



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

### **Minutes of January 23, 2018**

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 19:04 h. in the Municipal Hall.

1. **CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION** – Let us take a moment of silent reflection to contemplate in our own way the responsibility we have to collectively use our skills and experience to ensure the mutual long term benefit of our Municipality and those we represent.

2. **ROLL CALL** – The following persons were present: Mayor Bob Reid, Councillors: Calvin Chartrand, Dave Foote, Cathy McKay and Ernie Villeneuve.

**Staff:** Melinda Reith, Clerk; Noella LeBreton, Treasurer; Crystal Fischer, Administrative Assistant; approximately 20 members of the public.

**Absent/Regrets:** none

3. **RECITAL OF THE MUNICIPAL MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS** - Councillor Foote

**HCM Mission:** At your service; working effectively to bring together people, partnerships and potential for a strong, connected community.

**HCM Vision:** Proving a healthy, connected and sustainable community teeming with possibilities for our citizens now and into the future.

4. **DISCLOSURE of PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

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

Villeneuve declaration # 12 report 23/01/18/1201 concerning legal advice invoicing. See document attached as notes to minutes.

5. **DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATION**

- i. County of Renfrew staff, Jason Davis, Craig Kelley, Reeve Walter Stack – The Algonquin Trail
- ii. Nancy Rose – Ramifications of Code of Conduct Complaints

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

- i. Council Minutes – December 12 rescheduled to Dec. 19, 2017

Resolution #23/01/18/001

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve and seconded by Councillor Foote

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, December 19, 2017 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

- ii. Rural Mayor's Forum of Eastern Ontario Meeting Minutes - none
- iii. HCM - Library Board Minutes – none
- iv. Recreation Committee Minutes -none

7. **CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS**

- i. North Renfrew Long Term Care – re: Dementia Friendly Communities request for representation on committee – additional information as to when, where –

**Action:** Clerk to follow up Cathy and Calvin interested

- ii. Morning Mist Resort – re: Highway 17 Improvements – will do what we can, limited

**Action:** Contact MTO and support

- iii. AMO Communications – re: New Asset Management Regulations – information
- iv. Ministry of Municipal Affairs – re: Bill 59 – Putting Consumers First Act Payday Lenders – information

- v. Ministry of Municipal Affairs – re: Bill 139 – Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act – information
- vi. Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – re: Naloxone kits – information
- vii. Friends of the Ottawa Valley Rail Trail – re: Too many Unanswered Questions in Lanark County – information
- viii. AMO Communications – re: Recent Cabinet Shuffle – information
- ix. TooFarTooFast Canada – re: slow down legalization of cannabis to protect youth – information
- x. Traffic Injury Research Foundation – re: Marijuana use Among Drivers in Canada – information
- xi. AMCTO - re: Submission Local Government Priorities Ontario 2018
- xii. L1 – OPP OFSC Snowmobile deaths 2016-2017 season

## 8. STAFF REPORTS

- i. Report #23/01/18/801 – Clerk’s Report
  - i. Report #23/01/18/801 - A – Algonquin Trail meeting w County and Lower Tiers - information
  - ii. Report #23/01/18/801 – B – Clerk’s Performance Appraisal Information

Resolution #23/01/18/002

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve and Seconded by Councillor Foote

**WHEREAS** Council has agreed to implement a partial 360 assessment of the Clerk’s performance for 2017;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to meet at 13:00h on Saturday, January 27, 2018 with the Clerk/CAO to complete this process.

Carried Unanimously

- ii. Report #23/01/18/802 – Treasurer’s Report  
Note – keep track of time spent on educational courses
- iii. Report #23/01/18/803 – Mayor’s Report – verbal
  - i. Rural Mayor’s Forum – follow up for information/meeting schedule
  - ii. Budget report at County
- iv. Report #23/01/18/804 – Admin Assistant Report
- v. Report #23/01/18/805 – Councillor McKay – Community Health Group
- vi. Report #23/01/18/806 – Robert Labre, CBO – Annual Building Permits

## 9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- i. Cheque Log – to December 31, 2017

Resolution #23/01/2018/003

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve

**BE IT RESOVLED THAT** the cheque log to December 31, 2017 totalling \$ 72,956.38 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

- ii. Comparative Income Statement – December 31, 2017

Resolution #23/01/18/004

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve and Seconded by Councillor Foote

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Comparative Income Statement from January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

## 10. BY-LAWS

- i. Report #23/01/18/1001 – Interim Taxation By-Law 2018-01

Resolution #23/01/18/005

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve and Seconded by Councillor Foote

**WHEREAS** By-Law # 2018-01 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy on properties designated as residential, farmland, managed forest, pipeline, industrial and commercial and to provide for payment of taxes and penalty and interest of 1.25% is presented to Council for approval.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2018-01 be read a first time short and passed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018.

