

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

**September 27, 2013**

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, September 27, 2013 at 14:03 h. in the Municipal Library.

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Regrets: Noella LeBreton, Treasurer

Staff: Melinda Reith, Clerk; 4 members of the public and 1 member of the media.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF –**

**4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS – none**

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

- i. Council Minutes – September 12, 2013

Resolution # 27/09/13/001

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Grills

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Thursday, September 12, 2013 be accepted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

- ii. Library Board minutes April 29 and May 27, 2013 – information only

**6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i. MPP Sylvia Jones – re: Private Member's Bill the *Aggregate Recycling Promotion Act* – information
- ii. Alzheimer Society – re: thank you for support of National Dementia Strategy - information

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

- i. Report #27/09/13/801 – Clerk's Report – information and direction

Resolution # 27/09/13/002

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

**WHEREAS** Council recognizes that the municipal website requires some upgrading and additional tools such as search features and drop down menus to simplify pages and improve access to information;

**AND WHEREAS** changes to a webpage must now meet the Accessibility standards as legislated;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council hereby authorizes staff to remove \$4,000 from the IT reserve fund to pay for updating the municipal website.

Carried Unanimously

**Action:** Clerk to send a message to the Community contact list – concerns what you like and don't like – what info you want most, links you would like to see. Feedback within a week.

- ii. Report #27/09/13/802 – Treasurer's Report – none due to vacation;

- iii. Report #27/09/13/803 – Reeve's Report – no written report provided prior to meeting;

- 1. Dave Darch and culverts on Mackey Creek Road – replacement of two culverts. They are not wide but over 15 feet deep and beyond our

capabilities of maintenance. Terry asked about having the County taking it over. Dave to get in touch with him. Dave would look into it. Reeve Stewart contacted Dave to ask if the County would consider taking it over?

2. Questions from Councillor Grills/Gibson and FIT project at the County– Reeve Stewart provided an overview of the project and costs. Costs of paying for the energy is significantly higher than what energy is being sold for.
3. Family Health Team meeting – members missing. Discussed the requirement for a quorum. Dr. Park retiring. Two new doctors coming in. Waiting updates for building for FHT for future. Misinformation, Dr. Park’s patients can get on the list to get a new doctor– contact the FHT for the process to change over.
4. RCD Health Unit. September 24, teleconference with Dr. Corriveau retiring Dec. 31; on selection committee to hire replacement. Interview process soon.
5. Land Division Meeting – many severances. Is there anything that applies to HCM? – no.
6. County Council – MTO presentation, major construction project coming up. Solar panel conversion for lights at Paquette Road. Conversion of Petawawa Bridge – 2 year project. Of interest to our area – expansion of west bound turning lane from Deep River Road to Ridge Road. 2014-2016.
7. Winter Maintenance – tow plows will be in use in our area. Newsletter, explanation of new processes. Trucks will be in Stonecliffe. Patrols – 24 hours from Deux Rivieres to Pembroke.

Action: Clerk to include High Road numbers on Website.

8. Promote awareness on animal collisions and how to reduce them.
9. Economic Development seminar – overview by the County concerning their Strategic Plan. Reeve Stewart explained HCMs position with the closing of the visitor’s centre and how we simply use self-promotion and work with businesses and clubs to assist them. How we are working with neighbours. They will forward information to her.

**Action:** Clerk to contact High Road for presentation to Council; invite the public.

## **9. FINANCIAL REPORTS - none**

## **10. BY-LAWS - none**

## **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- i. Report #27/09/13/1101 – Ministry of Culture Grant – application process excludes small rural municipalities and Library Boards

Resolution # 27/09/13/003

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Grills

**WHEREAS** recent calls for funding by the provincial government excluded small rural municipalities and library boards with their rigid criteria and priorities;

**AND WHEREAS** those same small and rural municipalities and library boards rely more heavily on public funding than larger institutions simply due to their size, availability of alternate resources and limited tax base;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby petition the province to loosen funding requirements or expand priorities to include smaller organizations and/or provide separate funding

opportunities specifically targeted to these smaller entities thereby sharing more equitably the opportunities for public grant funding.

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated for support.

Carried Unanimously

ii. Report #27/09/13/1102 – Emergency Management Exercise  
Resolution # 27/09/13/004

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Antler

**WHEREAS** emergency management training and exercise is a requirement annually;

**AND WHEREAS** Head, Clara & Maria staff and Council participated in an event on Friday, September 13, 2013;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to follow up on the issues as outlined in the report #27/09/13/1102 dated September 17, 2013 and does hereby adopt the report as presented.

Carried Unanimously

iii. Report #27/09/13/1103 – Renovation Update – for information only

iv. Report #27/09/13/1104 – Disposal Site Winter Hours  
Resolution # 27/09/13/005

Moved by Councillor Antler and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

**WHEREAS** Council has lobbied for public input on preferences for winter disposal site hours;

**AND WHEREAS** those who have responded would like to see the sites remain open;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to uphold the resolution passed in 2012 which defined reduced Disposal Site hours for the months of January, February and March annually by closing the Bissett site on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m. and closing the Stonecliffe site on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. instead of 4:15 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

## 12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS)

i. Report #27/09/13/1201 – Support – Kenora – Flying Lanterns  
Resolution # 27/09/13/006

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Antler

**WHEREAS** the use of flying/sky lanterns pose a significant risk of forest fire where used in rural areas;

**AND WHEREAS** policing this use will be extremely difficult for individual municipalities and Fire Departments;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the City of Kenora in their petition to the province and requests that to ensure the safety of rural residents, their property and vast acreages of Crown property that the Provincial government makes the prudent decision to ban the use and sale of these lanterns, used primarily for entertainment, within the Province of Ontario.

### Recorded Vote

Antler	For
Gibson	Against
Grills	Abstain/Against
Reid	Against
Stewart	Against

Motion is lost.

ii. Report #27/09/13/1202 – Support – Bancroft Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee

Resolution # 27/09/13/007

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

**WHEREAS** the Bancroft and Hasting Highlands Disaster Relief Committee has petitioned Ontario municipalities for financial assistance in meeting their fundraising goals as a result of earlier season flooding and subsequent damage;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to support their efforts by contributing \$150 towards the relief fund.

Carried Unanimously

**13. CLOSED SESSION** – none

**14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION** – not applicable

**15. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- i. Councillor Grills – County of Renfrew site and the correspondence received re: rural economic development fund; did HCM receive it? Yes, at last month's meeting.
- ii. Councillor Grills – wanted to discuss how 13 hours of highway closure affected people. What I see is a difficulty of dissemination of information. Those in the know need to give information. Council needs to write a letter to say that we need a decent protocol for when the roads are closed here.

**Action:** Clerk to write a letter to the OPP to request a communication protocol. What is happening doesn't work here. People need answers. We don't have the luxury of having volunteer fire service to assist. Perhaps request additional resources through OPP auxiliary.

**16. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS**

Resolution # 27/09/13/008

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Antler

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2013-21 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on September 27, 2013 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution # 27/09/13/009

Moved by Councillor Antler and seconded by Councillor Reid

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 15:27 h to meet again Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 19:00 h.

Carried Unanimously

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Reeve – Tammy Lea Stewart

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Clerk – Melinda Reith