

CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

April 18, 2008

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, April 18, 2008 at 14:04 h. in Council Chambers.

The following were present: Reeve Tammy Lea Sonnenburg, Councillors: Dave Foote, Jim Gibson & Robert Reid

Absent – Councillor Aiston

PECUNIARY INTEREST –None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETINGS – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 1

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Gibson **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, April 4, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried

DEPUTATIONS –none

CLERK'S REPORT (For information only)

- Correction requirement for prayer or moment of silence prior to meeting not in Municipal Act but in all training materials and parliamentary procedure books – decided not to amend by-law
- Signed fire agreement has been received, will prepare to rescind existing by-laws and plan for disposal of surplus materials ASAP
- Fire GPS and radios for use for Roads - currently in truck
- FYI – summary of meeting with Trillium representative - grants and requirement for energy audits depicting current usage, modifications and estimated results; the need for engineered plans prior to grant completion and submission
- Recent Employee Training – Wilfred to Smith Falls supervisor training and traffic control, Ruth for PSAB, me Grants

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Resolution # 2

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Journal entries numbered J117 – J219 printed April 14, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Report and resolutions Prepared)

1. AMO Building Canada Fund request for support

Resolution # 3

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS the Federal Government announced its intention to negotiate the Building Canada Framework Agreement with the Government of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Building Canada Framework Agreement has funding components for municipalities of all sizes with \$3.1 billion earmarked for Ontario's municipal government;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has signed six (6) of 13 framework agreements with Canada's other provincial and territorial governments;

AND WHEREAS Canada and Ontario have been holding discussions on the Building Canada Framework Agreement since late last year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria respectfully request that the Governments of Canada and Ontario make a commitment to renewed, dedicated negotiations that will see a Building Canada Framework Agreement signed expeditiously so that Ontario's municipal governments can benefit from additional investment opportunities that a collaborative Canada-Ontario contribution agreement can bring to their significant infrastructure needs.

Carried

2. City of Ottawa – re: province to share portion of MPAC costs as they relate to collecting education taxes – support by letter
3. City of Port Colbourne – re: province to support financing for changes for accessibility under O. Reg. 429/07 – support by letter
4. Family and Children's Service – re: opportunity to present to Council on funding deficit in Renfrew County – send letter of support with request for direction
5. North Frontenac et al. – re: exemption for small municipalities for PST

Resolution # 4

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS current Federal/Provincial policy allocates funding for some of their programs to municipalities on a per capita basis using permanent residents only while the influx of seasonal residents in many of the smallest rural municipalities continue to add pressure to already inadequate infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS approximately 274 municipalities in Ontario have populations of under 10,000 and do not qualify for some of the funding that is available to the large urban municipalities with larger tax bases (Transportation and Transit Funding);

AND WHEREAS there have been many previous calls for the consideration by the province of the exemption from Provincial Sales Tax (PST) by municipalities and other forms of revenue sharing that have been supported by this Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria do hereby support the enclosed resolution of the Townships of North Frontenac, Addington Highlands, Greater Madawaska and Lanark Highlands and request that to be fair and equitable the Province of Ontario exempt, at the very least, all Ontario municipalities with populations under 10,000 from paying PST to assist with supporting infrastructure and operating costs in small rural municipalities that cannot be reasonably sustained through property taxation.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, MPP John Yakabuski, to the Official Leaders of the Opposition in the Province of Ontario and to the Premier of Ontario.

Carried

6. North Frontenac et al. – re: gas tax funding made permanent and include seasonal populations in allocations

Resolution # 5

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria supports the move by the Federal Government to take steps to make permanent the Federal Gas Tax funding;

AND WHEREAS the current funding agreement between municipalities and the Federal government through AMO allocates funding on a per capita basis;

AND WHEREAS any allocation on a per capita basis fails to recognize the a great number of municipalities have a large percentage of their population that are seasonal residents, who are not captured by the census, whose presence although welcome, adds pressure to an already burdened infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the required investment in infrastructure in these small municipalities, even with the Federal Gas Tax Funding cannot be reasonably or meaningfully sustained through property taxes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria do hereby support the enclosed resolution of the Townships of North Frontenac, Addington Highlands, Greater Madawaska and Lanark Highlands and request that the Federal and Provincial Governments base the Federal Gas Tax (and other Federal and Provincial funding) transferred to municipalities based on year round population (both permanent and non-permanent) which would include seasonal residents (i.e. per number of households as well as year round residents).

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), MPP John Yakabuski, MP Cheryl Gallant, the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, and to the Prime Minister of Canada.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE - (Information Only - Please advise if you feel any item warrants further consideration)

1. AMO Alert – re: Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment Program Plan and Sony Canada
2. Warden Visneskie and Reeve Emon – re: Crown Land compensation
3. MMAH – re: budget surplus allocations

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Permission for Construction - Old Mackey Park (Report and Resolution prepared)

Resolution # 6

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS the local Catholic Women's League has requested permission to construct a gazebo type structure at Old Mackey Park that will provide shelter and will house the bell removed from the Church in Stonecliffe.

AND WHEREAS the bell that will be the focal point of the structure was originally from the Church in Mackey and will be returned to the original town and Church site;

AND WHEREAS the project will not require any resources of the municipality as all materials and labour will be donated;

AND WHEREAS the plans and location for the structure will be approved by our Chief Building Official and municipal staff;

AND WHEREAS the structure will benefit all users of the Park by providing both history and shelter;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does grant permission for the Catholic Women's League to have constructed a gazebo type structure in Old Mackey Park that will house the bell from the Catholic Church that was located on the old town site.

