

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

February 1, 2008

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, February 1, 2008 at 14:04 h. in Council Chambers.

The following were present:

Reeve	Tammy Lea Sonnenburg
Councillor	Ed Aiston
Councillor	Jim Gibson

Absent - Councillor Dave Foote

Late - Councillor Robert Reid -14:09 pm

PECUNIARY INTEREST -None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Addition of *Retail Business Holiday Act* Report to New Business

Resolution # 1

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Gibson **WHEREAS** the issue before us requires a time sensitive response; **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the *Retail Business Holiday Act* report be added to the agenda under New Business.

Carried

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETINGS – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 2

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Aiston **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, January 25, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried

DEPUTATIONS - none

CLERK'S REPORT (For Information Only)

1. Question about vacation entitlement –admin issue, not sure why at Council – we have a formal policy to deal with questions and/or complaints from the staff – it should be followed, otherwise, why bother having them. Further, each time something about an identifiable individual is brought up at Council it should be in closed session otherwise its public knowledge. Did the staff member wish it to be?
2. Septage – I contacted MOE (whose responsibility this is) and was told that we have a licensed disposal site within our municipality behind the cell phone tower in Mackey on Boudreau property. If we required a copy of the certificate he could forward it to us.
3. EcoTec and request for comments – due to time constraints (both of the consultants and myself) I contacted the project coordinator for additional direction prior to completing Council's request and was told that they are looking for issues of significant impact such as large construction projects that would rely on timely transportation (such as the pipeline extension), environmental impacts or special interest groups that require specialized access such as bridges to provide safe passage for pedestrians or cyclists (or turtles). They are not interested in the inconvenience that construction will cause motorists – that's a given.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 3

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Gibson **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** in order to meet the current requirements imposed by our outside auditor, the Journal Entries J1 – J39 dated January 28, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE - (Information Only)

1. AMO Alert – re: Support for FCMs Call to Intergovernmental Action on Housing and Homelessness

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Retail Business Holiday Act* Report

Resolution # 4

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Aiston

WHEREAS we have received a request to grant authorization for a local "Agency" store to remain open on the newly designated Family Day statutory holiday;

AND WHEREAS is has been determined that we do not have the proper by-law in place or the time to make a revision to a by-law if one did exist granting an exemption;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria authorizes the Clerk to advise Mr. Yates that we are not in a position to grant an exemption for the opening of his "Agency" store for the upcoming February 18, 2008 Family Day;

AND FURTHER THAT we will consider the issue in more detail and consider designating the municipality a tourism area in order to grant an exemption from the *Retail Business Holiday Act* for all statutory holidays.

Carried

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Agenda and Format for Public Meeting

Resolution # 5

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS Council has determined that a public review of the Volunteer Wildfire Service and options for the provision of fire coverage to the ratepayers of the municipality is warranted;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria hereby accept the amended agenda and format for the public meeting to be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008.

Carried

BY-LAWS (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 6

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2008-01 being a by-law to provide for interim tax billing for 2008 be read a 1st and 2nd time.

Carried

Resolution # 7

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2008-01 being a by-law to provide for interim tax billing for 2008 be read a 3rd time short and passed.

Carried

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Councillor Aiston - Date for budget meeting. Clerk explained that it will be in March. Will set a specific date at Feb 15 meeting.
2. Councillor Aiston – Request for addition of item for future agenda – Recycling as it relates to campgrounds and businesses.
3. Councillor Reid - Have running boards for disposal site vehicle been ordered? Clerk explained that a request for quotes for steps has been requested. Have not received a response.

ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 8

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Gibson **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 15:06 h. to meet again Friday, February 15, 2008 at 14:00h.

Carried

Reeve - Tammy-Lea Sonnenburg

Clerk – Melinda Reith