

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

Minutes June 20, 2014

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, June 20, 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: Doug Antler, Jim Gibson, Debbi Grills and Bob Reid.

Absent/Regrets:

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. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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

- i. Council Minutes – May 23, 2014

Resolution # 20/06/14/001

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, May 23, 2014 be accepted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

Action: Clerk to correct dates on resolutions from May meeting which were not changed from the April template.

- ii. Canada Day Minutes – May 20, 2014 – information
- iii. Canada Day Minutes – June 9, 2014 – information

6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS – not circulated

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Town of Deep River – re: Regional Police Services - information
- ii. Town of LaSalle – re: support for National Energy Strategy - information
- iii. Sierra Club Canada – re: Northern Gateway - information
- iv. AMO – re: New Building Canada Fund - information
- v. Central Algoma Joint Disaster Relief Committee – re: thank you for your donation - information
- vi. AMO – re: Thank you for resolution in respect to rural schools - information
- vii. Hon., Rona Ambrose, Minister of Health – re: Alzheimer's National Strategy - information

8. STAFF REPORTS

- i. Report #20/06/14/801 – Clerk's Report

Action: Newsletter – repeat the office hours in all Newsletters until further notice.

Action: Website – include the Landowner's Budgeting and Taxation PP presentation on the website when time allows.

Resolution # 20/06/14/002

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS funds exist in deferred revenue remaining from a provincial roads grant for special projects of \$159,000 received in 2008;

AND WHEREAS the projects involving the spreading of stockpiled asphalt on Dunlop Crescent and Cotnam Road fall under the allowed projects for this grant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to transfer up to \$20,000 of that deferred revenue to be used in 2014 for these special projects.

Carried Unanimously

ii. Report #20/06/14/802 – Treasurer’s Report

iii. Report #20/06/14/803 – Reeve’s Report –

1. Gary Sims will contact the office and set up a meeting upon his return from vacation in August.
2. Meeting cancelled – Healthy Communities meeting will be rescheduled after summer break.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

i. Cheque Log

Resolution # 20/06/14/003

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Log dated May 15, 2014 to June 17, 2014 totalling \$87,233.90 Report #20/06/14/901 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

ii. Comparative Income Statement

Resolution #20/06/14/004

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Grills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Comparative Income Statement from January 1, 2014 to June 17, 2014, Report #20/06/14/902 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

10. BY-LAWS - none

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

i. Report #20/06/14/1101 – Municipal Waste Management Shared Services Centre of Excellence and By-Law 2014-10

Resolution # 20/06/14/005

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS staff have worked through months of discussion to come up with a pilot project which will provide core services for the group of municipalities involved funded through the Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF);

AND WHEREAS it seems that the CIF might be willing to fund first year operations to test the pilot project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to work with the existing group and move forward to establish a joint Centre of Excellence that provides services in accordance with the identified core activities of Waste Management;

AND FURTHER THAT Council provides its approval to apply for further financial support from the CIF to assist with start-up and operations during the first year of the Centre of Excellence and does hereby adopt by-law # 2014-10 authorizing same.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #20/06/14/006

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2014-10 being a by-law to formalize the authorization of entering into a Continuous Improvement Fund application with area municipalities be read a 1st time short and passed this 20th day of June, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

ii. Report #20/06/14/1102 – Support for Resolutions

Township of Muskoka Lakes calling for a review and correction of the Land Titles Electronic Registry System at the sole expense of the Ministry of Government Services

Resolution # 20/06/14/007

Moved by Councillor Antler and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS The Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria did receive and review the resolution of the Township of Muskoka Lakes calling for a review and correction of the Land Titles Electronic Registry System at the sole expense of the Ministry of Government Services;

AND WHEREAS electronic errors are causing financial challenges for our ratepayers and residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council hereby supports this resolution and requests that the province work towards correcting the errors which occurred during the transition from paper based to electronic database especially as they relate to rights-of-way and land ownership in cottage country.

