

**July 20, 2012**

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, July 20, 2012 at 14:00 h. in the Township Hall.

**1. CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following were present - Reeve Tammy Stewart, Councillors: Jim Gibson, Debbi Grills and Robert Reid.

Regrets: Councillor Dave Foote

Staff: Melinda Reith, Clerk; approximately 7 members of the public and the media were present.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF –none**

**4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS** - Brian McNall and Lorraine McKenzie – Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce – Notes to follow minutes. Brian and Lorraine left at 14:22.

**5. ADOPTION of MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETINGS (INCLUDING COMMITTEES)**

**i. Council Minutes – June 15, 2012**

Resolution # 20/07/12/001

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Grills

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, June 15, 2012 be accepted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

**ii. Council Minutes – Special- July 9, 2012**

Resolution #20/07/12/002

Moved by Councillor Grills and seconded by Councillor Gibson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the special meeting of Monday, July 9, 2012 be accepted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

**6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS – None**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i.** Cheryl Gallant – re: Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund grant application – extend hall/library specifically for increased use during emergency – cancellation of JEPP program;

**Action:** Clerk to complete application for funding.

- ii.** Deep River and District Hospital – re: Physician Recruitment Incentive Invoice for 2012/13 - information

- iii.** Renfrew County re: Water Response Team and Level I Drought - information

- iv.** Municipal Policy Bureau – re: OAPSB Fall conference – as per last paragraph, ask for them to come to us

**Action:** Clerk to arrange meeting with OPP to explain costing.

- v.** Durham Region – re: Source Water Protection Plans and request for increased provincial responsibility – resolution of support for next meeting;

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- vii.** Town of Minto – re: Source Water Protection Program and request for Provincial assistance – include with Durham resolution;

- viii.** AMO – re: AMO's Post Budget Submission on Finance and Economic Affairs – information;

- ix.** Sudbury Region – re: Request for a National Dementia Strategy – support by letter;

- x.** Mayor's Coalition for Affordable, Sustainable, Accountable Policing – re: request for membership and/or Financial support - information

- xi.** MMAH – re: amendments to the Budget Bill affecting changes to arbitration - information

- xii.** Municipality of Lambton Shores – re: Health Concerns and proximity to Electromagnetic Radiation from Cell Towers - information

- xiii. CTV Ottawa – re: Liability and Serving of Alcohol - information
  - xiv. Norfolk County – re: Establish South Western Ontario Development Fund – support by letter;
  - xv. S. Freeman, County Caucus –re: AMO Summer Board Meeting report - information
  - xvi. AMO – re: Emergency Preparedness and Cancellation of JEPP program – support by resolution with request for support from local municipalities
  - xvii. AMO Watch File – re: Fiscal Federalism and Why Municipal Leaders Should care - information
  - xviii. Tillsonburg – re: Business Tax Capping Reform - information
  - xix. Municipality of Grey Highlands – re: Request for support for reimbursement of legal costs from the province due to it's court challenge to clarify sections of the *Green Energy Act* – support by resolution for next meeting
  - xx. Norfolk County – re: Policing costs and service levels and delivery methods – support by resolution for next meeting
  - xxi. Ontario Property and Environmental Rights Alliance – re: Endangered Species Information bulletin - information
  - xxii. Minister of Natural Resources – re: response to support for AECL - information
  - xxiii. Environment and Land Tribunals Ontario – re: response to ARB Costs Rules - information
  - xxiv. Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce - re: creation of a combined Tourist Information Centre and Museum highlighting the History of Nuclear Science and Technology in Canada –
- Action:** Reeve and Clerk to attend meeting in August
- xxv. L1 – Minister of Finance – re: Provincial Compensation Framework post budget - information
  - xxvi. L2 – MMAH – re: Province's Collective Bargaining Expectations - information
  - xxvii. Renfrew County United Way – re: 211 Partnership a Success – information
- Action:** Clerk to advertise 211 in the next newsletter.

## 8. STAFF REPORTS

- i. Report #20/07/12/801 – Clerk's Report
- ii. Report #20/07/12/081- A – Clerk's Report from the AMCTO Conference
- iii. Report #20/07/12/802 – Treasurer's Report
- iv. Report #20/07/12/803 – Basic Emergency Management Training - Councillor Grills
- v. Report #20/07/12/804 – CBO Report
- vi. Report #20/07/12/805 – Reeve's Report – no written report submitted
  - 1. Reeve Stewart verbally commented on the Joint Council meeting and the effects of the Emerald Ash Borer on area. If located in the county, the plan is to shut the county down as it relates to wood products. The County is working to have that area reduced in size since the County is so large. Important to spread the word and not transport wood into or out of the municipality.

