



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

Minutes of March 21, 2019

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION – Let us take a moment of silent reflection to contemplate in our own way the responsibility we have to collectively use our skills and experience to ensure the mutual long term benefit of our Municipality and those we represent.

2. ROLL CALL – The following persons were present: Mayor Debbi Grills, Councillors: Chris Dowser, Fran Kelly-Chamberlain, and Ernie Villeneuve.

Staff: Crystal Fischer, Interim Clerk/ Interim Treasurer, members of the public.

Consultants:

Absent/Regrets: Melinda Reith, Clerk/CAO; Noella LeBreton, Treasurer; Councillor Brent Allen

3. RECITAL OF THE MUNICIPAL MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS - Councillor Kelly-Chamberlain

HCM Mission: At your service; working effectively to bring together people, partnerships and potential for a strong, connected community.

HCM Vision: Providing a healthy, connected and sustainable community teeming with possibilities for our citizens now and into the future.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Pecuniary Interest applies to you if it applies to clubs/organizations you are involved in, your employer, or activities of your children, parents or spouse.

Resolution No.:21/03/19/006

Moved by Councillor Kelly-Chamberlain and seconded by Councillor Dowser

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria does amend the agenda to have item 11 dealt with after the Mayor's report and to include an in camera session.

Carried Unanimously

5. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

i. Greg Bowes, Northern Graphite Mines – See notes on page 4.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (INCLUDING COMMITTEES)

Resolution No.:21/03/19/001

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve and seconded by Councillor Dowser

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meetings of council of February 21, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Minutes for information only -

- Library Board Minutes

February 6, 2019

- Recreation Committee Minutes

February 20, 2019

7. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

Petitions - none

Correspondence

i. OPP- News Release

Action: Clerk to include in spring newsletter.

ii. Town of Newmarket – Bill 66

iii. County of Renfrew – By-Law 119-18

Action: Clerk to create letter of support for next meeting.

iv. Hydro One - Right Of Way Vegetation Management

v. Town of Renfrew- Forest Life Expo

vi. Bell Canada – Lease Renewal

Late Correspondence

i. AMO Gas Tax

ii. AMO- Federal Budget 2019

Action: Clerk to look into funding opportunities and deadlines for Energy Efficiency Funding for lighting upgrades.

iii. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – 2018-2019 Unconditional Payment

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

9. STAFF REPORTS

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Report 21/03/19/1001 – 2019 Draft Working Budget

Action: Clerk to contact representative from ORNGE Air to meet and review contract and requirements of clearing.

11. BY-LAWS

• Report 21/02/19/1102 – By-Law 2019-05 Boudreau Severance Development Agreement - amended

Resolution No.:21/03/19/003

Moved by Councillor Kelly-Chamberlain and seconded by Councillor Villeneuve

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2019-05 being a by-law to adopt a Development Agreement with The Estate of Edmond Boudreau be read a second and third time passed.

Carried Unanimously

Note: A consensus was formed that a private road agreement will not be required from the Townships.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS)

• Report 21/03/19/1301 – FCC AgriSpirit Fund

Resolution No.:21/03/19/002

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve and seconded by Councillor Kelly-Chamberlain

WHEREAS Farm Credit Canada (FCC) is accepting applications for funding of up to \$25,000 for projects that enhance lives or contribute to sustainability in rural communities;

AND WHEREAS Council, Staff and stakeholders have identified capital and efficiency concerns that may qualify for remediation through this funding opportunity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria does authorize staff to submit an application for funding of up to \$25,000 to the FCC AgriSpirit Fund for capital and sustainability upgrades.

Carried Unanimously

• Resolution to Regulate the Use of the Algonquin Trail

Action: Clerk to look into by-law created by County; there may be a clause that states it is in effect unless municipality creates own by-law.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No.:21/03/19/007

Moved by Councillor Dowser and seconded by Councillor Kelly-Chamberlain

WHEREAS the Municipal Act allows for closed meetings under Section 239;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting go into an in camera session at 8:42 p.m. to discuss personal information about identifiable individuals and client-solicitor information.

