

TOWNSHIP OF TYENDINAGA
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting - NO. 2007-24

Municipal Council Chambers, 859 Melrose Road, Shannonville
Monday December 3, 2007 at 7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest.

None was declared at this time

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips
THAT the Agenda of December 3, 2007 be adopted.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady
SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting and Public Meeting of Monday November 19, 2007 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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

Reeve Margaret Walsh	0 items
Deputy Reeve Fred Lang	0 items
Councillor Chris Brady	0 items
Councillor Iain Gardiner	4 items
Councillor Rick Phillips	0 item
Clerk Steve Mercer	1 items

DEPUTATIONS

Terry Murphy – Quinte Conservation

- Attended at the request of Council regarding the issue of dams in Tyendinaga Township
- Mr. Murphy circulated a map showing the private dams in the Township
- Quinte Conservation owns and is responsible for 36 dams within the watershed, but there are may more privately owned dams
- QC “inherited” all the dams previously under the jurisdiction of the municipality

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- Ontario government is concerned about deterioration of dams in general
- Can have a negative affect on recreational uses and on eventual assessment, hence tax base
- QC has now inventoried all dams within their area. Tyendinaga has three privately owned dams
- They hope to be funded to undertake a full assessment of all dams
- Presently private dams are the responsibility of the property owner
- Safety is constantly brought forward as an issue
- In regards to trees plugging the dams, QC may investigate in the context of flood threat potential – however this is not done as a matter of practice
- Dam leakage is not the issue it appears – water will always find its way downstream
- Maintenance can be very expensive – may be out of reach of property owner
- Private dams are not really dealt with in current legislative framework
- BUT- The MNR is beginning to become involved
- Reeve Walsh brought forward rumours of the potential for privately held hydro generation activities on private dams
- QC indicated that many entrepreneurs have their eyes on these dams
- Councillor Phillips was concerned that even though some dams are deemed private, if they fail there could be massive ecological issues in terms of wildlife and fish habitat
- QC recognizes this and admits that if private dams fail the flow patterns of the river could change dramatically
- Mr. Murphy suggested that Council pass a motion to support QC's efforts in attaining resources to address the private dam issue

Constantinos Koutakis – Plumb Rd

- Is concerned about the poor condition of Plumb Rd.
- Told Council that some limited brushing had occurred but that significantly more needs done
- The turnaround at the end of the road has grown in to such an extent that it can no longer be used as a turnaround, and traffic uses his driveway as the turnaround
- The roads crew has done some maintenance but that the road deteriorates quickly afterward
- Is concerned that there is not enough base material
- Also claims that the road is not crowned properly and water gathers in the middle causing further deterioration and then becomes a soupy consistency when wet
- Council advised Mr. Koutakis that his concerns would be brought forward during 2008 budget discussions to see what could be done
- Mr. Koutakis was also concerned about the 80km posted speed on the road and the fact that there was no signage indicating dead-end

- Council agreed afterwards that a dead end sign would be a positive start to any improvements considered for the Plumb Road.
- Road improvements for the Plumb Road will be discussed in context with all other roads in the Township and the availability of resources upon 2008 budget deliberations.

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STAFF REPORTS

Liette Osborne, Recreation Coordinator

Provided written report

Highlights

- Dart league starts in January – 27 are already signed up
- Snow ball tournament is scheduled for February 2, 2008
- Liette presented a new/amended Hall Rental Subsidy Policy
- The policy has a two tiered fee structure – a lower tier of prices will be applied to community and nonprofit groups who meet the criteria.
- This lower price only serves for the municipality to cover its costs for the rental facility

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

THAT this Council accepts the new Hall Subsidy Policy (Schedule A) as presented to Council.

CARRIED

- The Clerk and Liette described that our policy/by-law regime in regards to recreation needs to be tightened up. Fee schedules and policies require supporting by-laws. This is a good first step towards this eventual goal
- The subject of policy exemptions came up – specifically regarding the Shannonville Agricultural Society
- It was agreed that any exemptions considered should be entrenched in the SAS joint use agreement
- The SAS was successful in receiving \$15,000 from Trillium for bleachers
- The Clerk asks that this component be included with the Jarrell building and Megadome with regards to the Lease Agreement with SAS which Liette is currently working on
- A fall/winter recreation update has been distributed to all local schools
- The seeds of a baseball and soccer association will be discussed at the Recreation Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday December 4, 2008

