

**TOWNSHIP OF TYENDINAGA**  
**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting - NO. 2010-04**

Municipal Council Chambers, 859 Melrose Road, Shannonville  
Tuesday February 16, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Chris Brady - work

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: none declared**

The Council wished to recognize Crystal Diemert, Myra Asmar and Jessica Walsh who were attending Council as part of their high school curriculum.

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner  
SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang  
THAT the Agenda of February 16, 2010 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips  
SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang  
THAT the minutes of the February 1, 2010 Regular Meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS**

**Warden Joanne Albert & CAO Jim Pine – County of Hastings**

- Came to Council to advise of Hastings County priorities and the impacts across the board of reduced Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations to Tyendinaga Township and County of Hastings
- The Warden explained that Long Term Care continues to be a priority for County Council
- The County operates the Hastings Manor and Centennial Manor in Bancroft
- There is a current waiting list of 300 for Hastings Manor and 72 for Centennial Manor
- The lobby continues to secure increased resources to help meet these increasing needs
- The County need to know what Ontario's strategy is on these matters as with an aging population the demands are going to continue to increase

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- A second priority concerns the safety in Social Services housing units
- The issue appears to be security
- New equipment is being installed in many of the units to promote a safe environment for the tenants
  
- CAO Jim Pine updated Council on the County budget and financial pressures facing the County
- In regards to OMPF there is the thought within some of the lower tier municipalities that as the Social Services' functions are uploaded to the province that there may be some savings to be had in terms of the municipal levy
- This is true and not true; the County does not anticipate to see any savings until at least 2014, and then the savings are very modest when distributed back to the municipalities
- The County OMPF amount is being reduced by the amount of apparent savings due to the upload
- The County has experienced a loss in OMPF of \$2,443,000 over the past two years,
- Member municipalities this year are seeing a loss of \$845,000, the Tyendinaga amount being \$76,300
- In short, there will be savings, but not until 2014 and it won't be appreciable
- County Council has asked County staff to come in with a budget with no increase to levy
- Another large pressure that is facing the County is the social services reconciliation for the past two years
- The Social Services Department is funded based on projected social services expenditures
- In normal times when expenditures exceed the projected amount the province will offset the deficit amount
- This has not happened for 2008 and 2009, meaning an additional pressure on the County budget of \$650,000

**Danny Watson – Union Gas**

- Attended Council and gave the Council an overview of Union Gas as a utility
- The whole franchise process is governed by the Ontario Energy Board
- They are the ones who outline the terms and conditions under which the company conducts its business with the municipality
- This is the franchise agreement and they are standardized for all municipalities at the insistence of the OEB
- Attended Council to discuss the 20 year franchise agreement the Township has with Union Gas
- It is up for renewal this year, in September
- The franchise agreement gives Union Gas exclusive rights to the customers in Tyendinaga Township
- Council pointed out that the Township doesn't have anyone on gas
- Gas come across the Township via the Trans Canada Pipeline and is taken off (purchased by Union Gas) and taken south towards Deseronto
- Union Gas is the only gas supplier with infrastructure in the ground
- If we preferred another provider they would require a multimillion dollar installation
- Council inquired that if we were to agree to all this, and that really we have no customers would the utility be able to provide emergency training to our firefighters in case of emergency
- Mr. Watson agreed to training

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- Union Gas pays the Township approximately \$3,200 a year in property taxes
- The Council thanked Mr. Watson for his presentation

**PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips  
SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang  
THAT the following accounts be approved as presented:

General Government	4384.31
Roads Department	9417.29
Recreation Department	467.59
Protective Services	0
Fire Department	1541.47

**CARRIED**

**STAFF REPORTS**

John Farrell, Roads Supervisor

Provided written report

Highlights

- The snowfall situation remains favourable the past couple of weeks
- Extensive tree cutting along Shannon and McCullough Rds in preparation for summer construction projects
- Some cold patching and culvert repairs

Stan Laton, Fire Chief

Provided written report

Highlights

- One call for service since last reporting period
- Currently reviewing applications from the three local schools for the Junior Ambassador program
- The Firefighters Association is working on a project with the library
- They are contributing \$300 to assist in the building of a Fire Truck bookshelf
- An additional \$500 has been donated to purchase fire prevention books to be put on the bookshelf
- The Chief thanked the Firefighters association for their continued support

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

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

Clerk Steve Mercer	1 item
Deputy Reeve Fred Lang	2 items
Reeve Margaret Walsh	0 items
Councillor Rick Phillips	1 Item
Councillor Iain Gardiner	2 items 1 in camera

**CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

That this Council receives the correspondence:

- Ministry of the Environment – January 21, 2010 – Richmond Landfill Closure

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

THAT this Council receives and approves of the job advertisement for a new Transfer Station attendant. Be it further moved that the clerk will be assisted by Councillor Gardiner and Councillor Phillips during the selection process.