Carried Unanimously

ii. Report #23/01/18/1002 – Appoint Municipal Auditor By-Law 2018-02  
Resolution #23/01/18/006

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve

**WHEREAS** By-Law 2018-02 being a by-law to appoint a Municipal Auditor for the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria has been presented to Council.

**AND WHEREAS** Council is satisfied with the long-term service obtained by our current service provider who also provides service to other local municipalities such as the Town of Petawawa;

**AND WHEREAS** previous calls for tenders have resulted in only this auditor submitting a tender making the repetition of a call for tenders cost and time inefficient;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2018-02 appointing a municipal auditor be read a first time short and passed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018.

Carried Unanimously

## 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

i. Report #23/01/18/1101 – Algonquin Trail Implications in Head, Clara & Maria  
Resolution #23/01/18/007

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve and seconded by Councillor Foote

**WHEREAS** the potential for serious liability has been identified with the use of the rail corridor as a motorized trail throughout the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** this Council has some concerns with:

- The process with which the trail has been pushed through at County Committee level without proper consultation with lower tier municipalities or their residents;
- Unanswered public safety and operational concerns with the use of the corridor as a multi-use trail and the risks involved;
- Unanswered lower tier liability and indemnification with respect to crossings on municipal roads and unopened road allowances;
- Incompatibility with local Zoning By-laws;
- The restrictions and costs associated with by-passes imposed by the County;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby request that the County of Renfrew staff, meet with representatives of Head, Clara & Maria staff and Council to discuss the future of the Algonquin Trail within our municipal boundaries paying particular attention to resolving concerns including as a minimum:

1. The need for the lower tier to come up with and fund any by-pass required to protect its residents from environmental contaminants and to provide for their safety;
2. Coming to an agreement with respect to the municipal Zoning By-Law through by-law amendment, rezoning some sections to allow motorized use;
3. Written assurance from the County that the municipality is protected and indemnified by the County and its lessees with respect to the general use of the rail corridor through Head, Clara & Maria, and specifically with respect to travel over municipal roads and unopened road allowances;
4. That the municipality is named as an additional insured in all trail insurance policies;
5. A written commitment from the County of Renfrew to provide resources to enforce trail rules, and/or to provide and finance an increased police presence;
6. A written commitment from the County of Renfrew to provide assistance with fire management and suppression costs due to increased trail use and to assume the municipal cost of fires that can be linked to trail use;

7. Written assurance that when the corridor is brushed, waste materials will be properly disposed of and not left along the trail increasing forest fire risk;
8. Immediately, rescinding the lease agreement with the Missing Link Snowmobile Club for motorized use through the Community contrary to the Municipal Zoning By-law until all of these issues have been resolved;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution and report be circulated to the Counties of Renfrew and Lanark, the Municipality of Papineau/Cameron, and to the lower tier Councils in the County of Renfrew and Lanark for information and support.

9. Amended\* That Council authorizes staff to meet with MLSC representatives to arrange use contrary to the local zoning by-law for the remainder of the season for areas west of Stonecliffe.

Carried

**Recorded Vote**

Councillor Chartrand - Yes  
 Councillor Foote - Yes  
 Councillor McKay - Yes  
 Mayor Reid - Yes  
 Councillor Villeneuve – No

- ii. Report #23/01/18/1102 - County Official Plan Update

Resolution #23/01/18/008

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Villeneuve

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Policy Statement and the Draft Official Plan of the County of Renfrew mandate significant restrictions on the ability of landowners to develop, sever and use their property contrary to property rights inherent with ownership when those lands were purchased and contrary to the intent of the owners;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria did consult with ratepayers and County staff and circulated a resolution opposing the changes proposed in the Official Plan;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby express its continued opposition to the changes in the Provincial Policy Statement and Official Plan as outlined in resolution #14/10/16/009 adopted by Council in October of 2016 specifically as it relates to the restrictions on severance and development on sensitive lakes.

