

Minutes of a **Regular Meeting** of Council held on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., 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

1. Call to Order

Reeve Lapointe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Additions/Deletions/ Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa **170/09**
Seconded by Matt Reimer **Adoption of the Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the meeting of August 11, 2009 be adopted.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Conflict of interest:

None declared.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Colette Tardif **171/09**
Seconded by Matt Reimer **Regular Council Minutes**

THAT the minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on July 14, 2009 be adopted.

Carried.

5. Matters Arising from the minutes:

- Community Yard Sale on September 5, 2009, not August 29th as previously reported.

6. Deputations/Delegations:

None

7. Submitted Questions:

a) None

Audience Questions:

b) None

8. Correspondence Information:

- a) Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program.
- b) Kirkland & District Hospital - Corporate By-Laws
- c) Ministry of Community Safety - 2010 Jepp Grant.
- d) Sheldon-Larder Mines Limited - 1951 Agreement.

9. Councillor Reports

Reeve Lapointe

- reported on 2009 Budget looking good.
- advised Sewage Project under way.
- reported he would be attending the AMO Conference in Ottawa next week and the AFMO Conference in Cochrane in September.

Councillor Kowbassa

- reported on the Firefighters Pack the Park held over the week-end.

Councillor Tardif

- reported on the Sewage Project and noted the Township is taking pictures of the progress.
- reported on operations at Public Works and noted the students are doing a good job.
- advised repairs being made at the Ball Park and advised that Public Works wanted to remove the fence and re-use any pieces which were still good at the other locations.
- There was a lengthily discussion on the plan to remove the fence from around the ball park.

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Colette Tardif

172/09
Regular Council Minutes

THAT Council directs the Public Works Department remove the fence around the ball park and the fence be used at Township Parks.

Recorded Vote	Requested by Councillor Tardif	
	YES	NO
Reeve Lapointe	<u> X </u>	_____
Councillor Culhane	<u> X </u>	_____
Councillor Kowbassa	_____	<u> X </u>
Councillor Reimer	_____	<u> X </u>
Councillor Tardif	<u> X </u>	_____

Carried.

Councillor Culhane

- advised next Tourist Committee meeting will be on August 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Tourist Centre
- reported on the Property Standards Committee meeting held on August 4, 2009.
- advised the Community Garage Sale would be on September 5, 2009 and not August 29th as previously advertised.

Councillor Reimer

- advised activity at Fitness Centre starting to pick up again.
- reported clean-up at the Arena is ongoing and should be completed soon.
- advised Council on which signs and banners have been ordered for the Olympic Torch Run and where they would be placed.

10. New Business

a) The Clerk advised that no quotations were received for the supply and install of a generator for the Community Centre and decided that Kohut Electric be asked to review what needs to be done to install a generator.

b) Moved by Matt Reimer **173/09**
 Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa **Payment to MacDesign**

THAT Council approves of a payment to MacDesign and Contracting in the amount of \$2,940.00 for additional work done on the Township Office Building.

Recorded Vote	Requested by Councillor Tardif	
	YES	NO
Reeve Lapointe	_____	<u> X </u>
Councillor Culhane	_____	<u> X </u>
Councillor Kowbassa	_____	<u> X </u>
Councillor Reimer	<u> X </u>	_____
Councillor Tardif	_____	<u> X </u>

Defeated.

c) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa **174/09**
 Seconded by Bonita Culhane **Space in Temiskaming
 Ploughing Match Keepsake
 Edition**

THAT Council approves of purchasing a \$150.00 space in the Temiskaming Ploughing Match Keepsake Edition to be published by the Temiskaming Speaker.

Carried

- d) Moved by Matt Reimer
Seconded by Colette Tardif

175/09
2009 Drinking Water Inspection Report

THAT the 2009 Drinking Water Inspection Report as prepared by the Ministry of Environment be received and Council directs the non compliance issue be resolved by August 31, 2009 as directed.

Carried

- e) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

176/09
Agreement with TVO

THAT Council directs the Clerk advise TVO the Township wishes to renew the agreement for their tower.

