

TOWNSHIP OF TYENDINAGA
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting - NO. 2009-03

Municipal Council Chambers, 859 Melrose Road, Shannonville
Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT:	Margaret Walsh	Reeve
	Fred Lang	Deputy Reeve
	Iain Gardiner	Councillor
	Chris Brady	Councillor 7:25 pm
	Rick Phillips	Councillor
	Steve Mercer	Clerk-Treasurer

ABSENT:

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None declared

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips
THAT the Agenda of February 2, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang
SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner
THAT the minutes of the January 19, 2009 Regular Meeting be approved as corrected.

CARRIED

John was thanked for all the hard work of the Roads Department and that Council has received many appreciative comments.

DELEGATIONS

Mike Bossio – Wyman Bridge

- Asked for Council's indulgence to move forward with the agenda for a few moments until Malcolm Elston arrived – Council agreed

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PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner
SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

THAT the following accounts be approved as presented:

General Government	51,844.16
Roads Department	79,681.54
Recreation Department	1,646.04
Protective Services	29,044.72
Fire Department	5,268.77

CARRIED

- Council inquired about the possibility of working with neighbouring municipalities in getting a better price for salt if we bought as a group
- John advised that our current price is lower than other municipalities have got through the tender process
- Given the severity of the winter some independent contractor are having difficulty getting salt
- The focus is distribution for municipalities

DELEGATIONS

Mike Bossio – Wyman Bridge

- Firstly, congratulated Council on receiving the \$1,150,000 for the Wyman Bridge secured through a proposal to the Ontario government sponsored Municipal Infrastructure Investment Program
- Has questions and concerns to convey to Council in relation the Wyman Bridge project
- Is the design in keeping with the Councils vision for the Township?
- Is concerned that we are tearing down a bridge, built in 1922, with heritage value to the Township
- Very few of these pony bridges exist anywhere, and shouldn't some measures take place to protect this one?
- What other options were considered?
- What message does the Township wish to convey for the future?
- Wasn't rehabilitation considered in order to retain the integrity of the old bridge?
- John confirmed that the last time this 1922 bridge had significant work was in 1996
- Malcolm and Mike had spent some time at the bridge to ascertain speed and volume
- Felt that people actually slowed down on approach and that the traffic count was not very high
- The comparator used was the Waddingham Bridge
- The delegation had a couple of technical questions for our engineers who were in attendance
- The questions centered around costs and alternative designs
- Councillor Phillips interjected that it was not the engineers who need to defend a decision of Council and that the dialogue was starting to break down
- Mike concluded by asking if the Council had any appetite to open up discussion and review the design of the bridge
- Council did not want to revisit the design and was confident that they had made the best decision based on engineering reports and available financing

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IN CAMERA

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips
THAT Council agreed to continue with the Council Meeting in camera as the subject matter deals with tender matters where confidentiality requires protection.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner
SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang
THAT Council has completed the discussion dealing with matters where Council confidentiality requires protection.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips
THAT this Council confirms the discussion of the in-camera portion of the open meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips
That this Council awards the construction contract, as per tender, for Wyman Bridge, to Dalcon Enterprises at a value of \$993,730. Be it further moved that our engineering firm work with Dalcon to secure the contract, appropriate binding signatures and to keep Council abreast of developments as the project unfolds.

CARRIED

Note: It is still expected that the total cost for this project including all engineering costs, will not exceed the \$1,150,000 grant from the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative and that no sole source funds will be required.

STAFF REPORTS

John Farrell, Road Supervisor
Provided written report

Highlights

- Plowing and sanding continues in this changeable weather
- Quinte has experienced a record amount of snowfall this January
- Culverts have been repaired on Melrose, Queen and Shannon
- Some brushing along Blessington and Melrose

Liette Forestell, Recreation Coordinator
Provided written report

Highlights

- Snowball Tournament was a big success – 11 teams participated
- Thanked the Roads Crew and the Fire Department for all their help in building the outdoor rink
- Updated Council on the Ignite event scheduled for this coming Friday

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- Has worked closely with Steve regarding her departure and to ensure there are no loose ends:
 - Hall grounds and facility
 - Fair Board and other third party users
 - Soccer, baseball and programs
 - Canteen and kitchen
 - Other items including security and budget

Steve assured Council that he and Liette have worked closely on issues pertaining to transition.

Council wanted to take a moment to collectively congratulate and commend Liette for her fantastic contribution to Township Recreation over the past several years. Her contribution will be long remembered and Council conveyed their very best wishes.

Dan Callaghan, Fire Chief

Provided written report

Highlights

- Have responded to 9 calls since the last reporting period
- Jim Newitt has spearheaded a monthly Fire Department newsletter to help keep members informed
- Will be appointing a Fire Prevention Officer very shortly

Dan also tabled a document relating to Fire Department goals and objectives for 2009 and a document relating to the lobby to MTO to secure some type of payments for stand-downs for calls to the 401.

