

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

**October 7, 2011**

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, October 9, 2011 at 14:00 h. in the Municipal Hall.

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following were present Reeve Tammy Stewart, Councillors: Ed Aiston, Dave Foote, and Robert Reid. Absent: Councillor Gibson.

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

**4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

At the request of Mr. McKechnie, who had a conflicting engagement, Council agreed to hear his deputation prior to the public meeting.

- i. Auto Extrication – Clayton McKechnie –The purpose of McKechnie’s deputation was to provide Council with additional information concerning the auto-extrication decision. He included a petition signed by residents in support of maintaining the agreement. His request was for Council to reconsider the decision it made on September 9, 2011. He wants Council to overturn that decision and he stated that with opting out of the agreement Council was unnecessarily putting the lives of all residents, families and visitors of HCM at risk.

Mr. McKechnie also took this opportunity to attempt to discredit the Clerk with numerous statements ultimately requesting her resignation or a request for her resignation from Council. While attempting to stop Mr. McKechnie from spreading complete untruths about events that had transpired and about me, the Clerk was told by the Chair to let Mr. McKechnie finish. The Clerk asked the Chair three times to stop or correct Mr. McKechnie but was hushed, the final time with the simple raising of her hand. At no time did Council correct Mr. McKechnie’s untrue statements; those directed at Council, their decision or at a municipal employee.

- 1. Report #07/10/11/402
- 2. Letter from Mr. McKechnie (substantially different from the content of his presentation. He did not leave a copy of his actual deputation with Council.)

Resolution # 07/10/11/002

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid

**WHEREAS** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria has obtained additional information concerning its decision to withdraw from the auto-ex agreement with Laurentian Hills and Deep River;

**AND WHEREAS** it has received and considered input from members of the public;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to:

- 1. \_\_\_\_ Stand by its original decision made at the meeting of September 9, 2011.
  - 2. \_\_\_\_ Reverse its decision and request that the Clerk contact the necessary partners to have its membership in the agreement reinstated.
  - 3.  Defer this decision to another date, specifically the meeting of November 18, 2011 to allow time for reconsideration.
  - 4. \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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Carried

**(The decision of this Council was indicated by placing a check mark beside the agreed upon option.)**

**ii. Waste Management – Public Meeting**

- 1. Report #07/10/11/401
- 2. Letter from Morning Mist
- 3. Letter from Gayle and Jim Watters
- 4. Statement from Debbi Grills (read at the meeting)

Summary of comments are included at the end of the minutes.

Resolution # 07/10/11/001

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Foote

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2011-21 be deferred for consideration until the second meeting of Council to be held in November of 2011.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a special committee be created by Council comprised of one or two Councillors, one representative of the general public and one representative of local commercial interests.

**SAID** committee shall make recommendations to Council on By-Law 2011-21 for consideration by Council. Said committee shall report to Council before the second meeting of Council in November, 2011.

Carried

At 15:38 Council took a break until 15:55.

Resolution # 07/10/11/001-A

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Todd Dowser, Debbie Grills, Councillor Aiston, and Councillor Reid be appointed to the committee to advise council on Waste management.

Carried

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

(Resolution Prepared)

### **i. Council Minutes**

Resolution # 07/10/11/004

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Reid

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, September 9, 2011 be accepted as presented.

Carried

### **ii. Minutes of Library Board Meeting June 27, 2011 – for information only**

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS – FYI only - documents not included**

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

- i. AMO - re: Fall and Winter Workshops - info**
- ii. County of Renfrew – re: Eastern Ontario Financial Sustainability Update Project - info**
- iii. County of Renfrew – re: Mayor McCallion and Conflict of Interest – info**
- iv. Late 1 – My FM – re: Radio announcement re fire safety - info**

## **8. STAFF REPORTS** (For information only)

### **i. Clerk's Report #07/10/11/801 – information**

- 1. Family Health Team –** Reeve Stewart has spoken with Larry Schruder who is to provide an update on the situation to Council as soon as possible. If he does not get back to us soon, request Reeve Stewart to follow up with him.
- 2. Auto-Ex and coverage –** Reeve Stewart stated that if at any time the issue of coverage on municipal roads had ever come up at a meeting of Council she would have stated that she was aware that our roads were covered. The Clerk's error in the Newsletter was shared by some but not all members of Council and would have been corrected.
- 3. Letter to the Editor –** correcting the implication that the person moving or seconding a motion champions the content. It was agreed that the letter not be sent as we had a representative of the NRT in attendance who agreed to mention this issue in her article.
- 4. Electronic Email notification –** Council agreed in principal so long as a disclaimer is included – Clerk to bring a resolution to the next meeting recommending this practise.