Carried

- f) Moved by Matt Reimer
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

177/09
Accommodation Review Committee Process

WHEREAS communities across Ontario are concerned with the Accommodation Review Committee process and the impact this flawed process has on the socio-economic fabric of our municipalities;

AND WHEREAS many schools are the hubs of their communities, a better accommodation review system is needed to address the educational facility needs of our residents;

AND WHEREAS a system to address the educational facility needs in Ontario must ensure that school boards and municipal councils partner on decisions regarding education infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS a thorough review of the governance model for school accommodation decisions must include an opportunity to appeal these decisions;

AND WHEREAS the accommodation review process should respect and value the input of students, parents. The community and municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario be petitioned to implement a “smart moratorium” on disputed school closings to provide the opportunity for the Ministry of Education, school boards and municipalities to work together to develop policies addressing such issues as planning for declining enrolments, a mutually agreed upon Accommodation Review Committee process, a review of funding to rural and small community schools, and transparency and accountability between municipalities and school boards.

Carried.

- g) Moved by Colette Tardif **178/09**
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa **Payment to Infrastructure solutions**

THAT Council approves of payment in the amount of \$6,720.00 to infrastructure solutions.

Carried

- h) Moved by Matt Reimer **179/09**
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa **Audit Finding Report**

THAT the Audit Finding Report for the year ended December 31, 2008 be received and approved by Council.

Carried

- i) Moved by Colette Tardif **180/09**
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa **Payment Pedersen Construction Inc.**

THAT Council approves of payment Certificate #17 in the amount of \$54,810.00 to Pedersen Construction Inc.

Carried.

- j) Moved by Bonita Culhane **181/09**
Seconded by Matt Reimer **Payment to AECOM**

THAT Council approves of payment in the amount of \$92,600.10 to AECOM for engineering services on the Capital Sewage Project.

Carried.

- k) Moved by Matt Reimer **182/09**
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa **Canada Post Review**

WHEREAS the report of the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR) recommends that the current moratorium on post office in rural and small towns be replaced with a mechanism involving new rules and procedures, including the ability to replace public post offices with private outlets.

WHEREAS the report also recommends that rural mailbox delivered be reconsidered.

WHEREAS these recommendation, if implemented by the federal government, would undermine public postal service and jobs in our community and fundamentally change the nature of Canada Post's retail and delivery network.

WHEREAS the report proposes that Canada Post's highly inadequate community consultation process be used when closing or "rationalizing" a post office/outlet and that a similar process be used when replacing rural mailbox delivery to a community box, green box or post office.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of McGarry write to Rob Merrifield, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, and request that the government preserve public postal service and jobs in our community by rejecting CPCS recommendations that would:

1. Put an end to the moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns and give Canada Post the flexibility to close post offices covered by the current moratorium or convert these public post offices to private outlets.
2. Cut delivery to rural mailboxes without exploring all options or properly consulting with residents of the representatives of rural delivery workers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request that Minister Merrifield consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making fundamental changes to Canada Post's retail and delivery network.

Carried.

- l) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

183/09
Funding Agreement with the Province

THAT the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to execute a revised Funding Agreement with the Province of Ontario, COMRIF File 11704.

Carried.

- m) Information on a Red Cross Emergency Management Training Session was presented as Informational.

- n) Moved by Matt Reimer
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

184/09
Minutes of Property Standards

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Property Standards Committee held on August 4, 2009 be approved.

Carried.

- o) Moved by Colette Tardif
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

185/09
Minutes of the Recreation Committee

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Recreation Committee held on August 5, 2009 be approved.

Carried.

11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Matt Reimer **186/09**
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa **Accounts**

THAT the following account be approved for payment:

GENERAL: \$139,793.92
PAYROLL:\$ 20,091.13

Carried

12. Passing of By-laws: None

13. Closed Meeting: None

14. Confirmation By-Law

Moved by Matt Reimer **187/09**
Seconded by Colette Tardif **By-Law 2009-32**

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceeding of Council be considered read three times and passed this 11^h day of August, 2009 and numbered By-Law 2009-32.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Bonita Culhane **188/09**
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa **Adjournment**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Carried

Reeve

Clerk-Treasurer