

TOWNSHIP OF TYENDINAGA
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting - NO. 2008-23

Municipal Council Chambers, 859 Melrose Road, Shannonville
Monday October 20, 2008 at 7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT:	Margaret Walsh	Reeve
	Fred Lang	Deputy Reeve
	Chris Brady	Councillor
	Iain Gardiner	Councillor
	Rick Phillips	Councillor
	Steve Mercer	Clerk-Treasurer

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None declared

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady
THAT the Agenda of October 20, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips
THAT the minutes of the October 6, 2008 Regular Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

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

Reeve Margaret Walsh	2 items
Deputy Reeve Fred Lang	0 items
Councillor Chris Brady	0 items
Councillor Iain Gardiner	1 item
Councillor Rick Phillips	0 item
Clerk Steve Mercer	1 items

CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips
That this Council receives the correspondence from:

- Legal – October 6 – Two Letters – Templeman Menninga – Conveyance to Canada – Turton Penn
- AECOM – October 7 – Building Canada Fund
- Mosey & Mosey- October 14, 2008 12 Month Claims Experience & Renewal Projection

CARRIED

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In regards to the correspondence, the Clerk again assured Council that the Municipality would not assume the costs associated with the Turton Penn roads situation.

The Clerk also advised that in relation to our Insurance and Benefits carrier, that they would be attending an administrative meeting on October 27 at 3 pm and that any interested Councillor should attend.

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

That this Council hereby proclaims the week of October 19-25 as Waste Reduction Week in Tyendinaga Township in support of National Waste Reduction Week in Canada.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

That this Council receives the Drinking Water Source Protection Update Dated October 8, 2008 from Keith Taylor – Project Manager

CARRIED

The Council wished to review our property standards regime. The Clerk circulated copies of our existing 1987 Property Standards by-law which is inadequate and unenforceable. Fire Chief/By-Law Enforcement Officer Dan Callaghan was in attendance and offered the following:

- A possible approach may be to have separate by-laws for different components of property standards
 - A yard by-law to speak to tidiness
 - A derelict vehicle by-law
- Callaghan also offered that enforcement directives need to be consistent, universal, and that we can't pick and choose offenders. An agreed upon process for enforcement needs conveyed to our Officer
- He also suggested that if we incrementally introduce these various by-laws that there may be less resistance to change

It was left that Dan would come back to Council once he researched various municipalities, and how they were handling these matters, and bring back some examples for Council to review.

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

That this Council respectfully declines the offer from the Hastings Stewardship Council to participate in the 2009 Community Trees program.

CARRIED

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MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

That this Council directs the Clerk, as per the letter from the Health Unit of September 19, 2008, to contact the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte to have the signs removed. Be it further moved that the Clerk is to approach the Band in a way consistent with a concerned neighbour. Be it finally moved that if the signs remain, the Municipality would remove them after November 3, once there has been ample opportunity for their removal.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

That this Council receives the letter of concern dated September 28, 2008 from Verna Stephenson, Sharon Bider and John Canfield regarding brushing and an ample turnaround at the far easterly end of Cross Rd.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

That this Council receives the copy of the Special Resolution dated September 25, 2008 from Hastings County describing the allocation of the County portion (\$2,308,940) of the recently announced Investing in Ontario Act Funding. Be it further moved that the Council asks the Clerk/Reeve to follow up on the projections regarding the new Ambulance Base in Bancroft and some background on the Hastings Heritage Trail.

CARRIED

Clerk Steve Mercer

- Inquired about the dates that Council desires for our Christmas shutdown
- There was discussion of the timing of statutory holidays and the various days of the week that important dates fell

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

That this Council approves of municipal operations to be closed from 4:00pm December 19 to 8:30 am December 29 for Christmas holidays. Be it further moved that the Roads Supervisor and Fire Chief are also to recognize the on-call and emergency component of their Departments and to plan with this in mind.

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- The Clerk thanked the Council and commented that staff would be most grateful of this generosity on the part of Council and recognizes that this shutdown is greater than the statutory requirement

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Councillor Iain Gardiner

- Advised Council that he would be attending the Community Rail Safety meeting in Cobourg, October 22 on behalf of Council and asked for any items Council would like him to bring forward
- The following items were suggested
 - Funding for closure of the tracks at Weese between the 2nd and 3rd
 - Billing clarity for monthly maintenance – extra charges etc
 - Improvements at the crossing on Melrose just west of Wymans
 - Improvements for the crossing on Marysville, just north of the 5th

Councillor Rick Phillips

- Brought up an idea about dealing with staff reports on the agenda
- Suggested that, in respect of staff, that if Reports could be moved to the beginning of the meeting, then staff concerned would be free to leave rather than waiting until the end of the evening to make reports
- Also suggested that since Reports are contained in the package, that they be received by motion and if Council has any questions they can be asked at that time
- This would eliminate the need for the reports to be formally presented as all information is already contained in the written report

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

That this Council directed the Clerk to move the Staff Reports and Approval of Accounts sections of the Council agenda towards the beginning so that staff can be excused afterward. Be it further moved that Council practice will be to receive the reports via motion and questions can be asked of staff and they can then leave once the Approval of Accounts has been completed.

CARRIED

Reeve Margaret Walsh

- Updated Council on her recent attendance at the Hastings County Economic Summit Held September 23 in Madoc
- Community broadband services or lack of were one of the main discussion points
- Federal broadband funding will be handled in part by the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus
- Area mainstreet initiatives were discussed
- Presentations were made by various community partner groups including MMAH
- Results of recent growth accommodations studies were reviewed

Council discussed the impact of recent Economic Development initiatives led by the County. The Clerk was directed to obtain budget numbers for this function and to get a sense of impact and deliverables.

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MEMBERS REPORTS

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady
SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang
That this Council receives the August 2008 BISC Report.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Liette Forestell, Recreation Coordinator
Provided written report

Highlights

- There was a sewage issue at the recent elementary school soccer tournament but it was rectified quickly and the event was a success
- Planning for the Ignite the Night event and the upcoming Heritage Tour are well underway and progressing
- Upcoming important dates include, SEOPRA Meeting - Oct 28, Remembrance Day – Nov 11, Staff Awards and Recognition Evening - Dec 12

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady
SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang
That this Council supports the upcoming Ignite the Night Recreation event as a community event.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner
SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang
That this Council supports the upcoming Heritage Tour as a community event.

CARRIED

John Farrell, Road Supervisor
Provided written report

Highlights

- Public Meeting for Wyman's Bridge design was held on October 15
- Both the Doyle's and Goodfellow's Bridge are now completed
 - Council asked John to pass on their congratulations for a job well done to his crew
- Grading of gravel roads continues
- Lots of brushing taking place throughout the Township

Dan Callaghan, Fire Chief
Provided written report

Highlights

- Will be bringing forth a recommendation for Deputy Fire Chief at next Council Meeting
- There have been eight call outs in this reporting period
- Recruit training has completed
- Fire Prevention Week was a success with school and community visits

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MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips
THAT this Council accepts the staff reports as presented.
CARRIED

PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips
SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner
THAT the following accounts be approved as presented:

General Government	24,459.18
Roads Department	31,393.78
Recreation Department	3,012.69
Fire Department	4,625.28
Protective Services	27,767.73

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady
That this Council passes by-law # 08- 21, being a By-Law to amend By-Law Number 91-06 to prescribe the precautions and conditions under which fires may be set in Open Air, its short title to be known as the Burning By-law.
CARRIED

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady
That this Regular Council Meeting be adjourned 8:50 pm.
CARRIED

Margaret Walsh, Reeve

Steve Mercer, Clerk-Treasurer