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

Minutes March 28, 2014

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, March 28, 2014 at 14:00 h. in the Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

The following were present Reeve Stewart Councillors: Doug Antler, Jim Gibson, Debbi Grills and Bob Reid.

Absent/Regrets:

Staff: Melinda Reith, Clerk, 3 members of the public.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF -

Pecuniary Interest applies to you if it applies to clubs/organizations you are involved in, or activities of your children, parents or spouse; – none

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - None

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

i. Council Minutes – February 24, 2014

Resolution # 28/03/14/001

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, February 24, 2014 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

- ii. Library Board minutes for information only
 - 1. January 13, 2013
 - 2. February 10, 2014 (Marlene Gibson, Library Chair available for questions and clarification)
 - 3. Operating systems on library computers is Windows XP does library need assistance since CAP grant has ended? Money is in IT and reserves.

6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS – not circulated

- i. Premier Wynne recognition of letter Mandatory On-site septic system inspections
- ii. Premier Wynne recognition of letter Feed-in Tariff program
- iii. 16 responses from various municipalities support for HCM's resolution Septic System inspections
- iv. 3 responses support for County level elections audit committee

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Jp2g Consultants Inc. and L2 from Morris/Theumen re: response to Council's letter of disappointment concerning the hall addition information
- ii. OPP Pembroke Detachment re: response to Council's letter requesting a communications protocol

Action: Clerk to arrange to have the Detachment Commander attend a council meeting to discuss this issue to change the issue to how long the road is going to be closed.

- iii. AMO re: Ontario cabinet shuffle information
- iv. Globe and Mail re: Ranked ballot voting information
- v. AMO Communication re: Provincial oversight of Municipal Government, Ontario Ombudsman - information
- vi. AMO Breaking News re: New Accountability ad Transparency Act for Broader Public Sector - information
- vii. Ombudsman re: MUSH Sector Accountability information
- viii. Autism Ontario re: flag raising April 2, 2014
- Action: Staff to raise the Autism Awareness Flag on April 2, 2014

ix. BeADonor – re: request to champion organ and tissue donor registration **Action**: Staff to insert information in Newsletter and on line

x. Valley EFAP – re: AGM – information

xi. The Mattawa Pool & Spa Design Center – re: request for letter of support **Action**: Councillor Gibson to stop to discuss the operation with Ms. Fortin to bring back to Council for further consideration

xii. MNR – re: Ottawa Valley Forest Annual work schedule - information

 xiii. Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – re: Emergency Management Compliance letter – information - Thank you Gayle Watters for our compliance.

xiv. AMO Communications – re: Prompt Payment Act, 2013 – information **Action**: Clerk to provide a resolution for the next meeting

- xv. Federal Ministry of Employment and Social Development Canada re: response to Council's letter concerning minimum wage information
- xvi. Family & Children's Services of Renfrew County re: sponsoring a week or more of summer camp information

xvii. North Grenville – re: closure of University of Guelph campus in Kemptville **Action**: Clerk to provide a resolution of support for the next meeting

xviii. County of Renfrew Development and Property – re: delegation to Council

xix. L1 – Ontario Forest industries Association – re: Stop Bill 83, SLAPP legislation **Action**: Clerk to provide a resolution of support for the next meeting

8. STAFF REPORTS

i. Report #28/03/14/801 - Clerk's Report

Resolution # 28/03/14/002

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid **WHEREAS** Smart Serve training is an excellent tool to educate the general public as well as those specifically wishing to work licensed events.

AND WHEREAS the training package has now been purchased by the municipality thereby reducing the cost of holding additional training;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to host a second SmartServe training session for a maximum of 10 individuals at a cost of \$225.00 plus handling. Carried Unanimously

Resolution # 28/03/14/003

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson WHEREAS water filtration and plumbing changes were necessary to ensure that our system was in compliance with the Small Drinking Water Systems legislation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to use the 2014 Gas Tax Funds to pay for the system installation and service.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution # 28/03/14/004

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid WHEREAS Council and staff met on March 27, 2014 and brainstormed ideas for recreational programming with the intent to hold a public meeting to obtain stakeholder input;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to hold a public meeting on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at

1:00 p.m. or 13:00 hours and directs staff to prepare and distribute a backgrounder and invitation to the public.