### **ii. Treasurer's Report #07/10/11/802 – information**

## **9. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **i. Cheque Log Report #07/10/11/901**

Resolution # 07/10/11/00

Moved by Councillor and Seconded by Councillor

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Cheque Log dated October 4, 2011 be accepted as presented.

Carried

## 10. BY-LAWS

### i. By-Law 2011-21 – Waste Management

Resolution # 07/10/11/005

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Foote

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law #2011-21 being a by-law dealing with the collection, removal and disposal of solid waste within the municipality of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria be read a 3<sup>rd</sup> time short and passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

Vote not taken, deferred to November meeting.

## 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### i. Report #07/10/11/1101 – Chapman Park Sale of Land

Resolution # 07/10/11/006

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Reid

**WHEREAS** 38805 Highway 17 known as Part Lot 14, Concession 9 Geographic Township of Head in the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria commonly known as Chapman Park was purchased in 1978 by the municipality for recreational use;

**AND WHEREAS** the demand for organized recreation within the municipality has diminished to the point of non-existence;

**AND WHEREAS** the original file including purchase and sale documents show no conditions on the property indicating free and clear ownership by the municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby declare the property at 38805 Highway 17 as surplus to municipal purposes and does hereby direct the Clerk to commence the process of sale of that property.

Carried

### ii. Report #07/10/11/1102 – Fees and Charges Schedule

Resolution #07/10/11/007

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Foote

**WHEREAS** it has been determined that the fees and charges listed in the Schedule A to By-Law 2011-20 are representative of the costs of providing the service;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to adopt Schedule A to By-Law # 2011-20 dated September 2011.

Carried

## 12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS)

### i. Report #07/10/11/1201 – Recorded Vote

Resolution #07/10/11/008

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Foote

**WHEREAS** the council of the United Townships of Head, Clara, Maria supports the notion of full transparency in all municipal affairs;

**AND WHEREAS** it is to the benefit of ratepayers to understand the position of individual members of council on various municipal topics;

**AND WHEREAS** it is to the benefit of council itself to have a record of each council member's position on various municipal topics;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria begin the process to amend the Procedure By-Law to make it standard procedure for all municipal council votes to be recorded votes where the vote decision is not unanimous.

Carried

### ii. Report #07/10/11/1202 – Borrowing Authority

Resolution #07/10/11/009

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Reid

**WHEREAS** certain employees have previously been authorized to borrow up to a maximum of \$5,000 at any one time for administrative purposes through a Visa Account and have set up pre-authorized payments for certain routine functions;

**AND WHEREAS** with Ruth's pending retirement Noella will have to assume all of the Treasurer's responsibilities and duties;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** for ease of transition that this resolution amend resolution Number 15/01/10/005 and the amount previously authorized for borrowing by Ruth Morin, Treasurer sharing that total with Noella Lebreton until such time as Ruth is no longer in the employment of the Municipality at which time the entire amount will be attributed to Noella;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Noella Lebreton is hereby authorized to assume the responsibilities of administrator for the Visa Credit Card Account.

Carried

**13. IN CAMERA OR CLOSED SESSION** - none

**14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS** - none

**15. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS**

Resolution # 07/10/11/010

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Aiston

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2011-23 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on October 7, 2011 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

**16. ADJOURNMENT** – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 07/10/11/011

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 16:30 h to meet again Friday, October 21, 2011 at 14:00 h.