Carried Unanimously

- iii. Report #23/01/18/1103 - Transient Accommodation Tax

Resolution #23/01/18/009

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve and seconded by Councillor Foote

**WHEREAS** the province, through amendments to the Municipal Act have provided municipalities with the ability to impose taxes on transient accommodations;

**AND WHEREAS** at an estimate of 4% increased revenues for the municipality would amount to approximately \$29,000;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to begin the process of implementing a transient accommodation tax to be imposed beginning in January 1, 2019.

Defeated Unanimously

- iv. Report #23/01/18/1104 - Renfrew County District Board of Health Boundary Changes

Resolution #23/01/18/010

Moved by Councillor McKay and seconded by Councillor Foote

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Head, Clara and Maria received the report of the Minister's Expert Panel on Public Health: "Public Health within an Integrated Health System"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council for the Township of Head, Clara and Maria has significant concerns regarding the recommendations of the Expert Panel to integrate a population health approach into local planning and service delivery; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an apparent lack of empirical evidence base upon which the recommendations are founded; and

**WHEREAS**, the current mandate of public health to prevent disease, protect, and promote health should remain unchanged; and

**WHEREAS**, public health must remain distinct from acute care health services and Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) in terms of role, funding, governance, and accountability in order for public health to focus on a more upstream approach, the causes of poor health or the social determinants of health; and

**WHEREAS**, the important linkages with local communities for programming, understanding local needs, and leveraging these partnerships will be undermined; and

**WHEREAS**, regionalization of public health units with centralized decision-making will have significant negative consequences for local public health and municipalities:

- Less municipal representation (400 Board of Health members reduced to approximately 180) and loss of local voice in governing and directing public health programs and services to understand and meet the needs of our communities;
- Substantial delays in responding to local program and service needs especially during emergencies;
- Adding another layer of bureaucracy resulting in increased costs and inefficiencies;
- Governance structure will not be flexible enough to meet/adjust/respond to local needs and negatively impact vulnerable priority populations;
- Potential loss of important local services fundamental to day-to-day public health unit operations and efficiencies (i.e., corporate services, finance, planning and evaluation, communications, information technology, etc.);
- Key positions (chair, vice-chair, finance, etc.) on regional boards of health should not be appointed Orders in Council to avoid political influence/interference; and

**WHEREAS**, the current cost-shared provincial/municipal funding formula (75%-25%) will not support the implementation of the proposed recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, LHIN boundaries should be reconfigured to align with municipal, local public health, education, and social service boundaries to support their relationships with local public health and population health and health care system planning; and

**WHEREAS** public health can be integrated into the health care system without the significant system disruption, enormous cost, and risk of eroding community valued Public Health programs and services that would result with implementation of the Expert Panel's recommendations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township of Head, Clara and Maria does not support the recommendations of the Expert Panel and is in agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) urging the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Dr. Eric Hoskins, not to adopt them.

Carried Unanimously

## **12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS)**

i. Report #23/01/18/1201 – Legal Advice Invoicing  
Councillor Villeneuve declared a pecuniary interest in the following matter and removed himself from the table at 21:37 h.

Resolution #23/01/18/011

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor McKay

**WHEREAS** Council policy is to obtain legal advice through the Clerk's office or upon decision of Council as a whole;

**AND WHEREAS** procurement of goods and/or services may only occur under authority of municipal council as outlined in the municipal Procurement By-Law, legislation and municipal policy or by specific resolution of Council;

**AND WHEREAS** Council recently addressed the issue of procedure for consulting the municipal solicitor and incurring expenses on behalf of the municipality at the September 15<sup>th</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup> Council meetings;

**AND WHEREAS** despite those discussions and email direction from the municipal solicitor, Councillor Villeneuve continues to contact the municipal legal counsel for advice;

**AND WHEREAS** no one member of Council has the ability to contract for services on behalf of the municipality and in order to avoid a continuation of this occurrence and not set a dangerous precedent Council deems it appropriate to take steps immediately to prevent this behaviour from continuing;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby direct staff to contact the municipal legal counsel, confirm the invoice owing due to Councillor Villeneuve's direct and specific contact and further provide Councillor Villeneuve with an invoice for the services he contracted for:

**AND FURTHER THAT** failing to reimburse the municipality for those costs, that the outstanding amounts will be added to the Councillor's tax roll as is allowed for unpaid invoices owing to the municipality under the Municipal Act.