John Farrell, Road Supervisor

Provided written report

Highlights

- The rock cut project is substantially complete – the area will be cleaned up in spring of 2008
- The new grader has been out
- Some cold patching has taken place
- The hill at Oliver Haan's still requires some work
- Councillor Gardiner asked about "tapping into" the railway flashers at the crossing so that we can add a flashing warning on approach – John to follow up
- Since our hired winter plow has declined the final year of contract, John has secured a rented plow from Town of Greater Napanee at 75\$ per working hour
- We are to perform minor repairs and major repairs will be managed by Town of Napanee
- All insurance coverages are in place
- We have one seasonal roads employee whom John requests be brought on full time since we no longer have the driver for the rented plow

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- John is to bring back financial figures for Council to make a decision
- Clerk is asked to follow up on final disposition of recent meeting with Quinte Conservation in regards to five bridges in the Township that are in need of repair
- There was a short discussion regarding the Smith Road and our boundary agreement with Tweed

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

CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips
That this Council receives the correspondence from Operation Clean Sweep – Pitch-In Week April 21-27, 2008.
CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady
That this Council supports the request for Support of the resolution presented by the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley, regarding Fire Code Enforcement and appropriate support dollars to support training.
CARRIED

The Clerk brought forth a version of the draft procurement policy last submitted to Council in September 2004.

- The Clerk suggested that the document was cumbersome and wordy. It may be greater than the needs of the Township and appears to be designed for a much larger organization structure
- Clerk is also concerned that the authority levels are far too high and since Council is involved in many decisions that this level of blanket authority may not be required.
- Council agreed that the authority thresholds were too high for their comfort level
- Everyone agreed that we are a small organization and that information sharing should be the order of the day
- Clerk was asked to rework the document based on the preceding sentiments and bring back to Council

The subject of Long Term Service Awards and recognition was brought forward as an agenda item

- Currently the Township has no program in this regard
- People are retiring and the Township is not recognizing this service
- An awards program would show Council is committed to staff and would be a morale booster

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- Rather than get into a long discussion it was suggested that a sub-committee consisting of Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Phillips and Recreation Coordinator Forestell to meet at 3pm on Monday December 10 to look at a program and bring back findings and recommendations to Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

That this Council approves of the formation of a subcommittee consisting of Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Phillips and Recreation Coordinator Forestell to look at service awards and to report back to Council

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

That this Council accepts the Third Quarterly Report 2007 - Municipal Status Report provided by MPAC dated September 30, 2007

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

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

Jerald White Ewe Lamb \$90.00

CARRIED

Councillor Iain Gardiner

- Brought up a matter concerning the level of maintenance required at the Lonsdale Bridge as per community concerns. Would like to see this maintenance actioned
- Inquired about the Township's performance measurement program
- Currently staff with acceptable performance appraisals move along the experiential line on the approved pay grid
- The Township does not have a template of performance appraisal system
- Clerk was asked to supply examples of performance appraisals for review
- Brought up the topic of cross training. With a small staff it is important that all staff be trained in multiple areas so that functionality is not compromised when people are away.
- Clerk agreed that this was a good idea and only required a budget and resource allocation to implement

Clerk Steve Mercer

- Updated Council on the high speed internet tender offered by the County to service Tyendinaga Township
- Upon review of all proponents, there was no award of the tender
- The tender is being re-opened
- Clerk is concerned that we are no longer chosen as the priority area and that the specifications in the new tender are not the same as the original

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- Clerk has asked County of Hastings for a letter to explain the new Tender vis a vis the original, with the concern that the Melrose Service Area identified by County staff is now no longer the priority area
- Clerk anticipates tabling a letter from County on December 17

OLD BUSINESS

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

That this Council receives the Culbertson Land Claim update provided by the Clerk to Council on December 3, 2007.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

That this Council approves the lobby package provided to Council which gathers all the support resolutions the Township has received as per our request for support of the August 13 land Claims resolution passed by Council and distributed across Ontario. Be it further moved that this package be sent to the Provincial Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and our local MPP

CARRIED

The Clerk brought forward the Official Plan – Issues & Options Statements Report – Executive Summary to Council and invited them to review the entire report found at www.hastingscounty.com/portal/departments/officialplanreview

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

That this Council, receives the Issues and Options Statements Report- Executive Summary, Official Plan Review - Hastings County

CARRIED

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 personnel and financial matters where confidentiality requires protection.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

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

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CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

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

CARRIED

With no further business to discuss, Council agreed to adjourn and the next scheduled meeting of Council will be Monday December 17, 2007 at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Reeve.

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

That this Regular Council Meeting be adjourned 10:03 pm.

CARRIED

Margaret Walsh, Reeve

Steve Mercer, Clerk-Treasurer