**CARRIED**

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

THAT Council supports the resolution distributed by the Township of Front of Yonge in regards to asking the Ministry of Natural Resources to provide a solution and/or financial assistance with the growing problem of livestock losses attributed to coyotes and wolves.

**CARRIED**

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

That this Council approves of the 2010 Centre and South Hastings Waste Services Board budget showing a municipal levy to Tyendinaga in the amount of \$39,842.84

**CARRIED**

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

That this Council approves of the 2010 Quinte Conservation budget showing a municipal levy to Tyendinaga in the amount of \$27,079.00.

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MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

That this Council approves of the 2010 Building Inspections Services Committee budget showing revenue and expenses for 2010 at \$220,500. Be it further moved that this Council supports ultimate passage of the budget and authorizes the committee to make any final adjustments in regards to the Training line item as further research is required.

**CARRIED**

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

THAT Council at this time confirms its non financial participation at this time of the Deseronto Transit Service and receives the correspondence from Edgar Tumac of January 26, 2010 as information.

**CARRIED**

**Steve Mercer – Clerk Treasurer**

- Advised Council that we now have some firm unaudited year end numbers for the fiscal year 2009
- We have a municipal surplus of \$136,922 and has asked for motions to deal with the surplus

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

That this Council applies \$53,521 of the municipal surplus (being the final payment of the Slash Rd Bridge) to roads equipment reserves for 2009. Be it further moved that this amount be withdrawn from equipment reserves in 2010 to help offset the costs of the new loader to be purchased at an estimated cost of \$180,000.

**CARRIED**

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

That this Council applies \$36,511.20 of the 2009 surplus to unfinanced capital for the Melrose Hall (Library). Be it further moved that this amount is in addition to the \$55,000 designated for this purpose in the original 2009 municipal budget.

**CARRIED**

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

That this Council applies the remaining surplus of \$46,890 to recreation reserves. Be it further moved that this amount be withdrawn from recreation reserves as the budget amount for the new maintenance/utility building at the Rec Plex.

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**Deputy Reeve Fred Lang**

- Pursuant to the Deputy Reeve's attendance at a recent Library Board meeting asks that the annual Lilac Tea event and its expenditures be considered under the current line item for the Heritage Tour contained in the Recreation budget

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

That this renames budget line 17-7291 Community Heritage to 17-7291 Lilac Tea & Community Heritage.

**CARRIED**

- Deputy Reeve Lang also asked that the minutes recognize the hard work put forward by Mandi, Frances, Tanya, Paul Gartland and Steve in making the Family Day event a great success.

**Councillor Iain Gardiner**

- Provided an update to Council on his recent attendance at the Hastings County Plowing Match organization meeting. Tyendinaga Township is hosting this years event
- Councillor Gardiner has secured a 25' x 25' plot for the Township so we can now plan on how we would like to showcase the community
- Staff can contact Thompson tents to make arrangements
- Perhaps a committee should be formed to see what theme we would like to pursue
- There is also a need for youth parking attendants for the duration of the Plowing Match
- Asked that the Township Website include an advertisement for the attendants and appropriate contact information

**Councillor Rick Phillips**

- Shared with Council the results of the Clerk's investigation into the maintenance costs we pay in regards to the crossing at the boundary, Deseronto Rd
- It appears that nothing is going to change in the foreseeable future as it was ourselves/ County who set up the present arrangement
- The Clerk indicated that he felt not all was yet lost and would continue to pursue it, but yes, any changes will not be immediate

**MEMBERS REPORTS**

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

THAT Council receives the Quinte Waste Solutions Board Minutes dated December 21, 2009

**CARRIED**

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MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips  
THAT Council receives the BISC report for January 2010 and the minutes from the November 30, 2009 BISC meeting held in Stirling Rawdon.

**CARRIED**

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner  
THAT Council receives the Library Board Minutes dated December 8, 2009

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAWS**

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner  
That this Council hereby passes By-law 10-01, Being a By-law to set and apply the 2010 interim tax rate at an amount 30% of last year's rate against the 2010 assessment due at March 31, 2009.

**CARRIED**

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner  
That this Council hereby passes By-law 10-02, Being a by-law to amend By-law 03-16 regarding Concession 8, Pt Lot 9, Cross Rd, its short title being the Goodfellow By-law.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner  
THAT Council agreed to continue with the Council Meeting in camera as the subject matter deals with legal and personnel 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 legal and personnel matters where Council confidentiality requires protection.

**CARRIED**

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

**CARRIED**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

That this Regular Council Meeting be adjourned 9:47 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Margaret Walsh, Reeve

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Steve Mercer, Clerk - Treasurer