## 9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- i. Cheque Log  
Resolution # 20/07/12/003  
Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Grills  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Comparative Income Statement dated July 17, 2012 be accepted as presented.  
Carried Unanimously

- ii. Comparative Income Statement  
Resolution # 20/07/12/004  
Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Gibson  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Cheque log dated July 17, 2012, Journal entries J663 – J804 be accepted as presented.  
Carried Unanimously

## 10. BY-LAWS - none

## 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i. Report #20/07/12/1101 – Municipal Fire Ban Signs  
Resolution # 20/07/12/005

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Grills

**WHEREAS** Council has recognized the need for increased signage during this drought, Municipal Fire Ban and MNR Restricted Fire Zone;

**AND WHEREAS** the Emergency Management reserve contains funds sufficient for additional signage to be utilized to prevent a forest fire which is one of our identified hazards;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to remove up to \$5,000 from the Emergency Management Reserve to purchase additional fire hazard and Fire Ban signage for use within the municipality.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Gibson requested that a review of the “Fire Ban” process be undertaken over the winter months to determine if exemptions may be made for residents in the same manner as the campground operators. The by-law as written is discriminatory and allows exemptions for businesses that it does not allow residents. Can this be changed?

**Action:** Clerk to research criteria and review over the next months.

**12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS)** - none

**13. CLOSED SESSION** – Not required.

**14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION** – Not required.

**15. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- i. Councillor Reid spoke of the grant suggestion of funding the bridge at Deux Rivieres and explained that there is a plan with the MNR, OPG and ZEC to run a ferry to the Quebec side but it will be run out of Mattawa.
- ii. Councillor Reid asked why we were not getting calls from the MNR about fires in our area. It was explained by the Clerk that we never do; that we do not have any response capabilities so there was no need, that if there was a danger to residents or structures, we would be notified. Otherwise, notification would simply be too onerous. There is a web site that lists active fires and it has been linked through our “What’s New” page on our web site.
- iii. Further discussed legislated exemptions of Campgrounds during fire bans – which Bob Labre as Community Fire Safety Officer had already suggested changes to the equipment requirements list in the exemption form for 2013.
- iv. Councillor Grills asked if Reeve Stewart could provide for the next meeting a brief outline of all of the County committees that she sits on, and what is happening in each. Councillor Grills mentioned the fact that Reeve Stewart sat on the Board of Health Committee and asked about the flu clinic in the fall. Reeve Stewart reiterated the Clerk’s comments from the last meeting that this was likely something that should be requested from staff to staff through proper channels as opposed to a board level request.
- v. Councillor Reid asked what happened with the plaque or recognition for the contributions of the road super to this area. Councillor Grills explained that she has been busy but it has been learned that there have not been 20 consecutive years of full time service as was originally thought. She will follow up.
- vi. Councillor Reid asked if the Reeve should take the AMO Heads of Council Training. The Clerk questioned whether or not this had already been attended. Reeve Stewart did not believe that she did and said she would check it. No further comments were made.
- vii. Reeve Stewart questioned the use of “Thank You” letters to the volunteers for Canada Day and suggested a “volunteer appreciation day” to be held once during the year. That there was a volunteer week in May. It was clarified by the Clerk that the “thank you” letters after Canada Day were not sent to the volunteers but instead to those who donated prizes, money etc. No further direction was given to staff.

- viii. Councillor Grills commented on the definite demise of the rail line as read recently in the Pembroke Observer.

## 16. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Resolution # 20/07/12/006

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2012-21 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on July 20, 2012 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 20/07/12/007

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Grills

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 16:02 h to meet again Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 14:00h.

Carried Unanimously

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Reeve – Tammy Lea Stewart

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Clerk – Melinda Reith

### Chamber of Commerce Deputation - Notes

Brian and Lorraine gave an overview of the benefits, mission and purposes of a Chamber of Commerce in general and specifically this area's Chamber. Important aspects include opportunities for networking – monthly meetings of Deep River and Area Chamber as well and monthly business after hours.

Primary function to act as spokesperson for area business and professional community and to provide services that can be effectively utilized by membership and the greater community.

Deep River and Area Chamber has assumed some economic development responsibilities previously managed by John Walden including new signage to the waterfront in Deep River and the Business Directory.

Goal is to facilitate and promote a local museum/tourist information centre celebrating nuclear research in Canada and specific contributions from our area. Invited Reeve and Clerk to attend a preliminary meeting in August to further discuss this initiative with other local parties.