

TOWNSHIP OF TYENDINAGA
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting - NO. 2012-11

Municipal Council Chambers, 859 Melrose Road, Shannonville
Monday June 4, 2012 at 6:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

PRESENT:	Iain Gardiner	Deputy Reeve
	Wayne Chadwick	Councillor
	Margaret Walsh	Councillor
	Steve Mercer	Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Reeve Rick Phillips – vacation
 Councillor Adam Hannafin - personal matter

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None Declared

MOVED BY: Councillor Margaret Walsh
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick
THAT the Agenda of June 4, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

DELGATIONS

Richard Steinginga – Collins Barrow

- Collins Barrow was scheduled as a delegation to present the draft 2012 Township’s financial statements
- Highlights
 - Financial Assets at year end = \$3,027,072
 - Non-Financial Assets = \$11,633,763
 - Accumulated Surplus = \$12,866,863
 - Total revenues for 2011 = \$2,932,490
 - Total expenses for 2011 = \$3,177,554
 - The Township has only \$24,600 remaining in debt at year end
 - The Library statements were presented as part of the consolidated audit
- Concerns brought forward
 - The CAO needs to be more vigilant in signing off middle management time sheets
 - Our taxes receivable have risen this year and remain above the acceptability threshold
 - However two properties are a major contributor and will be dealt with in the next several months
- The CAO and Council thanked our Municipal Auditors for the continued support and work on our behalf
- The CAO thanked Deputy Treasurer, Donna Ward and front line auditor, April Foster as it is they who do the bulk of this work

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- Once the final statements are presented they will be made available at the Municipal Office as a public domain document
- The audit is sound and considered to be unqualified
- The Firm believes the numbers are fairly presented and given their limited testing, are not misstated

MOVED BY: Councillor Margaret Walsh

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick

THAT this Council approves the appropriate signatures be affixed to the Auditors Management letter, the Auditors Reporting letter and that the Draft 2011 Consolidated Financial Statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Wendon Wattam – Anything Electric

- Anything Electric was asked to come to Council to make a proposal for a potential Microfit project at the Marysville Yard
- Council is pleased with the current installation on the Blessington Yard
- Council made several Ontario Power Authority applications in 2011 but only proceeded with the one project
- The rate has now dropped to \$.54 per KW from \$.80
- Anything Electric did some investigation and it appeared on the surface that due to the timing of our 2011 applications that we may still be able to receive the higher rate, hence the request that they attend Council
- Legislation is changing frequently on this program
- Upon further investigation it appears the \$.80 window has closed, but the \$.54 rate will continue until at least January 2013 when it will again be reviewed
- Wendon explained that although the rate has declined, so has the costs of the panels/infrastructure and the actual return on investment, from a percentage point of view, is very similar
- Payback is still in the 7-8 year range
- However Wendon did say that the \$.80 window has closed and a quick decision is not necessary
- Council thanked Wendon for being up front with Council
- Council also explained that since this window had closed that future solar installations should be planned in conjunction with the normal process of budget and capital planning

Cindy Cassidy – Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance

- As a result of our (and Tweed) \$50,000 award from Molsons, we are required to make some decisions regarding the Trail
- We need to look at a name for the Tweed/Tyendinaga Trail, The South Hastings Trail has been suggested
- Cindy also brought mock-ups on the proposed signage
- The routing was discussed as well
 - With two Councillors not present, both of whom are avid outdoorsmen, it was felt that the exact routing and related discussion be brought forward at the next Council meeting of June 18, 2012

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MOVED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick

SECONDED BY: Councillor Margaret Walsh

THAT this Council supports the Tyendinaga to Tweed trail being named the South Hastings Trail. Be it further moved that the Council approves of the signage as presented to Council. Be it finally moved that the Council defers any routing decisions on the Trail until the Meeting of June 18.

CARRIED

Ian Monroe - CCTE

- Mr. Monroe went through some of the processes involved in the upcoming hearing with the Environmental Rights Tribunal
- This was the appeal launched by the CCTE to address its belief that the MOE's most recent Environmental Compliance Approval is flawed and could threaten the local environment
- This case is in relation to the closure and ongoing monitoring of the closed Richmond Site only
- The BREC proposal is not on the table for this hearing
- Although, success in this appeal will be helpful when opposing the BREC proposal
- The first session is scheduled for June 25th and will be mostly procedural in nature
- If negotiations fail the actual meat and potatoes of the hearing will be this fall sometime
- The Township can take on 5 different roles if we wish
 - No Participation
 - Observer
 - Presenter
 - Participant
 - Party
- If Council wishes to take on any of these last three roles, we must indicate so in writing by June 18
- The CAO indicated that we do not have a Council Meeting prior to the deadline so if we want to be a Presenter, Participant or Party he needs to know
- Council explained that we are a support to the CCTE and have every confidence that they can state the case
- No direction was given to the CAO to register with the ERT as a Presenter, Participant or as a Party

MOVED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick

SECONDED BY: Councillor Margaret Walsh

THAT the minutes of the May 22, 2012 Regular Meeting & Public Meeting approved as presented.