Carried Unanimously

15. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No.:21/03/19/008

Moved by Councillor Dowser and seconded by Councillor Kelly-Chamberlain

WHEREAS Council went into closed session to discuss personal information about an identifiable individual and did review confidential information;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting come out of closed session at 9:11 p.m. and that the public portion of the meeting continues.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution No.:21/03/19/009

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve and seconded by Councillor Kelly-Chamberlain

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria does hereby authorize staff to proceed with contracting with E4M to provide a service review.

Carried Unanimously

16. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Resolution No.:21/03/19/010

Moved by Councillor Kelly-Chamberlain and seconded by Councillor Dowser

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria does donate one fleece HCM sweater and canvas bag to the CWL Bingo Fundraiser for the Sarrazin family.

Carried Unanimously

A member of the public has brought the condition and need for repair of Harvey Creek Road to the attention of a member of Council. Council voted in favor to have Mr. Gibson address Council on the matter, who stated that there is no imminent danger coming from the condition of the road. It is the old rail bed, and was deeded to the municipality. Long term solution would be to purchase the land and move the road. There is a 110 foot allowance.

Action: Clerk to look into current status of Harvey Creek Road and options going forward for Council's consideration in budget.

17. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Resolution No.:21/03/19/004

Moved by Councillor Kelly-Chamberlain and seconded by Councillor Villeneuve

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2019-07 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

18. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No.: 21/03/19/005

Moved by Councillor Kelly-Chamberlain and seconded by Councillor Dowser

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 9:24 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, April 25th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

MAYOR

CLERK

Northern Graphite Deputation – Greg Bowes:

Hunt Camps- none currently in the area. One has been purchased and relocated; the other is off to the side and can be moved with assistance from Northern Graphite if the owners wish.

Road allowances will be used for mining, tailing etc. not necessarily a road. They should be considered to be more like an imaginary survey line on a map. The townships own the surface rights to the road allowances, but there aren't actually any roads that ATVs or other vehicles are currently using.

Landfill sites – will be an increase in regular garbage only – not to do with mining operations other than increased garbage due to employee and daily operation use.

8-10 trucks per day – is that 100 percent capacity? Yes at this time.

Big concern for people who want to use the area for hunting and fishing – one hunt camp has been purchased and they have relocated. There is only one other camp, which is not on the mine property, that can still be accessed or Northern Graphite will assist with relocation if the property owners wanted. Not a prime location to hunt and fish to begin with. There only restrictions that Northern Graphite will implement would be due to safety reasons.

Northern Graphite needs \$100 million in investments in order to start operations– how long will that take? NG cannot guarantee this - could be this year could be never.

Natural gas- will be trucking it in? Yes compressed natural gas.

What about a pipeline? They are expensive to build upfront, less to run long term. Trucks are less expensive to purchase up front are more to run in long run. Pipeline may happen at some point not in early years.

Timber off township road allowance - One of the permits that Northern Graphite will have to get is to remove timber. OVFA will have first takes on that if approved, and will most likely harvest the timber. There is the possibility to make agreement with local logging to remove timber.

Maintenance on Bissett Creek Road –It will be the same people as now; forest access road. Most will not be opposed to making it better. It may be better before operation but not necessarily after.

Noise issues – mainly from drilling and blasting, hauling and loading. Also, grinding operations to reduce the size of rock; the grinding operation will be inside the building but pressure will be vented outside creating noise and dust concerns. The ventilation system will cause noise.

50 tonnes of rock is needed to make one tonne of graphite.

Snowmobile Club – the trail runs alongside Bissett Creek Road on kilometers 3 – 7. Assurance about snowmobile trail – guarantee/ensure that access continues, Northern Graphite will not stop or restrict that, trails will continue to be used.

Thank you to Mr. Bowes. The decision to acquire or lease the unopened road allowances will come back to Council in April.