Carried Unanimously

The province is reviewing the current formula for police costing. Bill Vrebosch, Mayor of East Ferris would like endorsement for his appointment to this committee to represent municipalities of under 5000 population.

Resolution # 20/06/14/008

Moved by Councillor Antler and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS the province has taken steps recently to review the proposed police funding formula and is working through a new committee entitle the Province's Future of Policing Advisory Committee;

AND WHEREAS it is extremely important that small rural municipalities are adequately represented;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the appointment of Bill Vrebosch, Mayor of the Municipality of East Ferris to this committee to represent the municipalities "under 5000 population" group;

Carried Unanimously

A request from the Ontario Forest Industries Association to lobby the provincial government to rethink their 24% cuts to forest roads.

Resolution # 20/06/14/009

Moved by Councillor Antler and Seconded by Councillor Grills

WHEREAS Council has received and reviewed the letter of the Ontario Forest Industries Association in respect to the Liberal budget cuts to funding of provincial forest roads;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby endorse the sending of the letter attached to their request for support and requests that the Liberal government rethink these cuts.

Carried Unanimously

12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS)

- i. Report #20/06/14/1201 – Overnight Camping and Fire at Old Mackey Park for Canada Day

Resolution #20/06/14/010

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Antler

WHEREAS Council has authorized overnight camping and the use of a small fire for previous Canada Day Celebrations at Old Mackey Park;

AND WHEREAS similar activities are planned for 2014's celebration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize overnight camping and small fires in contained pits for the historical demonstrations and food displays at Old Mackey Park for Canada Day purposes only.

Carried Unanimously

- ii. Report #20/06/14/1202 – Banking Changes

Resolution # 20/06/14/011

Moved by Councillor Antler and Seconded by Councillor Grills

WHEREAS the proposed changes will benefit the municipality in savings of time and money, increasing rates of return on bank balances and reducing costs of printing cheques;

AND WHEREAS benefits will also include conveniences for staff in creating cheques as well as receiving pay;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to:

1. Change the existing ScotiaConnect Bronze bank account plan to the Cash Management Light plan with the 3 accounts and add an additional user to the plan;
2. Sign up for EFT Payments;
3. Switch the Treasury account to the Power Savings for business account.

Carried Unanimously

Action: Treasurer to compare and review banking options/packages with other banks by the end of 2016.

- iii. Report #20/06/14/1203 – Provincial Policy Statement Review by County - information

- iv. Report #20/06/14/1204 – Canada Day Breakfast

Resolution # 20/06/14/012

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Antler

WHEREAS Council has provided funds for Recreation programming for 2014;

AND WHEREAS volunteers have stepped up to organize and hold a fundraising breakfast to be held on Sunday, June 29;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize the use of facilities and funds to purchase supplies to run the fundraising breakfast.

Carried Unanimously

13. CLOSED SESSION – none

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION – n/a

15. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- i. Councillor Gibson – objected to mandatory septic tank inspections, June 11
Ottawa Citizen – testing in Southern Ontario – Queen's University –

- contamination from septic tanks questioning of source/methodology;
Municipalities to be vigilant about quality of tests.
- ii. Councillor Grills – any response concerning provincial awards programs as advertised in the Newsletter. None this year.
 - iii. Councillor Antler – question from Charles Cheeseman’s presentation at Landowner’s meeting – where to go for land severance and for additional information; staff do provide some advice but need to rely on the County for full support and decisions.
 - iv. Councillor Gibson – volunteer to contact organization for Clara’s Big Ride – no response.
 - v. Reeve Stewart – Alpha Conference – Diabetes, health and medical issues. Brought brochures – stickers toll free number – dietician, medical issues; will leave in the office.

16. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Resolution # 20/06/14/013

Moved by Councillor Antler and Seconded by Councillor Grills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2014-09 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on June 20, 2014 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

17. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 20/06/14/014

Moved by Councillor Antler and seconded by Councillor Grills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 15:05 h. to meet again Friday, July 18, 2014 at 14:00 h.

Carried Unanimously

Reeve – Tammy Lea Stewart

Clerk – Melinda Reith