Carried Unanimously

- ii. Report #28/03/14/802 Treasurer's Report
- iii. Report #28/03/14/803 Reeve's Report none
- iv. Report #28/03/14/804 Councillor Grills Auto Extrication Committee

Extricate auto-extrication from vocabulary – North Renfrew Emergency Rescue Unit Management Board meeting in Deep River. Agreement is not being complied with. Present stands until it is re-written. No financial reports being provided. New chief Tenant business-like and professional.

Review existing agreement. Need for consistency in language, tense etc. Reference to "the Township". Wanted to change from dollar amount to a percentage amount. With no financial statements; HCM not willing to change.

Chief Tenant provided the MTO reports for 2013. It is a private document. Stats indicate that there have been 8 calls total, with 5 to HCM. The 5 show 4 single vehicle accidents with 1 multi-vehicle (8 vehicles). The 3 callouts in DR and LH resulted in a similar number of vehicles and drivers as our 5 calls.

In all call outs – only one extrication total. It is not an auto-extrication unit but a rescue unit performing: spill clean-up, traffic control, vehicle stabilization, and emergency first aid until paramedics show up. The sole extrication was due to a fatality; not lifesaving. All call-outs in HCM are for drivers from outside this area vs. all drivers in LH and DR call outs were local to those communities. Costs attributed to calls in HCM \$9,000 – DR and LH \$4,000.

When final agreement is reworded and presented, Chief may make a case for not being able to support an Emergency rescue unit to service HCM. Staffing issues leave the town (Deep River) without fire protection during call outs. The new Chief is trying to ensure that the Town meet long outstanding OFM recommendations. Staffing is an issue. Laurentian Hills will not respond up here for that reason as well.

It is my opinion that it is a Provincial highway, and the province should be taking care of it. It should be a matter of communication to OPP; in the event of any accident along our stretch of the highway, we don't have that service any longer.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

 i. Cheque Log
 Resolution # 28/03/14/005
 Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Log dated February 11, 2014 to March 25, 2014 totalling \$56,258.82, Report #28/03/14/901 be accepted as presented. Carried Unanimously

ii. Comparative Income Statement
 Resolution #28/03/14/006
 Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Comparative Income Statement from January 1, 2014 to
 March 26, 2014, Report #28/03/14/902 be accepted as presented.
 Carried Unanimously

10.BY-LAWS - none

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i. Report #28/03/14/1101 Support for Madawaska Valley re: Rural Elementary School closing
- Resolution # 28/03/14/007

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria received and discussed the resolution of the Township of Madawaska Valley 17-0212-13 adopted 02

December 2013 lobbying the province to reconsider the process of closure of rural elementary schools due to the negative effects on the communities and their children;

AND WHEREAS this Council agrees that the continued closure of rural schools has a long term negative effect on rural Ontario children, their families and their communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby support Madawaska Valley Council and calls on the province to reconsider its current process and review the long term ramifications of decisions being made today in the name of cost savings on the lives and futures of rural Ontario children, families and communities with a goal to reverse this path and find cost effective alternatives to providing education keeping rural schools which are vital to our communities open.

Carried Unanimously

ii. Report #28/03/14/1102 – Support for Stratford re: Province wide standards for Keeping of Exotic Animals

Resolution # 28/03/14/008

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria received and discussed the resolution of the City of Stratford adopted on November 12, 2013 concerning a request for provincial oversight on the issue of the keeping of exotic pets;

AND WHEREAS this Council agrees that provincially or federally created and enforced laws would provide a safer environment for all Canadians and also protect the animals themselves;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the resolution of the City of Stratford and joins in the request to petition the provincial and federal governments to implement standard rules to restrict the keeping of exotic animals to address health, public safety, animal welfare, environmental issues, and emergency responder awareness;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the appropriate ministers and administrators for attention and action.

