

TOWNSHIP OF TYENDINAGA
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting - NO. 2007-25

Municipal Council Chambers, 859 Melrose Road, Shannonville
Monday December 17, 2007 at 7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 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

Reeve Margaret Walsh took a moment to congratulate Councillor Rick Phillips on the birth of his new grandson Sam.

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 17, 2007 be adopted.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady
SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 3, 2007 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

In regards to the minutes, Councillor Gardiner inquired about the status of tapping into the 4-way flashers on Blessington Rd to increase safety on the hill. John to follow up.

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

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PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

THAT the following accounts be approved as presented:

General Government	17925.76
Roads Department	158812.83
Recreation Department	4424.60
Fire Department	44248.34
Protective Services	30139.20

CARRIED

- In regards to freon removal from refrigerators at the waste site, Council requested that our fee structure for taking these appliances reflect the costs to the Township
- A question was raised about how honorarium cheques are processed. Clerk to follow up.
- A question was raised about cheques issued due to Minutes of Settlement. Some people, through the appeal of assessment process, end up in a credit situation and they ask for a check to be made out by ourselves to zero the account

STAFF REPORTS

Liette Osborne, Recreation Coordinator

Provided written report

Highlights

- Provided a financial report on staff Christmas party
- Nearly all receivables for 2007 baseball program have been collected
- Next Recreation Committee meeting will be on January 22 where one of the main items for discussion will be a Baseball and Soccer Association
- There was extensive discussion regarding long term service. Liette presented the seeds of a policy based on discussions with Rick Phillips at the subcommittee meeting of December 10
 - Annual awards and long term service recognition should take place at the annual Christmas party
 - It was agreed that we would go back retroactively to the early nineties to the formation of the Fire Department and Township Library
 - Liette will send a note to managers to get a sense of numbers for budget purposes
 - It was agreed that anyone would require at least one year of service to be considered for any level of recognition
 - The budget amounts of various levels of awards was discussed
 - Liette is to take this additional information and form a draft policy and present a budget to Council for 2008

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John Farrell, Road Supervisor

Provided written report

Highlights

- Snow removal has been the priority of late given the recent heavy snowfall amounts
- John tabled a letter dated December 6, 2007 from Quinte Conservation regarding the five bridges we visited with them to get a sense of replacement costs.
- It appears as though four of these bridges may be good candidates for culverts versus full bridge replacement
- One of these four (Cross Rd) may require more work than the other three
- The fifth bridge according to Quinte Conservation requires full bridge replacement
- Clerk suggested we wait for infrastructure funding from another level of government to help off-set the costs of reconstruction of the fifth bridge on Daly Rd.
- QC indicated that any proposed culverts must be designed by a qualified engineering firm and must convey the same amount of flow as the existing bridge structures.
- A discussion ensued regarding engineering costs and the securing of a firm to do the work
- Council directed the Clerk and Roads Supervisor to initiate an invitational request for quotations from area engineering firms to obtain a competitive price for the design work.

- The subject of our unused decaying dump truck was discussed
- This truck had been previously offered for sale but there were no takers
- Sean Macdonald has offered to trade an outstanding invoice for \$445.20 in return for the truck
- This was for some work performed in 2007
- Council agreed that if the same work were done in 2008 as 2007 (i.e. 2 X \$445.20) that it would be a fair trade as there were no takers on the first attempt to sell the truck
- Council insisted that any exchange for the dump truck is on an as-is where-is basis

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 following correspondence:

- AMO November 29, 2007 – Throne Speech – AMO Welcomes Renewed Provincial Commitment to put Municipalities on a Firm Financial Footing
- AMO December 13, 2007 – Ontario’s Fall Economic Statement Provides Much Needed Funding for Municipal Infrastructure and Transit
- Honourable Jim Watson - November 23 – letter of introduction

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NEW BUSINESS

The item concerning Long Term Service was discussed in conjunction with Liette's report

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

WHEREAS Quinte Conservation has taken responsibility for 36 dams in Hastings County
AND WHEREAS it is the local property owner who is still responsible for private dams
AND WHEREAS Quinte Conservation indicates there are three private dams in Tyendinaga Township
AND WHEREAS legislation concerning maintenance of private dams is not adequate
AND WHEREAS the Council is concerned about ongoing maintenance to privately owned dams in the Township

AND WHEREAS Council is concerned about watershed implications of dam failure and reductions in tax base due to dam failure

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That this Council believes Quinte Conservation should be adequately funded to provide a stewardship role in relation to private dams

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT Tyendinaga Council fully supports Quinte Conservation's efforts in lobbying for funding to help address the issues surrounding private dams

CARRIED

The agenda item concerning Quinte Conservation and the five bridges considered for work in the near future was covered in John's report.

Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

- *Advised Council of the 2008 levy amounts to be charged to Tyendinaga Township by Quinte Conservation*
 - *2007 general levy - \$16,627*
 - *2008 general levy - \$18,322*
 - *2008 special levy - \$6,332*
 - *2008 total levy - \$24,654 – this represents a decrease from 2007 of \$716*
- *The Deputy Reeve was also concerned that people may be walking away from house purchases once they get wind of the Culbertson Land Claim situation - brought forward an example of a community member who was sure they had the house sold until the purchaser was scared away by land claim issue*
- *Clerk was asked to distribute the community newsletter to area real estate agents to help quell fears and to set the record straight*

Councillor Rick Phillips

- Updated Council on his recent attendance at monthly Quinte Waste Solutions meeting as our Municipal representative

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- Shared a letter Chair Peter Kooistra had penned to Minister Gerretsen regarding a request for prompt Ministerial approval for the Plan for Phase 1 materials
- As suggested at the QWS meeting each Council is asked to pen a similar letter to the Minister
- The Clerk is to action this request

OLD BUSINESS

- The Reeve and Clerk shared with Council a verbal report on the Meeting with Michael Bryant – Minister of Aboriginal Affairs on December 13, 2007 at Queens Park
- Meeting was attended by the Clerk, Reeve, Mayor of Deseronto and Deputy Mayor of Deseronto
- The Reeve shared copies of the letter signed off to the Minister that captures the essence of our position at the meeting
- The Reeve and Clerk were cautiously optimistic about the meeting and felt that the Minister was empathetic to our concerns

BY-LAWS

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

That this Council hereby passes by-law 07-42, Being a by-law to amend by-law 03-16 regarding Concession 4, Part Lot 6, its short title being the Sherman By-law. B85/07

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

That this Council hereby passes by-law 07-43, Being a by-law to amend by-law 03-16 regarding Concession 4, Part Lot 6, its short title being the Sherman By-law. B86/07

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

SECONDED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

That this Council hereby passes by-law 07-44, being a by-law to establish and Emergency Plan for Tyendinaga Township

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

MOVED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

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: Councillor Rick Phillips

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

CARRIED

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MOVED BY: Councillor Rick Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chris Brady

That this Council approves of a pay raise to all staff at 3% for 2008, and additional 3% for 2009 and an additional 3% for 2010. Be it further moved that all employees of the Township receive this raise. Be it further moved that Council honorarium and firefighter volunteer honorarium be increased also by a factor of 3, 3 and 3 over the next three years. Be it further moved that there be no change to either the clothing or vision allowances presently offered by the Township. Be it finally moved that the Clerk is to bring a by-law incorporating this motion and desire back to Council for consideration with the budget package.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Iain Gardiner

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Fred Lang

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 January 7, 2008 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 9:30 pm.

CARRIED

Margaret Walsh, Reeve

Steve Mercer, Clerk-Treasurer