Carried

**Recorded Vote**

Councillor Chartrand – yes

Councillor Foote – no

Councillor McKay – yes

Mayor Reid – yes

Councillor Villeneuve – pecuniary interest

Councillor Villeneuve returned to his seat at 21:50

ii. Report #23/01/18/1202 – Update Council Code of Conduct

Resolution #23/01/18/012

Moved by Councillor McKay and seconded by Councillor Foote

**WHEREAS** the definition of the word “apparent” may be defined as “seeming real or true, but not necessarily so” depending on the perception of the viewer;

**AND WHEREAS** using the overwide phrase “*conflicts of interest, both apparent and real*” in the municipal policy allows too broad a definition of conflict of interest and unnecessary allegations, investigations and costs;

**AND WHEREAS** it is desirable to avoid in the future, the costs of investigations into Code of Conduct complaints against Council members simply due to a “perceived” or “apparent” interest and not as the legislation dictates, when there is a financial or pecuniary interest;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** following the recommendation of the municipal legal counsel, the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby amend the Council Code of Conduct to remove the word “*apparent*” after the words “*and conflicts of interest, both*” in Clause 1.3;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this amendment becomes effective immediately.

Carried Unanimously

iii. Report #23/01/18/1203 – General Authorization By-Law Report - Information

iv. Report #23/01/18/1204 – Public Salary Review Attestation – Information

v. Report #23/01/18/1205 – OGRA – Amend Environmental Assessment Process

Resolution #23/01/18/013

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor McKay

**WHEREAS** a coalition of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario have successfully applied to have a review of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process conducted under Part IV (Section 61) of the *Environmental Bill of Rights Act, 1993* (EBR Act);

**AND WHEREAS** impact studies and public meetings required by the MCEA process often take two years or more to complete before construction can commence;

**AND WHEREAS** the MCEA requirements to evaluate alternatives are often not well aligned with prior or municipal land use planning decisions;

**AND WHEREAS** analysis by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) has demonstrated that the time to complete an EA rose from 19 months to 26.7 months and costs went from an average of \$113,300 to \$386,500;

**AND WHEREAS** the Auditor General of Ontario has tabled recommendations for modernizing the MCEA process;

**AND WHEREAS** in spite of written commitments made by the Ministry of the Environment between 2013-2015, no action has been taken;

**AND WHEREAS** local projects that do not have the necessary approvals could lose out on the next intake of Build Canada funding;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria requests that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change take immediate steps to expedite the response process for Part II Orders or Bump-Up requests, as part of the s.61 review to improve MCEA process times and reduce study costs;

**AND FURTHER** that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change support changes to better integrate and harmonize the MCEA process with processes defined under the *Planning Act*;

**AND FURTHER** that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change amend the scope of MCEA reports and studies to reduce duplication with existing public processes and decisions made under municipal Official Plans and provincial legislation.

Carried Unanimously

13. **CLOSED SESSION** – None

14. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION** – none

15. **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- i. Mayor Reid – winter season, road super take truck home, in winter months at least. Cover box so not full of snow. **Action:** Clerk to speak with Terry Wednesday.
- ii. Todd Dowser asked to ask a question. Council in agreement. Could something please be done about the audio of these meetings?

16. **CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS**

Resolution #23/01/18/014

Moved by Councillor McKay and seconded by Councillor Villeneuve

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2018-03 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meetings held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution #23/01/18/015

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor McKay

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 22:00 h. to meet again on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 19:00 h.

Carried Unanimously

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**MAYOR – BOB REID**

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**CLERK – MELINDA REITH**

**Deputation #1 – County of Renfrew Staff re: Algonquin Trail**

Mayor Reid introduces County staff – Reeve Walter Stack of Arnprior.

