re: request for membership – information;
- ix. Friends of the Petawawa Research Forest Inc. –re: annual membership – information;

Action: Clerk to review Visitor’s Centre contract and advise that we are no longer interested in continued membership.

- x. OGRA – re: Minimum Maintenance Standards Litigation update – information;
- xi. Town of Thessalon – re: amendments to Green Energy and Green Economy Act to consider property standards and municipal by-laws in their legislation – information;
- xii. Minister Responsible for Seniors – re: Senior’s Month, Recreation; Parks Month and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – information;
- xiii. County of Renfrew – re: Warden’s Gold Tournament – information;
- xiv. AMO – re: Provincial PC platform released – municipal considerations – information;
- xv. Ministry of Tourism and Culture – re: conservation and protection of heritage places of worship in Ontario – information;
- xvi. L1 – AMO – re: Bill 181 Passes Third Reading – information;

8. STAFF REPORTS (For information only)

- i. Clerk’s Report #03/06/11/801 – information
- ii. CBO Report #03/06/11/802 - information

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- i. Cheque Log Report #03/06/11/901

Resolution # 03/06/11/003

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Log to May 31, 2011 be accepted as presented.
Carried

- ii. Auditor’s Report #03/06/11/902 – for information

10. BY-LAWS - none

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i. Report #03/06/11/1101 – Background, Children’s Law Reform Act from April 15th meeting

Resolution # 03/06/11/004

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS the current Children’s Law Reform Act does not provide for the maintenance of relationships between children and grandparents in the event of break up of the parental unit;

AND WHEREAS many children in Ontario are being raised without the benefit of extended family relationships;

AND WHEREAS other provinces have already passed similar legislation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the resolution of the Town of Ingersoll endorsing Ontario Bill 22, an Act to Amend the Children’s Law Reform Act, to emphasize the importance of children’s relationships with their parents and grandparents.

Carried

- ii. CAA and OGRA resolution of support from May 20th meeting

Resolution # 03/06/11/005

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS the introduction of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on July 1, 2010, and its application to gasoline and diesel sales will result in new revenue for the Government of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS based on 201 average price levels of gasoline and diesel, and 2009 average consumption levels in Ontario, the Government of Ontario’s projected new revenue will be approximately \$1.53 billion annually;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review identified a transportation infrastructure investment gap between the Government of Ontario and Ontario’s municipalities of approximately \$3.8 billion;

AND WHEREAS a lack of sufficient funding for essential transportation infrastructure construction, maintenance and rehabilitation has created a situation where many of Ontario’s municipalities do not have the financial capacity to construct new transportation infrastructure and conduct the maintenance and rehabilitation needed to sustain existing transportation infrastructure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria requests that the Government of Ontario consider directing a portion of the revenue derived from HST charged on gasoline and diesel sales to a new predictable funding mechanism that will allow Ontario's municipalities to make the critical investments needed to be effective stewards on transportation infrastructure;
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Dalton McGuinty, hon. Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure, the Ontario Good Roads Association and to the CAA;
AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities requesting their support.

Carried

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

i. Report #03/06/11/1201- Compensation for Nuisance Beaver Maintenance
Resolution # 03/06/11/006

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS the current price that the municipality pays for a nuisance beaver removed from problem areas along municipal roads is \$35;

AND WHEREAS local trappers are not interested in trapping the animals for such a small sum as setting traps along roadways increases the risk of the loss of expensive equipment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby approve an increase in the amount per animal that is paid to authorized individuals as compensation for the removal of each nuisance beaver from along municipal roads from the current \$35 per animal to \$100 per animal.

Carried

13. IN CAMERA OR CLOSED SESSION - none

14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - none

15. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Resolution # 03/06/11/007

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2011-15 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on June 3, 2011 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 03/06/11/008

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 15:30 h to meet again Friday, June 17, 2011 at 14:00 h.

Carried

Reeve – Tammy Lea Stewart

Melinda Reith – Clerk