

THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA
June 5, 2009

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, June 5, 2009 at 14:00 h. in Council Chambers.

1. CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

The following were present: Reeve Tammy Stewart, Councillors: Ed Aiston, Dave Foote, Jim Gibson, & Bob Reid.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – None

4. ADOPTION of MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETINGS (INCLUDING COMMITTEES) –

(Resolution Prepared)

a. Resolution # 05/06/09/001

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, May 15th, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried

b. Joint Economic Development Minutes , May 26, 2009 – information only

5. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - none

6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS - none

7. CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ONLY (Please advise if you feel any item warrants further consideration at a subsequent meeting.)

- a. Wallaceburg Disaster Relief Committee – re: request for donation - info
- b. Town of Fort Erie – re: Hospitals under Jurisdiction of Ombudsman - info
- c. AMO Alert – re: Comments on Long Term Care Homes Act Changes - info
- d. Town of Caledon – re: Support For Free Trade -info
- e. Town of Smith Falls – re: Public Libraries Increase in Funding from Province-send to the Library Board for their input
- f. Township of South Stormont – re: Dispatch of Fire with EMS -info
- g. Ministry of Natural Resources – re: Reference Manual Posted on Environmental Registry for Comments – info
- h. Ontario Property & Environmental Rights Alliance –re: Habitat Regulations from Endangered Species Act -info
- i. City of Pickering – re: Request to Stop Harmonization of PST & GST -Support by resolution at the next meeting
- j. McNab/Braeside – re: Request for Province to reverse Ontario Hydro Rate Increase Decision- info
- k. Town of Petawawa – re: Support for Continuation of Local Television – support by letter
- l. City of Ottawa – re: Involvement and Funding for appeal to OMB - info
- m. AMO Alert – re: Needle Safety Regulatory Review - info
- n. Petawawa Rotary – re: Assistance for Afghanistan Assistance Trust Fund -info
- o. AMO Alert – re: Province Passes Green Energy Act - info
- p. AMO Alert – re: Green Energy Act Regulation Posted on EBR for Comment -info
- q. AMO Alert – re: Signing of Memorandum with Union of Municipalities of Quebec -info
- r. AMO Alert – re: Push for Successful Implementation of Accessibility Standards and Employment Issues -info
- s. AMO Alert – re: Count Me In – Energy Conservation Community Challenge – info
- t. AECL – re: Update on NRU Reactor -info
- u. AECL – Information Bulletin – re: Review of Structure -info
- v. AECL – re: Restructuring on AECL - info
- w. AECL – re: NRU Status Report #6 - info
- x. Town of Hawkesbury – re: Protection of Canadian Businesses and Investments -info

8. STAFF REPORTS (For information only)

a. Clerk's Report – 05/06/09/001 Information and staff direction only

Letter that is worded in the strongest possible terms to express disapproval and disgust over the lack of information in a timely manner and the disregard of the people in the municipality. There was no information given to the municipality that would inform ratepayers of the dos and don'ts in relation to the spill of diesel fuel into the Ottawa River by a train derailment east of Mattawa. Send the letter to the government departments

involved in the clean up, OVR, MNR., Fisheries & Oceans, the east and west neighbouring municipalities, MPP and MP.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Cheque Register Report
Resolution # 05/06/09/002

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Foote **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Cheque Register Report to June 1, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

- a. Taxing By-law 2009-16
Resolution #05/06/09/003

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2009-16 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of the 2009 tax rates and establishing penalty and interest on overdue taxes be read and first and second time.

Carried

Resolution #05/06/09/004

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2009-16 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of the 2009 tax rates and establishing penalty and interest on overdue taxes be read a third time short and passed.

Carried

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS) (reports and resolutions prepared)

- a. Resolution #05/06/09/005 from Report # 05/06/09/002

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS amendments to our Council Compensation and Procedure by-laws provide for one Council meeting in each of July and August to allow for summer holidays;

AND WHEREAS all changes to our meeting schedule must be completed via resolution of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meetings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria shall be set as Friday, July 17, 2009 and Friday, August 7, 2009 with the regular schedule to resume on Friday, September 4, 2009

Carried

- b. Resolution #05/06/09/006 from Report # 05/06/09/003

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston

WHEREAS changes to fund accounting and differences in our accounting practises and those of our auditor have resulted in some inconsistencies;

AND WHEREAS these changes require the Gas Tax Funds (and all grants not yet utilized) being declared deferred revenue and not reserve funds and not being recognized until the year the funds are used;

AND WHEREAS in the past the Townships of Head, Clara & Maria have segregated the Gas Tax Funds in a reserve fund;

AND WHEREAS our reserves currently hold two funds entitled Fire Equipment Replacement and Fire Suppression (Wages) that are no longer required;

AND WHEREAS in order to reallocate these funds to current account needs the funds should be combined and renamed;

AND WHEREAS the names of some of the other funds are ambiguous and unclear;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in order to align our books with our auditor's financial reports the amount of \$7,197 be removed from Gas Tax Reserves and allocated to deferred revenue until such time as the funds are used;

AND FURTHER THAT the Fire Equipment Replacement and the Fire Suppression (Wages) funds be combined and renamed the Fire Contingency fund to be used for unusual costs incurred due to forest fires within the municipality or when the cost of our fire agreement with the MNR exceeds budgeted costs;

AND FURTHER THAT the attached list of Fund Names and Definitions be adopted for use by staff and Council to assist in clarifying and defining the use of the specific moneys in each fund as per the requirements of the *Municipal Act* and the Public Sector Accounting Board.

Carried

13. IN CAMERA OR CLOSED SESSION -none

14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- a. Canada Day preparation update – Bob Reid
Ideas for purchases to promote the area to prospective doctors

15. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

- a. Resolution # 05/06/09/007
Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Aiston
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2009-17 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on June 05, 2009 be read a first time short and passed.
Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)

- Resolution # 05/06/09/008
Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Reid
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 14:55 h to meet again Friday, June 19, 2009 at 14:00 h.
Carried

Reeve – Tammy Stewart

Clerk – Melinda Reith