

Minutes of a **Special Meeting** of Council held under Section 17 of the Planning Act to consider changes and updates to the Township Official Plan, held on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the XYZ Room, Virginiatown, Ontario.

PRESENT:

REEVE: Clermont Lapointe

COUNCILLORS: Bonita Culhane
Dimitri Kowbassa
Colette Tardif
Matt Reimer

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Tunnock, Tunnock Consulting
Paulette Paquet, Virginiatown
Marcel Paquet, Virginiatown
Marcel Leduc, Kearns
Bill Culhane, Kearns
Suzanne Culhane, Kearns
Maggie Baker, Kearns
Doris Daigle, Virginiatown
Dorothy Turcott, Virginiatown
Mary Turner, Virginiatown
Helen Gray, Virginiatown
Louanne Caza, Virginiatown
Bonnie Devine, Kearns
Walter Payne, Virginiatown
Andre Gagnon, Kearns

1. Call to Order

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

2. Additions/Deletions/ Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Colette Tardif **244/09**
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa **Adoption of the meeting**

THAT the agenda for the meeting of Council under Section 17 of the Planning Act, November 25, 2009 be adopted.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Conflict of interest:

None

4. Reeve Lapointe made his opening remarks, outlining the purpose of the meeting the procedure for the meeting, what would happen going forward after adoption. He also outlined the process for people to submit written comments on how they could appeal to the Province.
5. Mr. Glenn Tunnock, the Township Planning Consultant made a presentation outlining the process and meetings held to date and outlined the process going forward. He advised that Council would be adopting the plan early in the new year and advised that members of the public could make comments verbally or in writing. He also advised that the plan could be amended by the Province after Council submits it for approval.

Mr. Tunnock then made a presentation to those in attendance outlining the intent of the plan and reviewing the proposed maps and the uses allowed in each of designations.

Reeve Lapointe thanked Mr. Tunnock for this presentation and opened the floor for comments or questions from the audience.

- 1) Bonnie Devine, Kearns, Ontario

Q: Asked if the mapping for the plan showing the lands around Larder Lake showed all of the lots.

A: She was advised that the maps showed all of the mining claims in the Rural

Areas.

Q: Could the Township owned lands in Virginiatown boat launch be developed?

A: Mr. Tunnock advised that the lands were designated Public Services facilities area and would allow new facilities and the expansion of the existing boat launch.

- 2) André Gagnon, Kearns, Ontario

Q: Noted that the existing population of the Municipality was listed as 760 and the Plan spoke of providing for growth of up to 1000. He asked how this would be done.

A: Council advised him that the Official Plan was a land use document and in it they were providing lands and services for the growth to occur. The actual methods to encourage growth would be looked at by the Strategic Planning Committee and through other economic development studies.

Q: Mr. Gagnon also questioned the mapping that showed the proposed route for the relocation of Hwy 66. He asked if and when this would be done. Council advised that several Public meeting had been held and the route as shown on the Official Plan maps was the one presented by the Province. They also advised him that the highway would be relocated although when it would be done was yet to be determined.

- 3) Bill Culhane, Kearns, Ontario

Q: How is the mapping for the Township Plan done.

A: Mr. Tunnock advised they were a compilation, starting with Ontario Base Maps and then overlaying the assessment mapping, and map features provided by the

various

Government ministries.

Q: Mr. Culhane asked how accurate the mapping was

A: Mr. Tunnock advised that the maps should be accurate to about 3 metres.

3) Bill Culhane, Kearns, Ontario

Q: Are individual land owners notified in writing if the new Plan changes the designation of their lands.

A: The Township Clerk advised they were not notified and outlined the new plan was advertised in the local paper and posted on the Township Web Site as required.

4) Walter Payne, Virginiatown, Ontario

Q: Commented that he did not feel the notification was sufficient and suggested a notice should have been placed at the local post office.

5) Councillor Matt Reimer

Q: Councillor Matt Reimer noted that there were no historical or heritage sites shown and asked if such sites could be added.

A: Mr. Tunnock advised there was a written policy in place in the plan which outlined the process for Council to establish and designate heritage sites and that they could be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act anywhere in the municipality.

6) André Gagnon, Kearns, Ontario

Q: Asked a question specific to the Boat Launch designation.

A: Was advised that a portion of the lands are show as mine hazard because tailings were once placed in the area.

7) Bonnie Devine, Kearns, Ontario

Q: Noted that the Township lands on which the boat launch were located were not shown as part of the Virginiatown Townsite and suggested Council amend the maps. She also suggested that Council might want to designate some of the lands along the proposed new Highway 66 as commercial.

Reeve Lapointe thanked everyone for attending and thanked Mr. Tunnock for his work in preparing the Official Plan. He requested that anyone who wishes to submit written comments do so before the end of the year.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa

Seconded by Colette Tardif

245/09

Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Carried

Reeve

Clerk-Treasurer