Carried

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Reeve – Tammy Lea Stewart

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Melinda Reith – Clerk

### **Comments from Public Meeting on Waste Management By-Law**

- Heather McKechnie directed a comment to the Clerk stating that we should be working with the commercial operators and not insulting them.
- Todd Dowser
  - Active proponents of recycling
  - There are 2 components to this by-law that will increase diversion – bags and fees and Council does not have to do both
  - For them it's a logistical issue
  - It's a tax grab that clearly targets commercial with \$/bag
  - It all comes out of their pockets – with approximately 700 bags of garbage a year, they can talk about how much it costs
  - They provide a value to the community
  - They drive increased diversion
  - What do they do with black garbage bags?
  - How did we get from the public meeting a paper presented to where we are now? Was it magic?
  - Clarified that Madawaska Valley's program excludes commercial operators from the clear bag program.
- Ed Aiston
  - There was an extensive consultation process, Council has provided consultation. The by-law is for residents of all types – need to take it at face value.
- Melinda Reith, Clerk – explained to Mr. Dowser that although he seemed to be targeting his comments to me, the by-law was created at the request of Council, that public consultation had occurred on many occasions, that Council voted on it and he did not have to convince me of anything, I do not vote at the table.
- Debbi Grills

I would like to thank the council for the opportunity to comment on the suggested changes to our municipal waste bylaw.

I am sure that many of us recognize that change is required if we are to increase the longevity of our local landfill sites at Stonecliffe and Bissett Creek. I believe that was the purpose of this bylaw and in concept I support it fully. The area that concerns me is the implementation process and timeline. As they say, "the devil's in the details". To create

change, I feel that some pressure must be exerted but an equal amount of support is necessary for success.

I would like to see a longer period of time for the introduction of any changes, as well as a program developed for the continued promotion and education of all households in waste diversion. If we are going to keep unnecessary items out of our landfill we need to put some money into serious recycling initiatives. I feel that the HCM council must consider the situations of all stakeholders in the community from travellers, campers, hunt camp owners, business owners, and township workers to permanent householders if we are to maximize waste diversion. The township must also insist that those who use our facilities (Hall, parks etc.) adhere to the waste regulations that are in place for all residents.

Our local business owners and good neighbours take community involvement seriously and do require our consideration. Resort owners are taking the responsibility of the waste management for many households during the camping season. I would like to see some thought given to assisting the resorts in helping to improve the campers' recycling efforts. Let's help take some responsibility away from the resort owners and put it where it belongs – in the hands of the waste creators.

Because of these concerns and others that have been voiced I would like to ask council to postpone a final decision on this bylaw and to create a committee of stakeholders to further consider steps to achieve our goal of diverting as much waste as possible from our landfill.

Debbi Grills

202 Loon Valley Lane, Stonecliffe

- Sara Dowser
  - Agreed that these personal attacks should not happen. Explained the situation that they are in and not wanting to sort through someone else's garbage.
- Bruce Farnell
  - At Lakeview these rules will be difficult to enforce. You don't know how much we do! I'm not going to sort garbage! I don't have the time!
- Gayle Watters
  - I am for the by-law. Staff here do a good job. What I am upset about is how few people actually participate in the recycling program.
  - Explained that she has been to the site and viewed large bags of pop cans; that it is upsetting to see all kinds of materials that could have been recycling going to landfill.
  - If it doesn't stop the landfill will fill up quickly. Then we will have to ship our garbage. I spend my time washing our household garbage. I do it, my husband does it; why do so few others do it.
  - Expressed her willingness to sit on the committee.
  - She further expressed that the nastiness that is occurring in the municipality is personally upsetting. The people who are throwing the stones need to think about what they're doing. They are hurting families and friends.
- Bill Donnelly
  - Spoke about the large amounts of clear bags full of recycling he collected from one location in Deux Rivieres. Confirmed that some commercial operators hardly produce any recycling at all.
- Wayne Clouthier asked if and what Driftwood paid.
- Todd Dowser – will consider being a committee member.
- Bob Reid – Tom Clouthier has expressed to Bob that he had a problem with the bag limit and the cost / bag. He went on to say that Clouthier Bros. Farms have many properties, are they allowed to put out the allowed number of bags times those properties at their one location?
- Reeve Stewart – I voted against it and I will continue to vote against it.