1. Craig – a year, Madawaska Valley – managed trail as CAO there. Development property committee. Jason Forestry and GIS. Walter ATAC standing committee references everything to Development and property Committee.
2. Tried to be here as early as last spring.
3. Point of tonight's presentation – should have been out here on a regular basis, feet on ground as spring hit. Tried to get out here. Happy to get out now. Means a lot to the County, single biggest financial venture we've made. Work with municipality not our first rodeo – K&P – extension – 220 m version.
4. Jason – given presentation a number of times – if you've seen it, I apologize – refresher. Casual, Craig will jump in when necessary.
5. Background – County did not want to acquire corridor – 2010, been going on since then. History – discontinuation.
6. Media releases – idea that we tried to keep it open. Active rail corridor. Keep it open. Partnership. Followed County rail policy. Keep in county plans.
7. Facts on size. History, appraisal value etc. CP rail only wanted to deal with one entity.
8. 2015 receive first draft of asset transfer agreement for tax receipt.
9. Because it's so long – logistically could not process transfer from cp to partnership at once – three phase of transfers. They currently lease the lands as if they own it.
10. Phase 1 – 89 miles – most have been transferred to partnership phase 2 – Meath to Chalk River – 60 transferred last Nov./Dec. Phase 3 – closing of April 1, 2018. Pushed back – close most properties end of 2018. May take longer when we see lawyers comments but aiming for that time.
11. Environmental – CP indemnifies County of pre-existing conditions. First time this has been done.
12. Surveying costs – pd. by CP.
13. Continuous/contiguous corridor – had to have it as one piece.
14. Mayor and another councillor attended meeting at Chalk River – overall very positive comments. Sure there were complaints but overall very positive during these open houses. Every abutting landowner received a letter signed by Jason letting them know of the open houses. Process of open houses, invitation to visit your municipality was made at each open house.
15. Discovery routes – Sudbury – cycling trail from Sudbury to Ottawa – part of Algonquin trail for cycling route. Eastern Ontario Trail Alliance. Can all link in.
16. Importance of trails, huge economic boom.
17. K&P complaints – 5 in past 5 years. We have experience with a 21 km section. Have background. Mixed use trail. Leased by snowmobile club. County maintains it – \$20,000/yr. stone dust, beaver, gravel. Intent for Algonquin Trail the same.
18. Economic importance. Numbers – provincial level.
19. ATV – north American stats – ATV trail.
20. \$140,000 – 10 km of corridor improved in 2017
21. Not expecting money from local municipalities – maintenance or creation of trails – signs etc.
22. Insurance and liability out of his budget – didn't change cost of insurance. According to Jeff Foss. Lease crossings and to clubs. Lease payments can be used as seed money for grants – Cycling grant.
23. Work within urban areas first. Focus 2017-2018 then work our way out to meet within sphere.
24. OMCC will spread the distance for 2018.
25. County opinion is that because HCM's Zoning By-law is "general" the trails are allowed.
26. OMCC grants – all applied for were successful – ability for commuters to use trails to get to work.
27. Discovery Routes under the provincial plan – hardened shoulders – cycling on 17 unsafe – County can stretch it further – put bicycle lanes on trail instead. Mackey to Mattawa for province.

28. Management Plan – comments to Craig by end of February; specifically request for use from club or user group wants use of the trail – goes through Craig. Algonquin Trail committee – Development and Property then County of Renfrew. Long process. 2 month decision making process.
29. Management Plan
30. Enforcement – trails by-law they will promote and present to County – curfew, littering etc.; can't enforce them if we don't make them first – will be in that by-law. OPP and SAVE team. Partners moving forward. Trans Canada Pipeline – contacted them to work through some places already – Petawawa and Garrison Petawawa. February or March presentation to County. Partners moving forward.
31. 911 signs, mile markers etc. not there now but will be – uploaded to dispatch already.
32. Workplan – work with you moving forward. Will be working with snowmobile clubs, atv groups. If your council has any ideas, we can work with you too.

#### Q & A

Ernie – municipal liability – wounds like county has that covered for rail bed and all the crossings on roads

Craig – correct – mention through reports of indemnification – hadn't had that request from any other municipality; our belief and understanding 100% belief - that trail we have responsibilities for crossings and otherwise will provide a Certificate of insurance if requested. See methods to get that for you.

Ernie – in your opinion does the municipality have any authority over use of the rail line?

Craig – We are leasing the rail line – close to being ½ owned. until such time as we own it we can lease it as we own it; we can treat it as it is our own. We believe we have powers as it provide to ownership. Yes.