Carried

2. Veteran's Committee - Request for Free use of Hall and Grounds on Saturday, August 16, 2008 (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 7

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS the Veteran's Memorial Committee has requested use of the Township Hall and grounds for the unveiling of their second plaque on Saturday, August 16, 2008;

AND WHEREAS in the past Council has provided free use of the Township Hall and grounds for similar events;

AND WHEREAS that date is available and demand is negligible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does grant permission for the Veteran's Memorial Committee to use the Township hall and grounds for their festivities on Saturday, August 16;

AND FURTHER THAT permission is hereby granted to close Township Hall Road to vehicular traffic in front of the memorial site for that day.

Carried

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 8

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole from the meeting of April 11, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried

2. Visitor's Centre

Councillor Foote attended Visitor's Centre meeting. Request use of fire pump (mark 3 and hose) and radios for static display purposes for 9 weeks that the centre is open. Place on next committee meeting for discussion. \$1000 annual fee - last year of contract. Price not likely to change. New contract will need to be drawn up and signed. Challenge hiring summer students. Will open up to included senior high-school students. Grant applications being applied for to subsidize staffing costs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Request from Veteran's Committee for funding (report and resolution prepared)

Resolution # 9

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS the Head, Clara & Maria Veterans' Memorial Committee has requested funding from the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria for a second plaque and ceremony;

AND WHEREAS in 2007 Council committed to underwriting \$4,000 and only ended up paying \$1,877 for the tent rentals;

AND WHEREAS the committee has committed to performing additional fundraising in 2008 to offset the expenses realizing that this may be more difficult than last year as many people have already donated to this cause;

AND WHEREAS the committee deems it important to hold a similar ceremony for the families of the people to be mentioned on this second plaque;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does commit to underwriting the Veterans' Memorial Committee to the amount of \$4,105 to be used toward the costs of a new plaque and a 2008 ceremony.

Carried

2. Requirements for Engineered Plans

Resolution # 10

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS it has been previously determined that the Municipal Garage requires extensive repair or replacement and the Township Community Centre requires retrofitting to increase energy efficiency and meet accessibility requirements;

AND WHEREAS our CBO has informed us that in order to construct public buildings under the Building Code we are required to have properly "engineered" plans;

AND WHEREAS any plans that are obtained may be used by the municipality in any year and if funding is not available in 2008 may be used in subsequent years;

AND WHEREAS both the federal and provincial governments post funding through grant processes with short lead time demanding that the projects be "construction ready";

AND WHEREAS we do not have qualified personnel on staff to properly draft specifications that will meet government approved requirements for both the Building Code and any energy efficiency grant programs;

AND WHEREAS the County may be in a position to offer some assistance but does not have an engineer on staff;

AND WHEREAS it is important to begin the process of planning the garage structure to ensure that the construction can commence in 2008, should the project be approved;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria do hereby authorize staff to initiate a process for engineering the design of a new municipal garage and retrofits to the municipal community centre to ensure that the information is available when it is needed knowing that even if the build does not take place in 2008 the return on investment will be realized in the future.

Carried

BY-LAWS (Reports and Resolutions Prepared)

1. 2008-10

Resolution #11

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2008-10 being a by-law to establish rules governing the proceedings of Council, the calling of meetings and the conduct of members be read a 1st and 2nd time.

Carried

2. 2008-10

Resolution #12

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2008-10 being a by-law to establish rules governing the proceedings of Council, the calling of meetings and the conduct of members be read a 3rd time short and passed.

Carried

3. 2008-11

Resolution #13

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 2008-11 being a by-law to adopt the 2008 municipal operating budget be read a 1st and 2nd time.

Carried

4. 2008-11

Resolution #14

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 2008-11 being a by-law to adopt the 2008 municipal operating budget be read a 3rd time short and passed.

Carried

5. 2008-12

Resolution #15

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 2008-12 being a by-law authorizing receipt and use of the 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment funds announced by the Province be read a 1st and 2nd time.

Carried

6. 2008-12

Resolution #16

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 2008-12 being a by-law authorizing receipt and use of the 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment funds announced by the Province be read a 3rd time short and passed.

Carried

7. 2008-13

Resolution #17

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 2008-13 being a by-law consenting to the sale of 149 Dunn Street, Barry's Bay, Ontario by the Board of Health of the Renfrew County and District Health Unit be read a 1st and 2nd time.

Carried

8. 2008-13

Resolution #18

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 2008-13 being a by-law consenting to the sale of 149 Dunn Street, Barry's Bay, Ontario by the Board of Health of the Renfrew County and District Health Unit be read a 3rd time short and passed.

Carried

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Recycling update– Letters sent to commercial operators re: brainstorming session – update on efforts of Dowsers and cooperation with recyclers to exchange barrels and work together to increase volume of material recycled from Pine Valley businesses and residents.
2. Councillor Reid – Questioning the absence of a photo of the current Reeve and regalia/chain (to recognize head of Council) **Action:** Clerk to do research on tradition/cost etc. and bring back to council.

ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 19

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 15:12h to meet again Friday, May 2, 2008 at 14:00 h.

Carried

Reeve- Tammy-Lea Sonnenburg

Clerk – Melinda Reith