Carried Unanimously

iii. Report #28/03/14/1103 – Support for Greater Madawaska – re: Support for AMO Approach to Gas Tax Sharing

Resolution # 28/03/14/009

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria did receive and discuss resolution #327-13 of the Township of Greater Madawaska concerning the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)'s position on the allocation of provincial gas tax funds and the Small, Rural and Northern Infrastructure fund;

AND WHEREAS traditionally gas tax funds finance public transportation and transit systems in approximately one quarter of Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Small, Rural and Northern Infrastructure Fund (SRNIF) according to AMO's allocation model includes sharing the \$100 million announced funds with many municipalities which also receive gas tax transit funding;

AND WHEREAS this Council believes that an equitable sharing of the gas tax funds and stricter eligibility to the SRNIF is only fair to ensure that smaller rural municipalities receive a representative and proportionate share of available funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council support the resolution of Greater Madawaska asking that AMO review their preferred funding model and bring forward a fair allocation of provincial gas tax revenues for all municipalities in Ontario reporting on the allocation for each municipality under current methodologies for both programs;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate ministries and organizations for support and action.

Carried Unanimously

iv. Report #28/03/14/1104 – Support for Joint and Several Liability Insurance Alternatives

Resolution # 28/03/14/010

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS the current joint and several liability insurance scheme has the potential to result in a municipality (or any insured) becoming up to 100% liable for damages awarded when co-defendant's are insolvent and unable to pay damages even when the municipality may only be 1% liable;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has been lobbied for some time to reform this legislation which it is finally doing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the positions of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Good Roads Association in recommending to the province that the preferred option would be to completely eliminate joint and several liability but failing to do that "The Combined model" be adopted to alleviate pressure currently put upon municipalities known as the "deep pocket syndrome".

Carried Unanimously

v. Report #28/03/14/1105 – Support for Town of Mulmer – MPAC Assessments on Buildings without Permits

Resolution # 28/03/14/011

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Antler **WHEREAS** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria received and discussed a resolution adopted by the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur on December 11, 2013;

AND WHEREAS this Council too acknowledges challenges with the timeliness of the current processing of reassessments through MPAC;

AND WHEREAS there is indeed some discrepancies in the treatment of properties on which construction occurs with a building permit and those constructed without permits specifically in the timeliness of assessment and the back dating of assessments resulting in lost revenue;

AND WHEREAS this system seems to penalize those who actually abide by current legislation and forgive those who do not;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree that it is inappropriate and unacceptable to not immediately and retro-actively assess a building that has been erected without a building permit for the current year and up to two prior years, based on construction date and occupancy, when this is the norm for building constructed with building permits in effect penalizing the law abiding citizens;

AND FURTHER THAT MPAC be requested to automatically and immediately re-assess all properties once the improvements/construction have been discovered and apply the resulting increase to the current year and for up to two previous years should it be provable that the construction had been completed;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate ministries and agencies for support and action.

Carried Unanimously

vi. Report #28/03/14/1106 – AMO – OPP Billing Steering Committee Update - information

Resolution # 28/03/14/012

Moved by Councillor Antler and Seconded by Councillor Grills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby accept the package from the AMO OPP Billing Steering Committee as information.

Carried Unanimously

12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS)

i. Report #28/03/14/1201 - Review of Council Honorarium By-Law

AND WHEREAS other than the number of meetings per month the existing Honorarium By-Law meets current needs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the per meeting compensation rate be amended to equal 1/16 of the available per meeting amount of compensation and therefore be set at \$112.03 per Council meeting with \$31.99 the rate per "outside" meetings for the 2014 calendar year;

AND FURTHER THAT By-Law Number 2007-08 be amended by:

- a. striking from the preamble "AND WHEREAS it is agreed that 30 is the regular number of meetings per year" the number "30" wherever it occurs therein and substituting therefore, in each case, the number "16"; and
- b. by striking from article 5. (c) "The per meeting rate will be determined by dividing the remaining 50% by 30 (the regular number of meetings) (\$1,600/30)" the number "30" wherever it occurs therein and substituting therefore, in each case, the number "16";
- c. striking the clause which states "a maximum of 3 paid absences will be allowed per council member per year".