CARRIED

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STAFF REPORTS

John Farrell, Roads Supervisor

Provided written report

Highlights

- Grading of gravel roads and calcium application for dust control is now complete
- Area beaver damns are being removed
- Cross pipes being installed on Enright and Craig Rds.
- With the reclaimed asphalt received from the MTO and Coco Paving we have applied a large amount on the Lower Slash Rd and the Craig Rd is currently being done
- With good fortune we will receive more and be able to do the entryway to the Waste Transfer Station and McFarlane Rd south of the Rec Plex
- The new speed radar sign has been installed on Melrose Rd westbound to slow traffic in our recreation area now that summer programs are in full swing
- Grass cutting along the road allowances has commenced
- Line painting is just about complete

Stan Laton, Fire Chief

Provided written report

Highlights

- There have been 3 calls for assistance since the last reporting period
- The Fire Department this is year is 20 years old.
- The Chief indicated that something special should be done
- Council agreed, but for it to be appropriate required further discussion
- The Chief announced that Peter Dafoe had received Honourable Mention for the Great Place Awards as coordinated by the Hastings Prince Edward School Board
- The “Swing Into Summer Campaign” was officially launched on May 29 in Toronto where the Toronto Blue Jays work with Ontario Fire Services in order to promote fire safety and awareness
- The Chief reminded Council that the graduation for our eight new recruits would be next Tuesday evening, June 12 at 7pm

MOVED BY: Councillor Margaret Walsh

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick

THAT this Council receives the staff reports as presented.

CARRIED

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PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

MOVED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick
SECONDED BY: Councillor Margaret Walsh
THAT the following accounts be approved as presented:

General Government	\$53,116.01
Roads Department	\$77,498.11
Recreation Department	\$15,572.27
Protective Services	\$3,948.00
Fire Department	\$5,525.51

CARRIED

- There were some questions for staff for clarification purposes on certain expenditures

The following declarations were provided for items to be added to the agenda under ‘New Business’:

Clerk Steve Mercer	0 items
Councillor Margaret Walsh	1 item
Councillor Wayne Chadwick	0 items
Deputy Reeve Iain Gardiner	0 items

CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick
SECONDED BY: Councillor Margaret Walsh
That this Council receives the following correspondence:

- Stirling Municipal Council – Congratulations on Community Cheer success
- BQRAP – May Newsletter
- Hastings County Press Release – settlement with paramedics

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY: Councillor Margaret Walsh
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick
That this Council receives the memo and information from the CAO and Roads Supervisor as an update on the reclaimed asphalt project along the 401 corridor where MTO and Covco Paving have been most generous allowing us to obtain a large portion for local road improvement purposes

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Margaret Walsh
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick
That this Council receives the Cemetery Inspection Report dated May 28, 2011 in relation to the local cemetery inspections that took place on May 16 carried out by the Ministry of Consumer Services and is pleased that our deficiencies are very minimal in nature

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MOVED BY: Councillor Margaret Walsh

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick

That this Council receives the information from the Ministry of Transportation, dated May 31, 2012 as notice of Environmental Assessment concerning proposed work at the 401 ramps at exits 556 (Shannonville Rd) and 570 (Deseronto Rd)

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Margaret Walsh

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick

THAT the Livestock Valuer Report for the following be approved as presented:

Ken Goodfellow	Semintol x heifer	\$660.00
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CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick

SECONDED BY: Councillor Margaret Walsh

THAT the Livestock Valuer Report for the following be approved as presented:

Kevin Durkin	Herford X Heifer Calf	\$605.00
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CARRIED

Councillor Margaret Walsh

- *Brought forward to Council that with the departure of 24 year CEO and Librarian Frances Smith that we should do something special*
- *Councillor Walsh recognized that the Library Board will be the primary driver of this but that the Township Council should also be involved*
- *The CAO advised that normal retirement gifts and such are part of our Christmas Awards and Recognition Banquet, but yes, absolutely we should do something special*
- *It was suggested that an afternoon of sweets and tea/coffee drop in might be appropriate*
- *The CAO advised that he would speak with Mandi & Tanya and make sure something special was planned*
- *It was agreed that the Municipality and Library Board could cost share this event*

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Councillor Margaret Walsh

SECONDED BY: Councilor Wayne Chadwick

That this Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 9:02 pm.

CARRIED

Iain Gardiner, Deputy Reeve

Steve Mercer, CAO