

CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

September 21, 2007

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, September 21, 2007 at 14:00h. in the Council Chambers.

The following were present:

Reeve	Tammy Lea Sonnenburg
Councillor	Jim Gibson
Councillor	Robert Reid
Councillor	Ed Aiston

Late – Councillor Foote

PECUNIARY INTEREST None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved by general consent.

MINUTES

Resolution # 1

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Gibson **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, September 7, 2007 be accepted as presented.

Carried

DEPUTATIONS - none

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- WSIB – all volunteers that are requested by an authorized representative of the municipality to act under an emergency that has been declared by the head of council are covered. We are required to register these individuals for our own purposes – we are not obligated to submit registration information to WSIB however; we should maintain any documentation in case of audit. At year end a reconciliation is completed by Treasurer – at this point the volunteers will be included and compensation made to WSIB. Obviously, in the event of a claim, notice would already have been made to WSIB.
- JEPP equipment and use for purposes other than emergencies. Philippe advised that we could use the generators to power the office – it is an emergency if not a “declared emergency”. **Action** - Is now a matter of policy to be discussed at Committee.
- Electrical work to adapt panels – are we going ahead? Not budgeted for? **Action** - Obtain quotes to proceed with work. Request a quote for work on installing proper switches in the garage as well.

Councillor Foote arrived at 2:11

- Municipal GIS forum - new rules for GEOSmart mapping program – recommend that we enter into an information sharing agreement with MNR – no cost to join – **Action** – Clerk to review the document and provide for next meeting, we will not have complete access to Geosmart if we do not enter the agreement.
- CBO and training for compliance with the Fire Code – what are we willing to pay for?
 - OFMO – retrofitting buildings – apartments/motels/restaurants
 - 5 days – stay free – cost of course \$ + transportation (Gravenhurst) **Action**: Bring back to committee at Budget time.
 - OBOA – new building – occupancy other than dwellings
 - 5 days – course \$345 + transportation (Bancroft) + accommodation

Resolution #2

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Foote **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality cover the CBO’s OBOA “new building course” expenses for course registration and travel.

Carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Resolution #3

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the budget report dated September 13, 2007 be accepted as presented.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Cheryl Gallant – re: OVR - info
2. Ministry of Labour – re: reply to letter on minimum wage -info
3. AMO Alert – re: paper on “Poverty and the Property Tax Burden in Ontario” - info
4. L1 – Township of Stirling-Rawdon – re: ODRAP - info
5. L2 – Smiths falls – re: property tax system – **Action** – Clerk to prepare resolution for next meeting
6. L3 – OGRA –Board Meeting – **Action** – Clerk to prepare a resolution against truck speed limiters – need to vary speed to gather momentum to make hills– otherwise block traffic. What happens when vehicle travels to other jurisdictions with increased speed limits? How is it possible to enforce when vehicles from other jurisdictions will not be equipped giving them an unfair advantage? There are other methods of enforcing the speed limit – should focus on those. Copy to the MTO, OGRA, Mr. Yakabuski, Ontario Tuckers Association, and the Transportation Minister.

NEW BUSINESS

Internet Access – Broadband and BRAVO – **Action** – Clerk to contact the company currently installing in Deep River and Laurentian Hills with intent to extend coverage to our area – request a presentation to Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Building Official Report – no unusual items. Update on Foote/Fischer property, no new actions by CBO.

Committee of the Whole

Resolution #4

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the recommendations and all decisions of the Committee of the Whole be accepted as presented in the minutes dated September 14, 2007.

Carried

Library Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Resolution #5

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS, during the LSR (Local Service Realignment) process, costs of certain programs were downloaded from the province to municipal governments in exchange for the province assuming 50% of the costs of education;

AND WHEREAS these transfers were to be revenue neutral;

AND WHEREAS it has transpired that the costs of these downloaded programs were not revenue neutral and in fact have become an added burden on our ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS provincially mandated programs should be wholly funded by provincial revenues and not by municipal property taxes;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria support the City of Cornwall and request that the Province of Ontario resume the responsibility for 100% of the costs of all provincially mandated programs, including, but not limited to: Court security costs, Social Assistance, ODSP, Ontario Drug benefits, child care services and child care facilities.

Carried

- North Bay Fire Vehicle – Value of \$13,750; Fire volunteers recommend that an offer of \$7,500 be made for the North Bay Fire Truck as is prior to any equipment being removed.

Resolution#6

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Foote **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality offer the City of North Bay \$7,500 for their surplus 1990 GMC fire vehicle.

Carried

BY-LAWS - none

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Councillor Foote – new dump hours – HHW confirmed from 9 -12 Sat. Sept. 22/07.

Joint Committee – 19:00 h not 19:30 h as on agenda.

Physician Recruitment Committee meeting to be scheduled for October.

Referendum Question – can we have someone come to further explain the question?

Action: Clerk to contact Elections Ontario/ Referendum Commission to arrange public meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #7

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 15:08 h. to meet again Friday, October 12' 2007 at 14:00 h.

Carried

Reeve – Tammy Lea Sonnenburg

Clerk – Melinda Reith