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

THAT this Council accepts the staff reports as presented.

CARRIED

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

That this Council receives the correspondence from:

- Ministry of Finance – January 20, 2009 – Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund 2009
- OPP-Julian Fantino – December 29, 2009 – Cost Recovery Formula
- Federal Budget Commentary – Collins Barrow – January 27, 2009
- Federal Budget 2009 – January 28, 2009 – Ontario Good Roads Association
- Ontario Municipalities to Benefit from Federal Budget Measures for Infrastructure, Housing and Employment Insurance – January 27, 2009 – AMO

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- Federal Government Announces New Infrastructure Funding – January 26, 2009 - AMO
- Tender Document – Acoustics at Recreation Hall
- Tender Document – Canteen Services

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

THAT this Council approves of the request by Ted Pordham, that the Township allocate \$1,385 for the upcoming Heritage Tour scheduled for May 24, 2009 as per the submitted budget

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

That this Council approves the use of the Recreation Grounds for the Hastings Country Riders and Horse Club on May 16, 30, June 20, July 18 and August 8, 2009. Be it further moved that the Clerk, when conveying this approval please remind the club that the area be properly cleaned up at the conclusion of each event.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

That this Council approves the request from Quinte Conservation that we participate in the Yellow Fish Rd Program aimed at the educating the public about the importance of clean water in the community. Be it further moved that any paint used be environmentally friendly.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

That this Council hereby supports the resolution put forward by the Township of Tay Valley in relation to maintaining the 50% cost share of recycling costs as indicated in the 2002 Ontario Waste Diversion Act.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

That this Council, in relation to property standards, asks the Fire Chief/ By-law Enforcement Officer to design a by-law relating to derelict vehicles in the Township, and once drafted, bring to Council for review, comment and approval.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

That this Council receives the information from the Clerk in relation to the 2009 Budget. Be it further moved that staff is to begin budget construction with a 2% increase to budget. Be it further moved that the public dates for budget session be at the Township office March 3 at 9:00 am, March 16 at 4:00 pm

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and March 23 at 7:00 pm. Be it finally moved that the budget be passed at the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday April 7 at 7:00 pm rescheduled from April 6, 2009 due to an unavoidable conflict with the Clerks schedule.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

That this Council approves, in principle the draft Memorandums of Understanding between the Tyendinaga Township Minor Baseball Association and the Tyendinaga Township Youth Soccer Association. Be it further moved that once the Clerk gets clear information from our insurer and once each association has reviewed the MOU's, that the Clerk bring them back to Council for formal passage.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

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

Ken Goodfellow	Calf	\$385.00
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CARRIED

Councillor Iain Gardiner

- The item he was going to bring forward had been dealt with in earlier discussion in the Roads Supervisors Staff Report – item related to roadside brushing

Clerk Steve Mercer

- Advised Council that he had received a request from Hastings County for member municipalities to pass a resolution to support the Rural Broadband funding application

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

Whereas in March 2008, the Government of Ontario announced a \$30 million, four year initiative designed to improve broadband access in rural regions in southern Ontario, known as the Rural Connections Program;

And Whereas the Rural Connections program will help rural communities foster partnerships and pursue innovative approaches to promote economic development and improve access to government programs and services;

And Whereas the Rural Connections program will help families and individuals in rural Ontario by improving access to public services such as e-learning, e-health and e-government, and broadband services for economic and social development;

And Whereas the Rural Connections Intake One Application deadline announced is February 12, 2009.

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And Whereas significant areas of the County of Hastings have been identified as underserved areas;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Tyendinaga as a partner in the Application, hereby approves the submission of an Application by the County of Hastings as lead applicant for underserved areas in Hastings County;

Be it Further Resolved that the Township of Tyendinaga confirms that the application to the Rural Connections Program is a municipal priority for the Township and is committed to support the County's application as identified in the Proposal.

CARRIED

- Also brought up that the Recreation coordinator position closes this coming Wednesday and invited any interested Councillors to attend on Thursday afternoon to help screen applications and then participate in interviews tentatively scheduled for Wednesday February 11, 2009
- Deputy Reeve Lang, Reeve Walsh and Councillor Phillips indicated that they would assist in screening and interviews – Clerk to draft questions

IN CAMERA

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

THAT Council agreed to continue with the Council Meeting in camera as the subject matter deals with legal matters where confidentiality requires protection.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Ian Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

THAT Council has completed the discussion dealing with legal matters where Council confidentiality requires protection.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

THAT this Council confirms the discussion of the in-camera portion of the open meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

That this Regular Council Meeting be adjourned 9:50 pm.

CARRIED

Margaret Walsh, Reeve

Steve Mercer, Clerk-Treasurer

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