

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

Minutes September 26, 2014

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, September 26, 2014 at 14:05 h. in the Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent/Regrets: Doug Antler

Late: n/a

Staff: Melinda Reith, Clerk; 3 members of the public;

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF -

Pecuniary Interest applies to you if it applies to clubs/organizations you are involved in, or activities of your children, parents or spouse;

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - Gary Sims, CEO and Stacey Mortson, CFO – Deep River and District Hospital

Mr. Sims and Ms. Mortson left at 2:24 p.m.

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

i. Council Minutes – August 22, 2014

Resolution # 26/09/14/001

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Grills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, August 22, 2014 be accepted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

ii. Library Board Minutes – none

iii. Recreation Committee Minutes – August 20, 2014 – information

6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS – none

7. CORRESPONDENCE

i. Patricia Lair Charitable Foundation – re: Thank you – information

ii. Deep River and District Hospital Foundation – re: request for members – insert in Newsletter

iii. AMO – re: Double Hatters Fire Fighters - information

iv. AMCTO – re: Council training – information

v. County of Renfrew – re: renewal of group health insurance – information

vi. MPP, Randy Pettapiece – re: Liberal government and Liability Reform – Council to monitor the situation.

Action: Council to continue to monitor this situation. Clerk to insert information in the Newsletter so people understand the implications of this insurance.

vii. AMO Policy Update – re: Annual Conference - information

viii. OPP – re: on-line information session concerning new billing model – information

ix. Ottawa Valley Business – re: OPP billing model – information

x. AMO - re: Report to Members – information

xi. Ontario Medical Association – re: Pedestrian Safety campaign – information

xii. AMO – re: Provincial poverty reduction strategy – information

- xiii. Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network – re: introduction – information
- xiv. County of Renfrew – re: Council Communique – information
- xv. Ontario Lung Association – re: November is Lung Month – information
- xvi. CUPE – re: Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day – information
- xvii. Recycling Council of Ontario – re: Waste Reduction Week in Canada – information
- xviii. L1 – County of Renfrew – re: Power Dam Special Payment Program – information, Council to continue to monitor
- xix. L2 – County of Renfrew – re: Four year Funding to Promote Healthy Living to Child and Youth in our County – information

8. STAFF REPORTS

- i. Report #26/09/14/801 – Clerk's Report

Resolution # 26/09/14/002

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS Council has provided \$300 per year for staff party at Christmas annually since 2009;

AND WHEREAS some advance planning is required for 2014;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby resolve to approve the use of up to \$300 for staff Christmas party purposes for 2014.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution # 26/09/14/003

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS the North Renfrew United Landowner's are hosting an all candidates meeting in the Municipal Hall on Tuesday, October 7 for the benefit of the residents of Head, Clara & Maria;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby waive the hall rental fee for this event.

Carried Unanimously

- ii. Report #26/09/14/802 – Treasurer's Report - none

- iii. Report #26/09/14/803 – Reeve's Report – verbal.

1. Integrated Community Council and Pikwakanagan – vision of recreation, barriers, and opportunities and try to map Renfrew County.

2. Family Health team, received rostered patients, 4 doctors 3,900 – reached 80% of that. Next meeting January 2014.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- i. Cheque Log

Resolution # 26/09/14/004

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Grills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Log dated August 20, 2014 to September 12, 2014 totaling \$35,727.98 Report #26/09/14/901 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

- ii. Comparative Income Statement

Resolution #26/09/14/005

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Grills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Comparative Income Statement from January 1, 2014 to September 12, 2014, Report #26/09/14/902 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

10. BY-LAWS

i. Report #26/09/14/1001 – Elections Compliance Audit Committee
Resolution #26/09/14/006

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2014-14 being a by-law to form with the Towns of Deep River and Laurentian Hills a Joint Elections Compliance Audit Committee be read a 1st time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

i. Report #26/09/14/1101 – Council Compensation - mileage
Resolution # 26/09/14/007

Moved by Councillor Grills and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS Council has an obligation to review policy and by-laws and has directed staff to provide an updated honorarium by-law for review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT by-law number 2014 – 16 being a by-law to set honoraria and compensation for members of council be read a first and second time this 26th day of September 2014.

Deferred to a date to be set by the new council

Resolution # 26/09/14/008

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS staff have been directed to amend the policy and guidelines on mileage and has presented an updated document meeting suggestions as directed by Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT P&G127/ADMIN/Guidelines for compensation for Employee Mileage and travel - July 2014.docx be accepted as presented.

Deferred to a date to be set by the new council

ii. Report #26/09/14/1102 - Heli-Pad Contract

Resolution # 26/09/14/009

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS Council did approve the purchase of insurance for the heli-pad at its meeting of Friday, August 22, 2014 and deferred a decision on entering into the contract which has been provided for Council to review in full;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff are hereby authorized to endorse and finalize the agreement with ORNGE for the operation of the emergency heli-pad in Head, Clara & Maria.

