

Minutes of a **Special Meeting** of Council held on Tuesday March 23, 2009 at 1:00 pm in the XYZ Room, Virginiatown, On.

PRESENT:

REEVE: Clermont Lapointe

COUNCILLORS: Bonita Culhane
Matt Reimer
Colette Tardif
Dimitri Kowbassa

ALSO PRESENT:

CLERK-TREASURER: Gary Cunnington

AUDIENCE:

- 4 members of Public
- Mr. Glenn Tunnock - Tunnock Consulting
- Mr. Ed Landry - Ministry of Municipal Affairs
- Mr. Stan Kaczmarek - Ministry of Northern Dev. & Mines
- Ms. Ann Wilson - Ministry of Northern Dev. & Mines

1. Call to Order

Reeve Lapointe called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Additions/Deletions/ Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Matt Reimer

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Adoption of the meeting

THAT the agenda for the meeting of March 23, 2009 be adopted.

Carried.

4. New Business

a) The meeting was called to review the comments received from the Province on the Township Draft Official Plan. Mr. Tunnock outlined the Township plans for growth and development and suggested the Province, could do a far better job in providing the Township with the information required. He also spoke specifically to the comments received from the Ministry of Development and Mines and the effects of them not having information on which mine hazzards were serious and would require study and repair before development could occur and which ones would have no impact on development. He also suggested that the Township would designate a non resource development area of 300 metre along the shores of all the lakes.

Mr. Kaczmarek of MNDM advised he recognized there is a problem with their information and the 1 kilometre non development zone around known mine hazzards.

He then went through the study done on the Kerr Mine and outlined the reasons why the study has led the Ministry of Transportation looking at relocating the Highway. Mr. Tunnock asked that the study being done be expanded to the entire Townsite so the seriousness of the Mine hazzards and their effect in future development would be known.

There was a discussion regarding the Kerr Tailings pond and possible remediation or maintenance of same and the impact they have on development between Virginiatown and the border with Larder Lake Township. There was also a discussion regarding the importance of protecting possible mining along the Highway 66 strip. MNDM did however, agree that the South Shore of Larder Lake and the North Shore of Bear Lake could be possible sites for some Lake shore Development.

There was a question and answer period and Ed Landry assured the Council that the Province would work with the Township to have an Official Plan which balanced the Provincial and Municipal Interest.

- 5 **Confirmation By-Law**
Moved by Matt Reimer
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

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By-Law 2009-09

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 23rd day of March, 2009 and numbered By-Law 2009-09.

Carried

6. **Adjournment**
Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

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Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Carried

Reeve

Clerk-Treasurer