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be retroactive to become effective January 1, 2014. Carried Unanimously

ii. Report #28/03/14/1202 – Support for Niagara Region and Electricity Rates Resolution # 28/03/14/014

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Antler

WHEREAS the province's recently released Long Term Energy Plan anticipates that consumers will face hydro rates that will rise by 42% over the next five (5) years;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Energy recently announced that past FIT prices are driving electricity prices higher and that changes to domestic content requirements for construction of future renewable energy projects are necessary to lower future electricity rate;

AND WHEREAS the recent auditor-general's report advised of extreme amounts of waste in the energy sector, particularly at Ontario Power Generation and Hydro One, due to high labour costs and generous public sector pension plans;

AND WHEREAS decisions including but not limited to the cancellation of gas plants in Ontario could cost taxpayers close to \$1.1 billion;

AND WHEREAS it is essential for the residents and businesses of Niagara to have access to affordable hydro to thrive and prosper;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the Regional Municipality of Niagara and call on Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to prevent these an any other rate increases from being implemented.

Carried Unanimously

iii. Report #28/03/14/1203 – Appoint committees
Resolution # 28/03/14/015
Moved by Councillor Antler and Seconded by Councillor Grills
WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the ratepayers of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria to be represented at various area committees that affect them and their

well-being;

AND WHEREAS it is by representation by members of Council on various Joint committees between the Town of Deep River, The Town of Laurentian Hills and the

United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria (and other municipalities) that ratepayers' participation is achieved;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals be appointed to the corresponding committees for the calendar year 2014 until after the first meeting of the new Council in 2014 or until replaced through a resolution of Council:

- Family Health Team Committee Reeve Stewart.
- Library Board Dave Foote.
- Joint Laurentian Hills, Deep River and Head, Clara & Maria North Renfrew Emergency Response Unit Management Board – Councillor Grills.
- Municipal Emergency Management Committee Melinda Reith, Clerk/CEMC, Noella LeBreton, Alternate CEMC, Gayle Watters, Administrative Assistant, and all members of Council.
- Community Policing Advisory Committee no appointee. Carried Unanimously

iv. Report #28/03/14/1204 – Support for Town of Aurora and Recall Legislation Resolution # 28/03/14/016

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Antler

WHEREAS there are few means to remove an elected official from office or hold them accountable for their actions other than through the election process which has now been stretched to four years;

AND WHEREAS significant damage can be caused in any four-year period should an elected official act to the detriment of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS it is not the most effective use of time for municipal representatives to police one another through Codes of Conduct and Integrity Commissioners;

AND WHEREAS the penalties which can be imposed through Codes of Conduct are relatively minor in nature and do little to repair damage caused;

AND WHEREAS there is a problem with Codes of Conduct and Integrity Commissioners being used solely for political purposes and not simply as a tool to address inappropriate behaviours;

AND WHEREAS Code of Conduct have proven ineffective as processes to inhibit or correct detrimental behaviour;

AND WHEREAS establishing and enforcing Codes of Conduct and employing Integrity Commissioners can be an expensive and inadequate endeavour;

AND WHEREAS the detrimental behaviour of some elected officials reflects poorly upon all elected officials, and the community, especially if the individual is not held accountable for the behaviour due to lack of appropriate tools;

AND WHEREAS it is incumbent upon all elected representatives to maintain a high standard of integrity and represent the municipality in a positive and effective manner;

AND WHEREAS Progressive Conservative MPP Randy Hillier has introduced a Private Member's Bill to introduce recall elections for provincially-elected officials but omits municipally-elected official;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the resolution and position of the Town of Aurar to request that the Government of Ontario seriously consider the implementation of recall legislation for municipally-elected officials;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to local municipalities for support and endorsement;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to every Member of Provincial Parliament in the province of Ontario in hopes that this serious issue is

addressed and actioned as soon as possible correcting this detrimental flaw in the current municipal elections process.