Deferred to after election

Action: further discussion with Mike Nolan and Brian Leahey requested prior to decision being made.

iii. Report #26/09/14/1103 – Disposal Site Expansion – Bissett

Resolution # 26/09/14/010

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS reserves exist for the sole purpose of procuring an expansion of municipal waste disposal;

AND WHEREAS current regulation allow for limited expansion of small landfill sites;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to contract with Cambium Inc. to apply for expansion for the Bissett Creek site up to the limits as recommended by Cambium.

Carried Unanimously

12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS)

- i. Report #26/09/14/1201 – Regulate Use of Municipal Property By-Law

Resolution #26/09/14/011

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS Council has requested a review of the Park Use and Parking by-laws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT by-law number 2014 – 17 being a by-law to regulate the use of park lands within and to regulate parking on lands owned by the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria be read a first and second time this 26th day of September 2014.

Carried Unanimously

Action: Clerk to send it to the Recreation committee for comment, incorporate suggestions and bring back to Council for third reading.

- ii. Report #26/09/14/1202 – Cancellation of November meeting – budget process proposal

Resolution # 26/09/14/012

Moved by Councillor Grills Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS Council is now in a lame duck position with less than 75% of members of council returning after the election of October 27, 2014 and is not permitted to make decisions worth a value of over \$50,000;

AND WHEREAS November is normally the time where budget deliberations occur;

AND WHEREAS it is up to the new Council to adopt a budget for 2015;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council meeting of November 21, 2014 be cancelled;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to prepare a draft budget for the inaugural meeting of December 5, 2014 for Council review;

AND FURTHER THAT a public meeting be scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 1:00 a.m. to consult with the public on the budget to be adopted in January.

Carried Unanimously

13. CLOSED SESSION – none

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION – n/a

15. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- i. Councillor Grills - ROAR conference – formal report to Council by attendees for October meeting. Organizing active community events. Seniors centres. In general money well spent. Thank you for sending us to that conference.
- ii. Councillor Gibson – inaugural conference – will they continue for next year?
- iii. Councillor Grills – not sure if annual but there is an organizing committee for the next one.
- iv. Councillor Reid – Stewarts logging Mackey Creek Road all winter. From Soldiers Lake. Caution Council to have them make sure roads are repaired come spring as in past they did not leave them in good repair. Terry has already been speaking with them; they have assured him that they would leave roads in good repair.

16. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Resolution # 26/09/14/013

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Grills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2014-15 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on September 26, 2014 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

17. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 26/09/14/014

Moved by Councillor Grills and seconded by Councillor Gibson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 16:15 h. to meet again Friday, October 17, 2014 at 14:00 h.

Carried Unanimously

Reeve – Tammy Lea Stewart

Clerk – Melinda Reith

DRDH – Community Incentive Program

Gary Sims, CEO and Stacey Mortson, CFO – Deep River and District Hospital

Around physician recruitment. Shortage of doctors in Ontario. Government support for rural areas. Additional monies would lure additional doctors. 2009, Larry Schruder proposed the joint councils combined financial contributions. Recruitment has been effective.

Have two levels, or types of doctors. Family health team doctors with administrative support. Commitment for 5 year period. Paid as per patient numbers increase. In early years, need to pay more. In a good position. Do have a physician leaving, Nov/Dec. Most longstanding doctor – will go back to Ottawa. Will need to determine whether to recruit or not. Two young doctors, family connected to community. Hopefully will stay in community.

Continue the incentive programs. Have met with the Mayors/Reeve of the three communities. During discussion was recognized that there was not an equal distribution of funds. All are not agreeing to per capita costs. Request for \$1,200 from HCM.

Incentive funds plus other large amounts of money forwarded to these doctors to bring them here.

Plan is for next two years. This group may have to come back to Council to request additional funds depending on whether or not they need to recruit. Will eventually have to come back at another time.

Reeve Stewart clarified the continuation of the agreement as amended considering the amounts that Deep River had contributed to the building the Family Health Team used. This has now been removed from the equation.

Grills: how difficult to recruit for our area.

Sims: previously quite difficult but with new programs it is much easier. Government does not approve these incentive programs. Doctors in Pembroke that bring students from Ottawa, train in primary care, link them with doctors in our area. Great collaborative effort. Congratulations on efforts to date.

Gibson: Recruiting drives significant. Has it eased?

Sims: More specialized the doctor, the more funding to pull them in. Primary care, more stable. In some hospitals – paid \$300,000 - \$500,000 to attract doctors.

Reid: Is it getting any easier for foreign trained physicians.

Sims: Method to come from Britain to Newfoundland to rest of Canada.

Gibson: With size of municipalities in this part of the county, isolated, subject to more fragility than other places. In your talks to others, Councils might wish to start a contingency fund for reserves to fund future as HCM has already done.