

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

**Minutes October 25, 2013**

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, October 25, 2013 at 14:08 h. in the Municipal Library.

**1. CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following were present Reeve Tammy Stewart, Councillors: Jim Gibson, and Debbi Grills.

Regrets: Noella LeBreton, Treasurer;

Absent: Doug Antler, Councillor; Bob Reid, Councillor;

Bob Reid entered at 14:18

Staff: Melinda Reith, Clerk, 2 members of the public, 1 member of the media.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF -**

Pecuniary Interest applies to you if it applies to clubs/organizations you are involved in, or activities of your children, parents or spouse; – none

**4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**5. ADOPTION of MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETINGS (INCLUDING COMMITTEES)**

- i. Council Minutes – October 10, 2013

Resolution # 25/10/13/001

Moved by Councillor Grills and seconded by Councillor Gibson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Thursday, October 10, 2013 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i. Municipality of East Ferris – re: Diabetes and funding under the Ontario Drug Benefit Program – information at this point. Reeve to request additional information at the next Social Housing meeting.
- ii. County of Peterborough – re: Long Term Energy Plan Review –

**Action:** Support by resolution. Clerk to prepare for next meeting.

- iii. Bereaved Families of Ontario - Pembroke – re: Holiday Help Program - information
- iv. OPP – re: Billing Model Engagement Sessions - information
- v. Valley EFAP – re: quarterly stats - information
- vi. Deep River Science Academy – re: Support for Science and Technology Fair - information
- vii. FCM – re: FCM President's statement following Speech from the Throne – information
- viii. L1 – Conflict of Interest session

**Action:** Clerk to register; any interested party to attend and view in the office.

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

- i. Report #25/10/13/801 – Clerk's Report – information and direction;

**Correction:** In July Council was provided with a resolution (#18/07/13/006) to transfer 100 % of the remaining funds from the Hall/Office Upgrades and Facility Management Reserves to be used for wish list items during construction. An error was made by the Clerk in calculations; instead of having \$67,500 remaining; only \$55,500 was available as \$12,000 was previously allocated to this purpose during budget deliberations.

The result is that only \$48,155 is available for cost overruns, additional wish list items or to be returned to reserves for future use instead of the \$68,155 quoted at the time. This poses no challenge as funds are available for all proposed projects. This notice is to provide complete openness and transparency to the public, Council and the municipal auditor after being brought to my attention just today.

Resolution # 25/10/13/001 - A

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby donate \$100 from Promotions budget to fund Community Christmas Party.  
Carried Unanimously

ii. Report #25/10/13/802 - Treasurer's Report – none;

iii. Report #25/10/13/803 – CBO Annual Report;

**Action:** Clerk to provide a comparison of values to date for 2012 and 2013 for next meeting.

iv. Report #25/10/13/804 – Reeve's Report – none;

## 9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

i. Cheque Log

Resolution # 25/10/13/002

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Grills

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Cheque Log dated October 22, 2013 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

ii. Comparative Income Statement

Resolution # 25/10/13/003

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Comparative Income Statement dated October 22, 2013 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

## 10. BY-LAWS - none

## 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

i. Report #25/10/13/1101 – Mandatory Septic System Inspections

Resolution # 25/10/13/004

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Grills

**WHEREAS** the provincial government regularly make sweeping regulations and policies without giving appropriate consideration to specific locations or the effects on smaller municipalities and the rights of individuals:

**AND WHEREAS** government regulations now control and limit many property owner rights and privileges restricting more and more as time goes on;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does recognize that legislation is required to protect the environment from some who may not maintain their properties appropriately;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council does hereby lobby the provincial government to stop the process of mandatory on-site septic system inspections and to continue to only require them in known vulnerable areas adjacent to source water areas;

**AND FURTHER THAT** should regular and routine inspections become mandatory across the province that the province builds into any regulation the corresponding funding to compensate property owners and the small municipalities who cannot continue to rely on the property tax base to meet the constant downloading of responsibility without equivalent funding;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated for support.

Carried Unanimously

ii. Report #25/10/13/1102 – Renovation Update – Information only

## 12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS)

- i. Report #25/10/13/1201 – Annual Conference Attendance

For information only. Council did not see the need in sending Council members to an annual conference in an election year.

- ii. Report #25/10/13/1202 – AMO Funding Formula and Gas Tax Funds Resolution of support

Resolution # 25/10/13/005

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

**WHEREAS** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria did receive and review the enclosed resolution of the County of Renfrew;

**AND WHEREAS** it too feels that AMO did not give adequate consideration to ensuring an equitable share of total funding giving a disproportionate share to the larger municipalities since they receive the new funding as well as annual shares of the provincial gas tax funds;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE** Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the County resolution adopted September 25, 2013 and joins in lobbying AMO to review its preferred funding model and bring forward a fair allocation of provincial gas tax revenues for all municipalities in Ontario;

**AND FURTHER THAT** AMO report on all 411 municipalities identifying how much each municipality would receive in the new Small, Rural and Northern Municipalities' funding using their methodology;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated for endorsement.  
Carried Unanimously

## 13. CLOSED SESSION – none

## 14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION – not applicable

## 15. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- i. Councillor Gibson – now abandoned rail-line – Boat launch Road crossing area is much too high to be safe. Now that the rail way is gone; that area should be cut down; notify CP that the area is unsafe, that if they are not willing to cut it down, we will make the repairs.
  1. Further, the Pine Valley crossing is dangerous with rails still in the ground but lifted; potential to get stuck in plow over winter road maintenance. This crossing needs repair prior to freeze up.

## 16. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Resolution # 25/10/13/006

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Grills

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2013-23 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on October 25, 2013 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 25/10/13/007

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Grills

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 15:03h. to meet again Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 14:00 h.

Carried Unanimously

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Reeve – Tammy Lea Stewart

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Clerk – Melinda Reith