

TOWNSHIP OF TYENDINAGA
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting - NO. 2015-15

Municipal Council Chambers, 859 Melrose Road, Shannonville
Monday August 10, 2015 at 4:00 pm

PRESENT:

Rick Phillips	Reeve
Adam Hannafin	Deputy Reeve
Wayne Chadwick	Councillor
Heather Lang	Councillor
Don McFarlane	Councillor
Steve Mercer	Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: None

PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

MOVED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick
SECONDED BY: Councillor Heather Lang
THAT the Regular Meeting be opened at 7:00 pm and the agenda of August 10, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Adam Hannafin
SECONDED BY: Councillor Don McFarlane
THAT the minutes of the July 13, 2015 Regular Meeting and July 13 Public Meeting be approved as corrected.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Riverview Cemetery Board – Christina Taylor

- Ms. Taylor presented to Council as the Secretary Treasurer for the Riverview Cemetery Board – the other Board members were in the gallery
- Ms. Taylor provided a brief history of the Cemetery
- The cemetery has recently fallen on hard financial times
- There are two primary contributing factors
 - The interest from the perpetual care fund, given the low rates is not generating enough revenue
 - The increase in cremations as a post life option – there is no columbarium of site
- The Board shared extensive financial information for the past few years that did indeed demonstrate these challenges
- There are still approximately 60 plot holders who are living
- They are currently selling very few plots
- Ms. Taylor described that unless something changes quickly they will be forced to abandon the cemetery
- If this were to happen, its ownership and operation, as per the Cemeteries Act would become the responsibility of the Municipality

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- This situation is not unique to Tyendinaga Township, this is a province wide issue
- The principle amount of the perpetual care funds legislated by Ontario are not enough at this time to generate the interest income needed based on the low interest rates the past several years
- Unless some sort of arrangement is made with Council for support, this is the inevitability
- The Board presented 3 options that Council could consider, ranging at one extreme to just taking it over, to an annual grant of perhaps \$10,000, and a hybrid option whereby we would assume a large measure of responsibility, but would not run the cemetery
- The group's preference would be to continue to operate the cemetery, but they require the resources to do so, otherwise, abandonment is the only option
- Council had also secured a legal opinion that confirmed the groups thoughts
- The Council asked about fundraising and other revenue streams that may have been considered by the group
- The Council explained that they felt they may not be the best group to operate an open cemetery
- Council thanked the group for their presentation and advised that they would require some time to consider next steps

Abundant Energy

- Abundant Energy approached Council for Municipal Support Resolutions for 4 (four) projects they are considering for Tyendinaga Township
- The delegation presented a short history of Abundant Energy with the emphasis that they were a vertically integrated company where they were the sole entity from top to bottom and do not outsource any of their work
- The delegation presented an overview of the FIT Program
- The application window for the current program will run from September 10-October 30
- SunEdison is considering 4 sites in the Township
 - Chadwick – Pt Lot 40 Con 3
 - Walsh – Pt Lot 19 Con 3
 - Walsh – Pt Lot 17 Con 4 N
 - McConnell – Pt Lot 38 Con 1
- Each of these projects is a 250kW facility and occupies between 5 and 7 acres
- Council was previously concerned that the neighbours need to be notified and be in support of the project
- Abundant Energy have provided written assurance from the neighbouring property owners that they do not oppose the projects

MOVED BY: Councillor Don McFarlane

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick

THAT this Council supports the FIT4 application for Abundant Energy a 250KW ground mount solar installation on the McRae property, 972 Marysville Rd, and asks that the CAO convey this support in the appropriate manner to the IESO. Be it further moved that Abundant Energy is to comply with all components of the FIT program in order to continue the validation of this support. This resolution will be named 2015-A1

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MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Adam Hannafin

SECONDED BY: Councillor Heather Lang

THAT this Council supports the FIT4 application for Abundant Energy a 250KW ground mount solar installation on the McRae property, 979 Marysville Rd, and asks that the CAO convey this support in the appropriate manner to the IESO. Be it further moved that Abundant Energy is to comply with all components of the FIT program in order to continue the validation of this support. This resolution will be named 2015-A2