Carried Unanimously

Note: Let it be public record that due to his membership on the board of the Missing Link Snowmobile Club, that Councillor Antler is declaring a pecuniary interest in this issue and will refrain from participation in the discussion and vote.

v. Report #28/03/14/1205 – Missing Link Free Hall Use – Appreciation Dinner Resolution # 28/03/14/017

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Reid BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby grant the Missing Link Snowmobile Club free use of the Municipal Hall for their 2014 annual volunteer and landowner appreciation dinner.

Carried Unanimously

vi. Report #28/03/14/1206 - St. Patrick's Day Final Report

Resolution # 28/03/14/018

Moved by Councillor Antler and Seconded by Councillor Grills WHEREAS an ad hoc committee lead by the Balla-Boudreau's successfully organized and managed and St. Patrick's Day event attracting approximately 76 people and raising just over \$500 to be donated toward improvements at Old Mackey Park;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby accept the final report and budget and express appreciation for the efforts required to host this event on Council's behalf. **Carried Unanimously**

vii. Report #28/03/14/1207 - Support for Wollaston Township - Development on Private Roads

Resolution # 28/03/14/019

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Antler

WHEREAS many rural municipalities exist in Ontario outside of the GTA with thousands of acres of undeveloped lands;

AND WHEREAS the best potential for growth for many of these rural properties throughout Ontario and specifically in the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria is through tourism and recreational use;

AND WHEREAS many of these rural Ontario municipalities cannot afford to extend the existing network of municipally maintained roads to grant the necessary municipal road frontage to these lands as per the Provincial Policy Statement;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has indicated that they may not support policies that will permit new development to occur on the extensions of private roads, on new private roads or on unopened road allowance severely limiting the ability for growth in many rural Ontario municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the resolution of Wollaston Township and requests that the MMAH reconsider its policy direction regarding development on private roads and un-opened road allowances;

AND FURTHER THAT policies be developed to allow municipalities more autonomy to regulate their own development in ways that are appropriate for their specific area acknowledging that a one size fits all policy does not accurately reflect the needs of rural Ontario while meeting the needs of the GTA;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for action and support to the appropriate ministries, ministry personnel and municipalities. **Carried Unanimously**

viii. Report #28/03/14/1208 – Seguin Township – Ratepayer Letter Writing Campaign - Provincial OPP Billing Model

Resolution # 28/03/14/020 Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Antler **WHEREAS** the current OPP Billing Model being implemented will significantly increase rates for small rural areas such as Head, Clara & Maria;

AND WHEREAS the province has been made aware of the feelings of municipalities on both sides of this issue, those standing to improve financially and those standing to suffer;

AND WHEREAS efforts to involve residents in lobbying the province will if nothing else provide a much needed sharing of information to ratepayers and residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLED that the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to provide information to ratepayers requesting their support to ensure that the rural voice of Ontario is heard. Carried Unanimously

13. CLOSED SESSION - none

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION - n/a

15. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- i. Councillor Grills impressed with the presentation from Mr. Cuthbertson of the MNR at the Joint Council meeting, effectively expressed continued coverage for our area; Councillor Gibson – agreed that we will not see any change in service, that in the past, air support came from somewhere else, not Pembroke; good service in past, won't change much; Councillor Antler - that the MNR should share that same information with the public.
- ii. Councillor Grills spoke with Bruce Boucher Wednesday morning in Deep River where she was questioned about HCM's absence from a public health meeting held earlier that day. Why weren't we in attendance? The issue of Health transportation was spoken to. He noticed our absence as this was an issue Councillor Grills spoke about at the joint Council meeting the night before. Reeve Stewart did not receive notice of the meeting. The Clerk will contact DRDH representatives to make sure that our email address is included in future notices.
- iii. Reeve Stewart questioned the life of the Safe Food Handling certificates 5 year recertification.

16. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Resolution # 28/03/14/021 Moved by Councillor Antler and Seconded by Councillor Grills **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2014-03 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on March 28, 2014 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

17. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 28/03/14/022 Moved by Councillor Grills and seconded by Councillor Antler **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 15:48 h. to meet again Friday, April 25, 2014 at 14:00 h.

Carried Unanimously

Reeve – Tammy Lea Stewart

Clerk – Melinda Reith