

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

Minutes October 17, 2014

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, October 17, 2014 at 14:00 h. in the Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent/Regrets: Doug Antler

Late: n/a

Staff: Melinda Reith, Clerk, Noella LeBreton, Treasurer; 4 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;

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - None

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

- i. Council Minutes – September 26, 2014

Resolution # 17/10/14/001

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Grills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, September 26, 2014 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

- ii. Library Board Minutes – none

- iii. Recreation Committee Minutes – September 17, 2014 - information

6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS – none

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. John Yakabuski – Power Dam Payments – information

- ii. County Review – September – information

- iii. Liz Marshal – Ontario Landowner's email to municipal Council members-information

8. STAFF REPORTS

- i. Report #17/10/14/801 – Clerk's Report

Action: At the budget open meeting – include the list of reductions to income that HCM will see for the next few years – OPP Billing increases, OMPF decreases, Power Dam payment decreases, Special Funding increases.

- ii. Report #17/10/14/802 – Treasurer's Report - none

- iii. Report #17/10/14/803 – Reeve's Report – none

- iv. Report #17/10/14/804 – ROAR Conference – Watters, Grills, Balla-Boudreau

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- i. Cheque Log

Resolution # 17/10/14/002

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Log dated September 13, 2014 to October 14, 2014 totaling \$603,750.70 Report #17/10/14/901 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

ii. Comparative Income Statement

Resolution #17/10/14/003

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Comparative Income Statement from January 1, 2014 to October 14, 2014, Report #17/10/14/902 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

10. BY-LAWS - none

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS)

i. Report #17/10/14/1201 – Water Softener Report

Resolution #17/10/14/004

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS water systems are an allowed use for Gas Tax Funding;

AND WHEREAS our service provider has recommended the current water softener be replaced with a model which is more efficient and will produce a better product.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to spend up to \$3,500 (plus HST) of Gas Tax Funding for replacement and installation of a new water softener for the hall/office facility.

Carried Unanimously

ii. Report #17/10/14/1202 – Allocate Previous Year's Surplus

Resolution # 17/10/14/005

Moved by Councillor Gibson Seconded by Councillor Grills

WHEREAS an audited surplus for 2013 resulted in over \$60,000 of which \$43,000 was comprised of HST rebates due to increased spending for the hall expansion and will not normally be repeated;

AND WHEREAS recent announced and planned cuts to provincial funding along with increased fees for services will result in increased costs for the municipality over the next 3-4 years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to allocate \$60,000 to a "Transition Reserve" to be segregated to offset transfer payment reductions and increased costs of policing being down loaded from the province.

Carried Unanimously

iii. Report #17/10/14/1202 – Elected Official And Senior Leadership Training

Resolution # 17/10/14/006

Moved by Councillor Grills Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS elections will bring new Council members to the table;

AND WHEREAS returning Council, new Council and staff would all benefit from up to date training;

AND WHEREAS our municipal neighbours have been contacted and are interested in participating;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to organize and host municipal training through AMCTO to a maximum cost of \$2,000.

Carried Unanimously

iv. Report #17/10/14/1202 – Tax Payment Extension Agreement

Resolution # 17/10/14/007

Moved by Councillor Grills Seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS the Municipality currently has a vacant property which is in a tax sale position;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize the Clerk and Treasurer to enter into a Tax Payment Extension Agreement in order to facilitate the payment of back taxes stopping a tax sale.

Carried Unanimously

13. CLOSED SESSION – none

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION – n/a

15. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

16. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Resolution # 17/10/14/008

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Grills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2014-16 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on October 17, 2014 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

17. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 17/10/14/009

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Grills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 14:42 h. with the new Council to meet on Friday, December 5, 2014 at 14:00 h.

Carried Unanimously

Reeve – Tammy Lea Stewart

Clerk – Melinda Reith