Ernie – AS things stand does the snowmobile club have authority to use the leased sections of the trail

Craig – yes

Reid – To add – part of the question on the table is where the trail has to use our road access or cross – it's still up to this municipality to grant crossing or use of that part of the road

Craig – so when we haven't finalized purchase in your municipality to be clear, the railway bed property was before we are working with surveyor,

Reith – that's incorrect – these roads were moved when the river was flooded

Craig - majority, the trail is under the road, trail is under the roads, that's our ownership – haven't split hairs with any municipality, understanding in good partnership – haven't fought us at this point

Reid – should have seen this a year and a half ago

Craig – we would like to apologize

Stack – being on committee to target 6 communities first was at chalk river. There were representatives of your municipality there. Opportunity was there for anyone from Head, Clara & Maria to see all of this.

Chartrand – elevated areas – hard to get 16 feet across – ATV fly off the side – multi-use, nowhere to go

Jason – site lines – long distance K&P experience – no issues with multi and shared use with corridor still have enough for 15 feet of stone dust. Will work with you, signage, gates. Not a unique issue. Can address it here. Can be done gates to slow people down.

Stack – we have highways you can drive police on, can't guarantee – take the same risks gonna be the same type of thing. Working with OPP to enforce – speed limits along trail.

Chartrand – same standards to apply with rock cuts, guard rails etc.

Craig – brushing –

Chartrand – in long stretches there is 15 feet and nothing

McKay – there are areas where you can see a long way – but there is no where to go  
Jason – K&P Barry's Bay – implore you – drop off, Reed Lake – case by case bases, guard rails

Craig – OVACA – cycling out to side, biker – gone to witness what we've done – surface, stated more than enough room for all to share.

McKay – it not 15 in some of these areas

Jason – video-taped and drove – I don't have a concern

Stack – if we have a specific areas – we'll look at it, farmers – fencing – we'll deal with it; open to discussion – years to deal with trail.

Jason – take away – willing to work with you on any issue – any solution we can provide

Reid – Questions from Council only

Foote – rail in use – fixed on tracks, double, snowmobiles – slide –

McKay – soft

Chartrand – 16 feet at top

Stack – atv a lot – meet – side by sides – courtesy.

McKay – no where to pull over, have our concerns heard, policing – so rural, isolated, who is policing it? We have nobody here; barely out to call in emergency. – speeding, signs are not going to do it – by the time the police get here – no ones here.

Craig – on side with OPP – will determine how they will respond,

McKay – only extra call for service, the municipality will pay for those extra calls

Craig – policing – call for service

Chartrand – free pass on environmental damage before – all culverts are rotten – all on creek flowing into river – huge costs – how do you replace it – not a lot of space to work

Craig – we are responsible to fix those as necessary; costs of replacing structures and culverts have been considered there are costs to be det

Chartrand – and you are footing that bill –

Craig - under the \$140,000

Foote – county revenue comes from taxpayers

Mayor Reid - Thank you for coming up.

## **Deputation #2 – Nancy Rose, Resident – Ramifications of Employee Code of Conduct Complaints Report**

I have a few Questions – respectfully encourage council to provide a response to concerns which are shared by other members of this community I have spoken with. I have been at some of your homes, shared drinks, meals, etc. I have been at every one of your homes. Aside from Mayor Reid. This is not personal; Speaking as a taxpayer not a neighbour friend etc..

After last report – unfounded accusations towards municipal employees, will there be an Apology to those employees and to taxpayers for wasted money spent.

Villeneuve – I am assuming you are asking me.

Rose - I am asking Council

Villeneuve – there will not be an apology – I have done nothing wrong, I have exercised my rights, there is not a lawyer in the world that doesn't say his client is innocent.

Gibson from the gallery – Point of order - Delegation is not a debate

Reid – Council is just listening we'll get to answers later

Reith – and council can answer questions if they choose, and the delegate can also answer questions if they choose

Rose - This can be addressed later – restitution – for legal advice sought – is it going to be repaid?

Foote – debateable – will be tabled.

Rose – Councillor Villeneuve - Do you feel you are working in the best interest in the community or best interest of the skidoo club?

Villeneuve – best interest of the municipality looking out for the community

Rose - Personal agenda

Villeneuve - no

Rose – no less than 12 driveways where people were Plowing across roads – why is only one family being singled out?

