

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

June 13, 2013

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 19:00 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 Robert Reid.

Staff: Melinda Reith, Clerk; Noella LeBreton, Treasurer; 7 members of the public were present.

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

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS – none

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

- i. Council Minutes – May 31, 2013

Resolution # 13/06/13/001

Moved by Councillor Grills and seconded by Councillor Antler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, May 31, 2013 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS (Correspondence received but not printed.)

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Kinouchepirini Algonquin First Nation – re: no longer willing to pay property taxes and exemptions

Action: Reeve to take to County Council

- ii. Minister Bob Chiarelli – re: Stronger Municipal Voice in Renewable Energy - information
- iii. Office of the Mayor – City of Pembroke – re: City/County Liaison Committee and CP Rail Corridor – update from Councillor Gibson - information
- iv. AMO – re: Municipalities and Waste Diversion - information
- v. The Power Place – re: Automatic Standby Generators - information
- vi. Deputy Minister Gherson – re: One call to dig system - information
- vii. Township of Ashfield, Colborne, Wawanosh – re: Liquor License Act and exempting Stag & Does - information
- viii. L1 - Todd Dowser, Morning Mist – re: OPG and Ottawa River water levels –

Action: Councillor Gibson to assist staff to draft letter to OPG requesting a response to the questions in Mr. Dowser's letter as well as other significant questions. Send letters to other communities/businesses further down river who have the opposite challenge with the fluctuations in the river. A larger voice may have a larger impact.

- ix. L2 - Brian Crane, Ontario Chief Negotiator, Algonquin Land Claim – re: update on role of municipalities and open letter to cottage associations - information

Action: Clerk to post both letters on line

- x. L3 – Cathy Balla-Boudreau/Canada Day Committee – re: request of members of Council to participate – members will participate

8. STAFF REPORTS

- i. Report #13/06/13/801 – Clerk's Report – information only;
- ii. Report #13/06/13/802 – Treasurer's Report – information only.
- iii. Report #13/06/13/803 – Reeve's Report – none

1. Monday – OPP stats; new officer coming in fall;
2. Tuesday - two new doctors to FH Team soon;
3. Health Committee at County – more comprehensive inspections on Long Term Care Homes; Need to hire more PSWs.

4. Social services committee – ribbon cutting in Arnprior.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

i. Cheque Log Report

Resolution # 13/06/13/002

Moved by Councillor Antler and Seconded by Councillor Grills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Log to June 10, 2013 be accepted as presented.
Carried Unanimously

10. BY-LAWS

i. By-Law 2013-16 – Mandatory Residential Sprinkler By-Law

Resolution # 13/06/13/003

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Antler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2013-16 being a by-law to make residential sprinklers mandatory in all new builds within the Municipality of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria be read a first and second time.

Defeated Unanimously

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS)

i. Report #13/06/13/1201 – Lobby for Change in Election of Head of Council

Resolution # 13/06/13/004

Moved by Councillor Antler and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria has discussed the situation of having few members of the public run for political office and losing a viable candidate in a contest for Head of Council;

AND WHEREAS in any contest there is only one winner with the non-elected candidates being refused a seat when they may have received more votes than some of those running for Council or where there were only 3 candidates for the 4 remaining seats on council;

AND WHEREAS a solution may be to amend current laws to allow all seats to be elected at large and have a Head of Council elected by the five members after the general election;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to lobby the province to request that they reconsider the existing election rules so that smaller municipalities may benefit from utilizing the services of the few interested individuals who run for Council who receive the most votes.

Carried

Recorded Vote

Antler	Yes
Gibson	Yes
Grills	Yes
Reid	No
Stewart	No

Action: Clerk to compile data – similar sized municipalities who regularly end up like us, with acclamations and limited numbers of interested individuals etc. Do you have any interest in pursuing this type of change?

ii. Report #13/06/13/1202 – Stonecliffe Boat Launch Clean Up

Resolution # 13/06/13/005

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Antler

WHEREAS members of the public have expressed concern with the rocks at the boat launch in Stonecliffe and the potential to severely damage boats;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes the potential for damage and would like to mitigate loss and liability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to consider a project during the 2014 budget deliberations to have the large rocks removed from the waterfront at this location during the spring when waters are low pending approval from regulatory bodies.

Deferred via the following resolution

Resolution #13/06/13/005-01

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to defer Resolution 13/06/13/005 until a later date.

Carried Unanimously

iii. Report #13/06/13/1203 – New Horizons Seniors Fund Application Approval

Resolution # 13/06/13/006

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria recognizes the benefits of funding opportunities and wishes to participate in the Federal New Horizons Seniors Funding program for 2013 with a total available grant of \$25,000;

AND WHEREAS the existing hall floor leveling and resurfacing are eligible projects;

AND WHEREAS a realized operating surplus of \$58,000 is available for reserves or unexpected projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to complete the application process for this grant recognizing and committing to a funding contribution by Council of approximately 1/3 of the total expense or \$8,000 - \$10,000 once final quotes are received.

Carried Unanimously

iv. Report #13/06/13/1204 - Sale of Surplus Land

Resolution # 13/06/13/007

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS staff has received a request from an adjacent landowner to purchase the small parcel of municipal land located across Logger's Road from the Community Centre;

AND WHEREAS this land is considered surplus to municipal purposes due to its location and size and is not a "buildable" lot as per the Municipal By-Law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby declare that the following lands surplus and that they be offered to Vic Richardson for the sum of \$1.00 and all survey, legal and appraisal costs: (1) Part Lot 26, Concession A, Head Township, known as roll #4798 015 13490.

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk is hereby authorized to sign all necessary transfer documents.

Carried Unanimously

13. CLOSED SESSION – none

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION – not applicable

15. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

i. Reeve Stewart – Congratulations to Mrs. Marlene Gibson, proud to have you as a member of our community.

1. Joint Council – no issues - defer to September

ii. Councillor Grills –

1. Railway cleanup. Spoke with resident at length re: challenges with creosote soaked poles. Storage of same.

Action: Council to send letter to CP asking for plan for clean-up and assurances that public health and safety are being considered in the material removal plan.

2. Signage for Old Mackey Park quite dated - budgeted for 2014 replacement.

iii. Councillor Gibson – CMS – cubic metres per second – flows of rivers. 400 cubic metres per second – size of this room;

16. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Resolution # 13/06/13/008

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2013-17 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on June 13, 2013 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

17. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 13/06/13/009

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 20:26 h to meet again Thursday, July 18th 2013 at 19:00 h.

Carried Unanimously

Reeve – Tammy Lea Stewart

Clerk – Melinda Reith