

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

**Minutes December 5, 2013**

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 09:04 h. in Council chambers.

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Bob Reid

Staff: Melinda Reith, Clerk, Noella LeBreton, Treasurer, 2 members of the public

**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. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- i. Report #05/12/13/1101 – Council participation in a Public Private Partnership with Azgard Corporation and Solar FIT program

Resolution # 05/12/13/001

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Antler

**WHEREAS** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria has considered the viability of entering into a public private partnership with Azgard Corporation for the installation and operation of ground mount solar arrays in each of Deux Rivieres and Mackey;

**AND WHEREAS** Council has reservations about the provincial governments Solar FIT program but does recognize that contracts are still to be awarded under this program and that participation in these projects would provide financial benefit for the residents of Head, Clara & Maria well into the future;

**AND WHEREAS** Council has completed its due diligence and has contacted other municipalities in Ontario where Azgard has completed solar projects and has had no red flags raised;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to proceed with working with Azgard Corporation in forming a new company for the sole purpose of applying for and proceeding with the Solar FIT projects, utilizing the services of the municipal lawyer as required, to proceed with participation in:

- 1. ~~\_\_\_\_\_ the proposed project in Deux Rivieres at 15% capital participation with ROI of \$340,000 over 20 years, plus an ongoing 15% interest in 500 kW of solar projects, without any risk or capital contribution on HCM's part;~~
- 2.   X   the proposed project in Mackey at 15% capital participation over 20 years, plus an ongoing 15% interest in 500 kW of solar projects, without any risk or capital contribution on HCM's part;
- 3.   X   the proposed projects in Deux Rivieres at   15   % capital participation;
- 4. ~~\_\_\_\_\_ the proposed project in Mackey at \_\_\_\_\_% capital participation;~~
- 5. ~~\_\_\_\_\_ a lease only option for the proposed project in Deux Rivieres;~~

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby authorize the clerk to complete the appropriate and necessary Zoning Certificates as required under the FIT guidelines.

Carried Unanimously

**Action:** Clerk to discuss with County solicitors to review contracts details including aesthetics, guarantees, company dissolution and EPA.

Resolution # 05/12/13/002

Moved by Councillor Antler and Seconded by Councillor Grills

**WHEREAS** capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Rules, Version 3.0.

**AND WHEREAS** Azgard Corporation (the "Applicant") proposes to construct and operate a Solar Project up to 500kW (the "Project") on LT 9 CON A HEAD; HEAD CLARA MARIA (PIN 57040-0006) (the "Lands") in the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria under the Province's FIT Program;

**AND WHEREAS** the Applicant has requested that Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria indicate by resolution Council's support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Property;

**AND WHEREAS**, pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 3.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in the Applicant being offered a FIT Contract prior to other Persons applying for FIT Contracts;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria supports the construction and operation of the Project on the Lands.

This resolution's sole purpose is to enable the Applicant to receive Priority Points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Project or any other purpose.

FIT reference number: _____ (The reference number must be inserted by the Applicant in order for the resolution to comply with the FIT rules, even where Local Municipal letterhead is used. This is not to be inserted by the Local Municipality.)
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Carried Unanimously

Resolution # 05/12/13/003

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Carried Unanimously

**5. CLOSED SESSION – none**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION - none**

**7. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- i. Councillor Grills – Happy to see this discussed at an open session meeting – important to keep as many meetings open as possible.
- ii. Councillor Antler – did they come to us? Councilor Gibson explained the situation. With input from Councillor Grills and Reeve Stewart.
- iii. Councillor Grills – webinar Tuesday, December 10. Councillor Antler and Reeve Stewart not able to attend.

**8. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS**

Resolution # 05/12/13/004

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2013-25 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on December 5, 2013 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution # 05/12/13/005

Moved by Councillor Grills and seconded by Councillor Antler

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 10:16h. to meet again Friday, December 13<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