

CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

May 16, 2008

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, May 16, 2008 at 14:00 h. in Council Chambers.

1. CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

The following were present: Reeve Tammy Lea Sonnenburg, Councillors: Ed Aiston, Dave Foote
Absent: Councillor Gibson & Councillor Reid

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

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

Resolution # 1

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Foote **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, May 2, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. DEPUTATIONS –none

6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS (Report and resolutions Prepared)

- a. County of Renfrew – support for Family & Children’s Service of Renfrew County resolution (follow up to April 18 request)
- b. Township of Laurentian Valley and
- c. Late - Township of McNab/Braeside – support for Family & Children’s Services

Resolution # 2

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS Family and Children’s Service of the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke is mandated to provide child protection services for the children of Renfrew County;

AND WHEREAS they have contacted each municipal government within the County for support and to inform them of the inconsistencies with funding across the province (especially in rural areas), and an operating deficit for 2007 and likely for 2008;

AND WHEREAS the County’s Social Services Committee is recommending that the enclosed resolution in support of Family and Children’s Service be passed at the next meeting of County Council;

AND WHEREAS the children under care in the County of Renfrew are equally deserving of equal funding and quality of service as children of other areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the enclosed draft resolution as recommended by the County’s Social Services Committee;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Council respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario work with Family and Children’s Services to resolve the issue of the unexpected deficit for the operating year of 2007 and work towards an amendment to its funding allocation to ensure that a similar situation does not reoccur in 2008;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a funding model which will adequately compensate all child welfare and protection agencies through application of understandable and consistent criteria which ensures all agencies within the province are funded equitably, keeping the best interests of these children at the forefront be created and utilized;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children and Youth Services, the Minister of Community and Social Services, and our MPP John Yakabuski.

Carried

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

- a. County of Renfrew – re: Ontario Drug Benefit Rebate
- b. Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – re: compliance for 2008
- c. Minister Responsible for Seniors – re: June is Senior’s month
- d. Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network – re: Rural Inclusion Summary
- e. Municipality of Brockton – re: new rules for consultations between mining companies and First Nations
- f. North Renfrew Long-Term Care Services – re: AGM – benefits to our ratepayers – need to be on waiting list

8. STAFF REPORTS (For information only)

- Municipal Fire Bans and private property – any by-law that we pass does not affect any crown land and will not affect Land Use Permit holders or loggers on Crown lands – only affects private lands within the municipality. Will continue to post, cannot enforce.
- Confirmation from OGRA that the roads and bridges funding **will not be** available for use for replacement of the garage – am working with Jp2g on other grant opportunities to obtain funding for this project.
- Meeting with Jp2g – they will provide audit and supporting documentation for application to Municipal Eco Challenge Fund; and will further work towards providing a proposal for modifications to the garage and retrofits to the hall/office working towards energy efficiency, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and accessibility. Will be able to meet the May 23 deadline for MECF application.
- Defibrillator training has been rescheduled due to a conflict with supplier’s schedule. Confirmed as May 27-10 am to 2 pm we have spots available if anyone is interested.
- Snowblower sold at May Madness.

- Signs provided by OPP – do we want more? Where would you like them? – **Action:** order 3 more for boat launches – “lock it or lose it”.
- Spoke with Terry re: gravel from the Township Pit for the base of the bell monument to be erected at Old Mackey Park. Pat delivered a load while working on Jennings Road. Excess will be used by Terry on roads within the park. Approved by Council.
- Request from Veteran’s Committee to fertilize, water and cut lawn beside monument – Council decided that this was a non-issue, we already have assumed responsibility for cutting under our existing contract, we do not fertilize or water any of our other lawns – no additional action to be taken. **Action:** Clerk to advise Veteran’s Committee

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Resolution # 3

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Foote **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Journal Entries J219 – J304 printed May 13, 2008 be accepted.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS (Reports and Resolutions Prepared)

- a. 2008 -14

Resolution #4

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2008-14 being a by-law to amend the procedure by-law and the council honorarium by-law be read a 3rd time short and passed.

Carried

- b. 2008-15 Report on Dissolution of Fire Service

Resolution #5

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2008-15 being a by-law to dissolve the Municipal Volunteer Wildfire Service be read a 3rd time short and passed.

Carried

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Commercial Operators and Recycling

Resolution #6

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston

WHEREAS Councillor Aiston has met with local campground and business operators to discuss options for increased participation in the municipal recycling program;

AND WHEREAS Council should take steps to encourage increased participation in that recycling program to extend the life of municipal landfill sites;

AND WHEREAS all business operators in attendance expressed interest in increased participation in the municipal recycling program;

AND WHEREAS Deux Rivieres operators have requested that consideration be given to a recycling depot in Deux Rivieres;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to provide the commercial operators with recycling posters and handouts to pass to their clientele encouraging recycling and explaining our program;

AND FURTHER THAT due to the increased costs of establishing and maintaining a transfer site, the specific challenges facing Deux Rivieres operators be addressed by having them collect and store all recyclable material at their site having our disposal site attendant pick up every Tuesday transferring recyclables to Stonecliffe for collection by our contractor during the summer operating season.

Carried

Action: Clerk to provide handouts, Councillor Aiston to meet with operators to explain program and provide handouts for clientele.

- b. County-wide Emergency Exercise – Draft agenda FYI

12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS)

- a. Use of Engine “Jake” Brakes

Resolution #7

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston

WHEREAS a ratepayer has requested that Council research the possibility of having signs erected at the entrances to the Townships along Highway 17 advising that all transport operators should refrain from using engine or “jake” brakes within residential areas;

AND WHEREAS although the request may be hard to enforce it may provide relief from noise for municipal residents;

AND WHEREAS the cost of erecting signs along highway 17 is as yet unknown;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to determine the costs of signs and any restrictions or limitations as per the Ministry of Transportation and report back to Council.

Defeated

Additional information: MTO has been contacted and has advised that they will remove signs. Engine brakes are a safety device and the Province will not recommend that safety devices not be used. **Action:** Clerk to advise Mr. Antler of position of MTO.

13. IN CAMERA OR CLOSED SESSION (As required)

14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Audit – non-payment of moneys owing to County and school boards – supplementals not reconciled in 2007 and overlooked – owed December 2007 – has been paid. Challenge with having to manually allocate portions of supplemental taxes to specific school boards and the

15. ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 8

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Foote **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 14:50 h to meet again Friday, June 6, 2008 at 14:00 h.

Carried

Reeve- Tammy-Lea Sonnenburg

Clerk – Melinda Reith