McKay – I think it was addressed in newsletter - hope that it's past us

Chartrand – some places you have to and if it happens, if people can't forgive that so long as snow on road is cleaned up

Foote – point that you can push it across the road but if the road is prepared – salting and sanding; most roads so lightly sanded – maybe Macey Creek Road you might be putting someone in danger.

Rose - Why is this one family being singled out? The ongoing joke, certain people are related. They're all getting picked on.

Foote – I'm at a loss; that's illegal

McKay – it's not illegal – HTA commonly travelled is where you're not allowed to put snow

Foote – not talking about ditches; if Terry sees it he can take steps

McKay – I think this is about the incident where there were pictures shown at a previous meeting...one single family

Rose – the ongoing joke certain people are related.

McKay – it's a small community, we're all related

Rose - Best interests are with the community. Gone over minutes over last 6 months— I've seen a disturbing trend. A lot of bias over family. Hard pressed to find people not related.

Reid – I don't think families at all should be an issue. People don't know me. I come from Newfoundland. Try to find a government who is not controlled by a family. Mayor, council man, member of parliament. When you come from a small area, I care about here. you get what you get. Member for 12 years or better on this council. You know how I got here. No one wanted a job. And all of a sudden everyone is bitching about what this council is doing. I'm getting tired of it. Excuse the language. Every time I said I'm not going to run. Oh you have to, we don't have anybody. There isn't anybody. One year had a couple applicants. Never showed. Acclamation. Just lost a fellow council men, passed away, that went through same thing. Time after time, sitting on council cause no one wanted the job. Nobody wanted to talk. I'm sorry I'm losing it right now. Nancy brought this to a head. I don't care if it's the club, county or snow going across the road – every one of you sitting out there, including some of council when we leave; it'll be curse this and that. Where is our community spirit as a group?  
Thank you for brining that up.

Reid – I didn't know this was coming.

Nancy – I'm asking the unpopular questions. I started with an advance apology.

Reid – you're not offending anybody.

Foote – that's our job.

Nancy – Mayor Reid, I didn't know you from a whole in the ground but you won me when you choked up at that public meeting because you are someone who cares. If we had more people like that. We'd be better off.

Rose – my other question is, given this last finding of things not going in councillor Villeneuve's favour and pending harassment investigation If you don't get the answers you want will you continue pursuing this. Will there be more waste of time and money?

Villeneuve – there's a lot I probably can't answer since the investigations aren't complete yet. Your assuming the harassment investigation is mine. You shouldn't assume.

Rose – I'm assuming nothing, I was the last person the investigator spoke with.

Villeneuve – so I can't say anything else

Foote – well I can say something – the resolution we are looking that will end this.

Rose - What will it take for this to end? To come to a resolution

Foote – only the lawyer can determine that. That will end.

Reid – no we can't debate that now.

Foote - Only certain people can talk to the lawyer unless we all agree. It will be debated and possible rectified. Next.

Reid – any other questions. I apologize for stepping in and taking over.

Rose – no I had questions and I wanted a response from the horse's mouth.

Thank you's all around.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

# Council Declaration of Interest Form



## Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Please complete this form in its entirety, read the statement at the Council table when the Chair reads agenda item #4 "Disclosure of Pecuniary interest & General Nature Thereof" and then submit to the Clerk for record keeping purposes.

For the Municipal Council/Committee meeting held on Jan 23 2018  
(date)

I, Councillor ERNIE VILLENEUVE, hereby declare a potential (deemed/direct/indirect) pecuniary interest on Council/Committee Agenda item Number 12, Report number 23/01/18-1201, concerning Legal Advice Invoicing for the following reason:

SEE REVERSE

*Ernie Villeneuve*  
Councillor Signature

ERNIE VILLENEUVE  
Councillor Name (please print)

*MBA*  
Received by

9:37 JAN 23/18  
Date

A number of attempts to discuss concerns <sup>regarding</sup> ~~concerning~~ council and staff behaviour during discussions and the vote on the railbed issue with the mayor were ignored. Attempts to resolve the issue internally with council resulted in responses that amounted to "bring it".

Acting in good faith and representing both my own concerns and those of concerned ratepayers I contacted the Municipal solicitor.

Having done so I now find myself in a potential pecuniary conflict of interest due to financial discipline suggested by the clerk.