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Adam Hannafin

SECONDED BY: Councillor Heather Lang

THAT this Council supports the FIT4 application for Abundant Energy a 250KW ground mount solar installation on the Wattam property, 453 Belleville Rd, and asks that the CAO convey this support in the appropriate manner to the IESO. Be it further moved that Abundant Energy is to comply with all components of the FIT program in order to continue the validation of this support. This resolution will be named 2015-A3.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

John Farrell, Roads Supervisor

Provided written report

Highlights

- Grass cutting throughout Township
- This reporting period included the two week Roads Department shutdown period
- Brent continued to work cutting grass and will be taking his holidays in a few weeks
- The GPS units are being installed in all the trucks
- The Roads department is assistant wherever possible in preparation for the 2015 Hastings County Plowing Match and Farm Show
- Shouldering work is being completed the length of Belleville Rd, part and parcel to the resurfacing of the road
- John explained that with so much work ongoing at the Roads Department and that we have to be cognizant of holidays, that Leo Whalen be hired for a two month period as a Roads Operator to assist with the extra work
- John advised that the new tractor/bush hog should be delivered shortly
- The final touches of this year's line painting (arrows and stop bars) have been completed
- Surface treatment has been applied to the ballfield parking lot and to the approved section of Read Rd, north of the 8th Concession
- The new above ground fuel tanks have been installed at the Roads Garage

MOVED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick

SECONDED BY: Councillor Don McFarlane

THAT this Council approves to hire Leo Whalen as a Roads Operator, to assist with the heavy workload of the Roads Department during this construction season

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Mandi Koopmans – Recreation Coordinator

Provided Written Report

Highlights

- Soccer has ended for the season
- Pre-Rookie and Rookie Ball has finished for the season.
- Beach volleyball is going smoothly and coming to an end at the end of August.
- Flag Football will be starting at the end of September
- Plowing Match - Our plowing match tent is shaping up - We have been in contact with most of the businesses attending, confirming wristbands required, timing of set up and space availability. We have 10 businesses participating as well as displays from our Municipal Office, Library and Fire Department. New red golf shirts have been ordered for the event and Council is encouraged to wear them both days if possible
- Annual Golf Tournament
 - The Township Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday September 19.
 - Hole sponsorship and prize donation letters have been sent to municipal businesses and suppliers.
 - Posters are being produced to hang around the Township as well as at Briar Fox
- Township Christmas Appreciation Dinner – will be Friday November 13
- The grounds are in tip top shape.
 - We are into South Hastings playoffs so the field with lights is being used every night of the week.

Important Date Reminders

- Wed/Thurs, August 19/20 – Plowing Match at Chadwick Farms – 1210 Callaghan Rd
- Thursday, August 27 – Library End of Summer Party 5:30-7:30pm Rec Hall
- Thursday, August 27 – Beach Volleyball finals
- Friday, August 28-Sunday August 30 – SAS Fair
- Saturday/ Sunday, September 12/13 – year-end Three Pitch Tournament
- Saturday, September 19 – Annual Golf Tournament at Briar Fox
- Wednesday, November 11 – Remembrance Day Ceremony – 10:30am
- Friday, November 13 – Township Staff Appreciation Christmas Dinner

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Mike Boyd – Fire Chief
Provided written report
Highlights

- There have been ten (10) calls for assistance in the last reporting period
 - The Chief provided an overview of the particulars
- The Chief will be attending all day meeting on August 20th, first meeting is a communications meeting the second meeting is a regional chiefs meeting

- Oct 15th Hastings County will be holding a mass training for all control groups - location to be confirmed
- Chief will be attending a mandatory course, August 11, as part of his role as CEMC
- On October 15, Hastings County will be holding a mass training exercise – details to follow as they become available

MOVED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick
SECONDED BY: Councillor Don McFarlane
THAT this Council receives the staff reports as presented.
CARRIED

PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

MOVED BY: Councillor Heather Lang
SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Adam Hannafin
THAT the following accounts be approved as presented:

General Government	\$47,249.53
Waste Disposal	\$1,017.07
Roads Department	\$185,293.51
Recreation Department	\$14,304.51
Protective Services	\$2,310.00
Fire Department	\$11,693.07

CARRIED

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

CORRESPONDANCE

MOVED BY: Councillor Heather Lang
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick
That this Council receives the following correspondence:

- Special Investigations Unit – Annual Report

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NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Adam Hannafin

SECONDED BY: Councillor Heather Lang

That this Council supports the resolution put forward by Randy Pettipiece concerning fairness in distribution of Provincial Infrastructure funds

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Adam Hannafin

SECONDED BY: Councillor Heather Lang

THAT this Council approves a proposal put forward by Anything Electric to apply to the IESO to install a 10KW roof top solar unit on the Marysville Garage at an estimated cost of approximately \$36,000.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Don McFarlane

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick

THAT this Council welcomes the funding call from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and asks that the CAO work with the County of Lennox & Addington to submit a joint application for rehabilitation of the Sucker Creek Bridge at an estimated cost of approximately \$800,000 whereby we will be asking for a 90% contribution from the Ontario Government and the remaining \$80,000 be split 50/50 with Lennox & Addington

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick

SECONDED BY: Councillor Don McFarlane

THAT this Council welcomes the funding call from the Small Communities Fund (SCF) and asks that the CAO work with our engineers to submit an application for rehabilitation of Old Highway #2 at an approximate cost of \$3,000,000 whereby the Municipality would contribute \$1,000,000 the Federal Government \$1,000,000 and the Provincial Government \$1,000,000 based on a 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 contribution model.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Adam Hannafin

SECONDED BY: Councillor Heather Lang

THAT this Council receives the information from Canadian Pacific Railways demonstrating that they have now applied to Transport Canada for gates and signaling at the Weese Rd Crossing under the Grade Crossing Improvement Program (GCIP).

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Heather Lang

SECONDED BY: Councillor Don McFarlane

THAT this Council receives the Fire Chiefs briefing regarding Automatic Emergency Defibrillators and how they relate to the Act, training and owner liability.

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MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Adam Hannafin

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick

THAT this Council receives and supports the CAO-s memo of August 6 concerning maternity leave for Mandi Koopmans and approach for a maternity hire.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR NEW BUSINESS/ REPORTS

Councillor Heather Lang

- Councillor Lang reported as a Member of the Tyendinaga Township Public Library Board
- The Library has secured, as a fundraiser, one of the food concessions at the upcoming Plowing Match & Farm Show
- They will be working with Papa's Pizza in an arrangement where the Library will receive 15% of all profits
- They are also the "lunch provider" for the Tuesday set up day

Councilor Don McFarlane

- Brought forward to Council a suggestion for our electronic sign at the Recreation Grounds
- This may be an opportunity to support our local business when they are having sales, special events or interesting promotions
- This is a chance for us to promote and highlight our local business community
- Council and staff agreed that this was a good idea, and with a soon to be updated Business Directory and a mass mail out, hopefully some may take advantage of some limited but free advertising

Reeve Rick Philips

- Asked the CAO of the status of a Council request that water testing be done at the Recreation Grounds by Longs Quarry so that our flow rates can be monitoring in light of present and proposed quarrying operations in the area
- The CAO advised that he had been in touch with Charlie Demill and that Oakridge Environmental were in the area this week and met with Jim Uens to begin to assess our wells on the grounds and develop some baseline data
- The CAO will keep Council apprised of progress and results

- Advised Council that interviews for the new Building Inspector will be conducted in Stirling on September 3

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CAO Steve Mercer

- Circulated with Council a request for a support resolution to oppose the construction of a Nuclear Waste repository in the Great Lakes Basin
- The site being considered at this time appears to be in the Kincardine area
- The Reeve offered that he will be at the annual AMO conference next week and will most certainly have an opportunity to speak with officials from Kincardine and Bruce County
- Prior to passing the resolution he suggested that we first ascertain their feelings on this project

MOVED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick

SECONDED BY: Councillor Don McFarlane

THAT this Council defers support of the resolution to oppose the construction of a Nuclear Waste repository in the Great Lakes Basin until such time as Reeve Rick Phillips has an opportunity to discuss the matter with officials from Kincardine and Bruce County

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Councillor Wayne Chadwick

SECONDED BY: Councillor Heather Lang

That this Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 9:58 pm

CARRIED

Rick Phillips Reeve

Steve Mercer, CAO