

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

March 5, 2010

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, March 5, 2010 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 and Bob Reid.

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

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

(Resolution Prepared)

- Council Minutes

Resolution # 05/03/10/001

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, February 26, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried

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.)

1. The Corporation of the Town of Gravenhurst - re: request for Ombudsman jurisdiction over hospitals - information
2. Town of Arnprior – re: request for the county to take the lead in organizing a group to explore possible ways of saving the CP rail line -information
3. Wallowa Resources Community Solutions Inc. – re: stakeholder consultation for Certification of Ottawa Valley Forest, Inc. - information
4. Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario – re: Call for Nominations – Order of Ontario -information
5. FCM – re: Canada-US Agreement on Buy America -information

8. STAFF REPORTS (For information only)

- Clerk's Report – #05/03/10/201 – information only

Action: Clerk to prepare resolution for next meeting stating that the official municipal position is that the municipality does not want to have anything to do with the purchase of the abandoned rail line.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Report - #05/03/10/202 – Cheque Log

Resolution #05/03/10/002

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Log from February 01, 2010 to February 28, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

- By-law 2010-05 to authorize amendment to the Federal Gas Tax Funding Report #05/03/10/203

Resolution #05/03/10/003

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2010-05 being a by-law to authorize amendment to the Federal Gas Tax Funding Agreement be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

- By-law 2010-06 to adopt 2010 Annual Municipal Operating Budget Report #05/03/10/204

Resolution #05/03/10/004

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2010-06 being a by-law to adopt the 2010 municipal operating budget be read a first and second time.

Carried

Resolution #05/03/10/005

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2010-06 being a by-law to adopt the 2010 municipal operating budget be read a third time short and passed.

Carried

Resolution #05/03/10/006

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS our auditor report shows reserve balances for Landfill Closure and Post Closure amounting to \$109,160 for Landfill Closure with a breakdown for each site for Post Closure of \$32,500 for Deux Rivieres, \$75,000 for Bissett Creek and \$65,000 for the Stonecliffe site respectively;

AND WHEREAS current allocations are not in-line with these recommendations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in an effort to bring actual reserves into line with audited statements it is recommended that \$20, 840 be moved from the Landfill Closure reserve to the Landfill Post Closure reserve for Stonecliffe;

Carried

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (reports and resolutions prepared)

- Report #05/03/10/205 Lightening the Ecological Footprint in Algonquin Park

Resolution #05/03/10/007

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS there is some debate as to whether or not the implementation of the “Lightening the Ecological Footprint of Logging” in Algonquin Park is based on sound consultation;

AND WHEREAS The Township of Madawaska Valley and The County of Renfrew have both passed resolutions expressing concerns with recent provincial government actions association with Algonquin Park the threaten the local and regional economies;

AND WHEREAS they have expressed their desire for support for their position;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby request that the Province and specifically the Ministry of Natural Resources complete a full socio-economic impact assessment prior to any further government action.

Carried

- Report #05/03/10/206 Draft of Auto-Ex Agreement (for Joint Council meeting)

Resolution #05/03/10/008

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS a new North Renfrew Emergency Response Unit agreement has been drafted that meets Council's concerns;

AND WHEREAS there is a lone question remaining as to a funding formula split for capital costs amongst the three municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to sign the agreement on a fixed percentage basis of contribution for capital expenses of 14% for Head, Clara and Maria with 43% for each of the Towns of Laurentian Hills and Deep River.

Deferred to March 19, 2010 meeting

- Report #05/03/10/207 – Report on Children First and Closing Morrison School

Resolution #05/03/10/009

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS the group “Children’s First” presented additional information to Council at its meeting of Friday, February 26, 2010 and further supplied documents to support their opinion;

AND WHEREAS in August of 2009 the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria lobbied the provincial government to support the Community Schools Alliance and its request for a moratorium on school closures;

AND WHEREAS this “smart moratorium” has a goal of providing time for the Ministry, school boards and municipalities to work together to develop policies addressing issues such as planning for declining enrolments, a mutually agreed upon Accommodation Review Committee process, a review of funding to rural and small community schools and establishing a working relationship between municipalities and school boards that provides transparency and accountability;

AND WHEREAS it appears that the Renfrew County District School Board’s recent reassessment, decision to close Morrison School and relocate its students to Mackenzie High

School which has not been retrofitted to accommodate those students has been less than open, transparent or accountable;

AND WHEREAS the decision of the independent facilitator in 2005 was to maintain the separation of the JK-6 and 7-12 grades;

AND WHEREAS there is some question as to the fitness of the High School building to adequately accommodate a JK-12 population in its current condition;

AND WHEREAS funding for the necessary renovations is not currently available;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the Children First group in its search for transparency and accountability in the process utilized to support the School Board's decision;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Education request that the Renfrew County Public School Board allow public access to the information used to support the recommendation to close Morrison School including the written documents handed out at the three consultation meetings in Deep River; separate written reports of the three consultation meetings including the responses to the survey; and the rationale for concluding that Option 1 was the favoured choice of meeting attendees;

~~**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this Council does request the Minister of Education to appoint a facilitator, similar to and with the same power as the one appointed in 2005 for the same school, to investigate, report and make recommendations on the funding for Mackenzie High School and closing of Morrison School prior to any further action being taken to close the school.~~

Carried

Resolution # 05/03/10/009-A

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the last paragraph be deleted from resolution 05/03/10/009.

Carried

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

- Change of Meeting Date

Resolution # 05/03/10/010

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS the first regularly scheduled meeting of April falls on Good Friday, which is a statutory holiday;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Friday, April 2, 2010 be moved to April 9 & April 16 to the 23 and that notice be posted as per the Municipal Notice By-law.

Carried

13. IN CAMERA OR CLOSED SESSION - none

14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- NRT – CREATE website and push for AECL to be changed to a national lab. www.futurecrl.ca to sign a petition.
- Jim Gibson, conflict on March 11 will not be able to attend the Joint council meeting would someone be willing to read a prepared statement for him.

15. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Resolution # 05/03/10/011

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2010-07 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on March 5, 2010 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 05/03/10/012

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 14:52 h to meet again Friday, March 19, 2010 at 14:00 h.

Carried

Reeve – Tammy Stewart

Clerk – Melinda Reith