CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

September 7, 2007

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, September 7, 2007 at 13:58h. in the Council Chambers.

The following were present:	Reeve	Tammy Lea Sonnenburg
	Councillor	Dave Foote
	Councillor	Jim Gibson
	Councillor	Robert Reid
Absent:	Councillor	Ed Aiston

PECUNIARY INTEREST None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Foote report on generators to Reports of Committees – Emergency management.
Unfinished Business – auto-ex
New Business – defibrillators
Report of Committees – physician recruitment
Approved by general consent.

MINUTES

Resolution # 1
Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, August 24, 2007 be accepted as presented.
Carried

DEPUTATIONS - none

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- Yellow tanker - $463/year valid until 31 October – do we renew? Yes.
- Statement of Claim – will keep you up to date
- LAS-Municipal Services Agreement – retainer of $600 – recommend we enter this agreement – will prepare for next meeting – prepare for next meeting
- Adobe updates – well worth cost, effective, time efficient – will proceed with purchase of software
- Nuclear Emergency Management Exercise – Thursday, October 18/07 – Reeve Sonnenburg to attend
- WSIB – no definite reply concerning coverage for volunteers

FINANCIAL REPORTS - none

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Township of Tyendinaga – re: Municipal void in Land Claim Negotiations – support by letter
2. AMO Alert – re: Province uploading Ontario Drub Benefit and ODSP - info
3. AMO Alert – re: Report to Members from Board Meeting - info
4. AMO Alert – re: Social Housing Concerns - info
5. AMO Alert – re: Long Term Care and Public Health Grant Allocations - info
6. AMO Alert – re: Program for Small Water Systems in Ontario - info
7. Correctional Services Canada – re: request to proclaim Restorative Justice Week 2007 - info
8. Canadians Against Substance Abuse – re: request for support - info
9. L1 – AMCTO - re: Legislative Update - info
10. L2 – City of Cornwall – re: Cost of Downloading Provincially mandated programs – prepare resolution for next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- OVTA Renewal

Resolution #2
Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Reid
WHEREAS it is time for renewal of the Ottawa Valley Tourism Association (OVTA) membership;

AND WHEREAS Council finds value in using this vehicle to promote the municipality as a tourism destination;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria agree to purchase membership and a feature ad for a total of $275 from the OVTA.
Carried

- Defibrillators – we will receive a defibrillator – will place in the hall; County will provide training.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Emergency Management

Resolution #3
Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Gibson **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the recommendations of the Emergency Management Committee:

1. That the minutes of the Emergency Management Committee and all decisions made at that meeting be accepted as presented.
2. That the supply boxes be updated.
3. That the Community Hazard Profile be updated to reflect the work completed by this EMC and include simply: Transportation Accidents – road/passenger; Windstorm – tornado, microburst, lightening storm; Forest Fire; and Severe Winter Weather – snowstorm, blizzard, ice, sleet, and prolonged period of freezing temperatures.
4. That a solar panel, to be affixed to the outside wall, be purchased to charge the battery on the generator.
5. That an electrician be contracted to modify the electrical panels in the Township Hall so that further utilities could be operated from the second generator.

Be accepted.
Carried

Report from Councillor Foote – generators. Huckabone contacted, existing fuel tank is gravity fed with a return line. Alterations are not recommended due to size of existing tank, its corresponding run time and its transportability.

Physician Recruitment – Reeve Sonnenburg asked at Economic Development if there were recent updates – nobody currently taking responsibility for the continuation of this group – spoke with the hospital administrator who has agreed to contact interested parties to reassemble the committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 911 Advisory Board Resolution

Resolution #4
Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS The Ontario 9-1-1 Advisory Board was formed at the request of Ontario Municipalities; and

WHEREAS it is now in great need of financial assistance in order to continue to represent our ratepayers in the face of ever-increasing technological advancement; and

WHEREAS technological advancement and deregulation of the local telephone market makes it necessary to represent municipalities and ratepayers at the Canadian Radio Telecommunication Commission (CRTC) and the CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee (CISC) on a regular basis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria contributes $100.00 to the Ontario 9-1-1 Advisory Board in order to allow it to continue to advance the safe delivery of a 9-1-1 system for police, fire and ambulance emergency services in our municipalities and throughout the Province.
Carried

- Volunteer Program for Municipalities

Resolution #5
Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Gibson
WHEREAS volunteers are an important component of any community;

AND WHEREAS our Township has limited resources to assist in emergencies;

AND WHEREAS we have been calling on our residents to be active volunteers within our community;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to provide protection to those volunteers while they are in our service;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria purchase Municipal Volunteer Coverage from our current insurance providers for a cost of $750 flat rate for the year, commencing September 7, 2007 for the purposes of protecting municipal volunteers.
Carried

- Report From Meeting with Fred Dean, Municipal Solicitor – refer to next Committee of the Whole

- Library Board Appointments

Resolution #6
Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS under the *Public Libraries Act*, 1990, section 9. (1) "a public library board shall be composed of at least five members appointed by the municipal council".

AND WHEREAS two seats on the Library Board are vacant;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Joyce Aiston and Linda Chartrand be appointed members of the Township Public Library Board effective immediately.
Carried

- Auto-ex vehicle – vehicle not ready yet, will arrive in October; from Mayor Aikens – vehicle is gratis;

BY-LAWS - none

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question about status of negotiations with North Bay fire department and its vehicle.
Answer: Discussion in process, North Bay Chief is attempting to have the vehicle removed from surplus status so that disposal process might be more favourable for us. Councillor Gibson will keep us up to date.

Question: Councillor Reid was approached by a ratepayer wanting to know why the township office was closed during a recent power outage. Ratepayer was told that any official complaint would need to be addressed to Council and in writing. Councillor Reid then continued by explaining that this ratepayer knew that we had generators, why weren't we using them?
Answer: Clerk explained that the generators were for emergency management purposes, that they were to power the office and EOC in a declared emergency. They were not to power the office during regular outages. Clerk also asked why, like the laptop and projector, this equipment couldn't be used when needed, in situations other than declared emergencies or specifically for emergency management purposes acknowledging that the equipment was purchased with JEPP funding. Are there restrictions? Or was this simply past practice? Clerk will look into the use of emergency management generators for short-term power outages for the office.

Yvan Strachan attended at the office, made a request to address council in reference to the cemetery – Council agreed by general concensus that he could be heard.
Mr. Strachan wanted to make sure that we understood that there were no incumbency rights for further use of that land as a cemetery, that the letter he received from the province through our lawyer led him to believe that there was a possibility of future interments. We assured him that the municipality has no intention of allowing additional burials. Discussed continued maintenance. After Mr. Strachan excused himself, Council discussed what actions could be taken to ensure that there is no further use of this property as an active cemetery. Clerk agreed to add this item to next week's Committee agenda.

Reeve Sonnenburg overview with her meeting with Cheryl Gallant.

- OVR and fires along the tracks. Cheryl suggested we speak with the MOE that they might have some concerns.
- Who owns the railway, OVR or CP? Not sure.

- Suggested we send letters to MOE in reference to ties along the line.
- Councillor Gibson to tabulate number of fires and costs.

Next Tri-Council Meeting - October 23, 2007 Deep River, 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #7
Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Foote **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 15:08 h. to meet again Friday, September 21st at 14:00 h.
Carried

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Reeve – Tammy Lea Sonnenburg Clerk – Melinda Reith