

**CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD,
CLARA & MARIA**

January 25, 2008

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, January 25, 2008 at 14:00 h. in Council Chambers.

The following were present:

Reeve	Tammy Lea Sonnenburg
Councillor	Ed Aiston
Councillor	Dave Foote
Councillor	Jim Gibson
Councillor	Robert Reid

Also in Attendance –

PECUNIARY INTEREST -None

MINUTES – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 1

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Gibson **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2007 be accepted as presented.

Carried

Resolution # 2 (Resolution Prepared)

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Foote **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the special meeting of January 17, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried

DEPUTATIONS - none

CLERK'S REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORTS – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 3

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the financial reports dated December 2007 and January 22, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE – (Resolutions Prepared)

1. Pam Charron – re: designation of Dumoine River as National Park

Resolution # 4

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS our municipality relies heavily on tourism to sustain the few remaining businesses within our boundaries;

AND WHEREAS the designation of any area as a park or heritage site attracts a certain amount of tourism and tourist dollars;

AND WHEREAS it is being considered that the Dumoine River area in Quebec be designated a national park;

AND WHEREAS having a park directly across the Ottawa River might provide additional revenues for our businesses due to increased national attention and increased use;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria supports the designation of this area as a national park increasing tourism for the Pontiac and indirectly for our municipality as well.

Defeated

2. City of Pembroke – re: Lead testing and payment for programs

Resolution # 5

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Aiston

WHEREAS O. Reg. 399/07 made under the *Safe Drinking Water Act* requires that a municipal operating authority sample and test the water and plumbing in private homes for lead;

AND WHEREAS the costs of this procedure must be borne by the operating authority and in effect by the end users of the system;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria feels that the Renfrew County & District Health Unit should be the authority in charge of this procedure;

AND WHEREAS once again the province has not provided funding to municipalities to pay for added responsibilities imposed by the province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria support the position of the City of Pembroke (and other municipalities) and request that the Ministry of the Environment change the responsibility for all sampling and testing to appropriate Health Units or if this is not plausible, that Provincial funding be provided to all municipalities affected by this legislation to offset the cost to local tax payers to undertake sampling and testing activities being directed by the Province;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Environment, the Premier of Ontario, M.P.P. John Yakabuski and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried

3. Township of Brock – re: NASM regulatory framework

Resolution # 6

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) have proposed changes to the regulatory framework for Non-Agricultural Source Material (NASM), changes that could have major implications in various parts of rural Ontario;

AND WHEREAS NASM generally includes materials like pulp and paper biosolids, sewage biosolids and any other material that is not from an agricultural source that is capable of being applied to agricultural land as a nutrient;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria has some concerns regarding some of the proposed changes to the regulatory framework for NASM such as:

- ↘ The appropriateness of placing the approval of NASM under the *Nutrient Management Act*;
- ↘ The possibility of fine and penalty reductions for violations as a result of no longer being under the *Environmental Protection Act*;
- ↘ The lack of a mechanism for the public to provide comments or suggest conditions on a proposal to apply NASM on farm land;
- ↘ The lack of provisions to advise local municipalities of where proposals for the application of NASM have been made and by whom;
- ↘ The loss of many of the regulatory controls that would normally be in place under a Certificate of Approval.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria advise the MOE and OMAFRA of our support for the municipalities of the Township of West Lincoln and the Township of Brock and their concern for the proposed changes to the regulatory framework for NASM and their desire to be actively involved and consulted on these and any other proposed amendments relating to the regulation of NASM.

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and our MPP John Yakabuski.

Carried

4. Regional Municipality of Durham – re: Employment Insurance Eligibility – support by letter

5. Association of Ontario Road Supervisors – re: Municipal Drains and Conservation Authority Regulations

Resolution # 7

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities have passed Regulations under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* and are developing new Policies and Procedures that conflict with the *Drainage Act* thereby placing Ontario Municipalities in an untenable position;

AND WHEREAS some of the new policies require possible expensive reports and studies as determined by the Conservation Authority;

AND WHEREAS under the *Drainage Act*, Ontario municipalities are already required to repair and maintain all municipal drains;

AND WHEREAS once again, municipalities have not been provided with funding to cover new activities imposed on them through regulation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria support the position of the Township of Howick and request that the Minister of Natural Resources be petitioned to revise the regulations under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* to exclude Municipal Drains;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, ROMA, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers Land Drainage Committee, Ontario Good Roads Association and the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE - (Information Only)

1. City of Owen Sound – re: support for the One Cent Now Campaign
2. City of Port Colborne – re: plan to eliminate the municipal infrastructure deficit
3. City of Ottawa – re: request for creation of hotel room tax
4. City of Waterloo – re: provincial sales tax exemption for municipalities
5. City of Waterloo – re: Infrastructure Funding
6. AMO - re: Permanent Federal Gas Tax Funding
7. Ministry of Finance – re: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocations
8. Veteran's Memorial Committee – re: decision on organization and accounting
9. Ministry of Northern Development and Mines – re: Bissett Creek Graphite Mine
10. County of Renfrew – re: Ontario Government investment in Festivals and Events
11. Children's Aid Society of Ottawa – re: invitation to attend Poster Family Awareness Event
12. AMO – re: province announces Community Go Green Fund for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Projects
13. North Grenville – re: funding for Infrastructure
14. EcoTec – re: design of Highway 17 west of Deux Rivieres
15. Municipality of South Bruce – re: pesticide responsible use plan as opposed to provincial pesticide ban

NEW BUSINESS

↳ Disclosure – payments to Council for 2007

Resolution #8

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Gibson **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Report on Payments made to members of Council for the year 2007 totaling \$19,299.06 be accepted as presented.

Carried

↳ Outside Committee Appointments - 2008

Resolution #9

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Foote **WHEREAS** it is in the best interest of the ratepayers of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria to be represented at various area committees that affect them and their well-being;

AND WHEREAS it is by representation by members of Council on various Joint committees between the Town of Deep River, The Town of Laurentian Hills and the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria (and other municipalities) that ratepayers' participation is achieved;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals be appointed to the corresponding committees for the calendar year 2008:

1. Reeve Sonnenburg be appointed to the Deep River and District Hospital Physician Recruitment Committee.
2. Reeve Sonnenburg be appointed to the Upper Ottawa Valley Community Policing Advisory Committee.
3. Reeve Sonnenburg be appointed to the Joint Laurentian Hills, Deep River and Head, Clara & Maria Auto Extrication Committee.
4. Councillor Reid be appointed to the Joint Economic Development Committee.
5. Councillor Foote be appointed to the Visitor Centre Joint Steering Committee.
6. Melinda Reith, Clerk/CEMC, Gayle Watters, Administrative Assistant, and all members of Council be appointed to the Municipal Emergency Management Committee.

Carried

↳ Cheque Signing Authority - 2008

Resolution #10

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** for purposes of completing budgeted, emergency or specifically approved financial transactions for the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria, cheque signing authority is hereby granted to: Reeve Sonnenburg with Councillor Aiston and Councillor Gibson as alternates for Council; and the Clerk-Melinda Reith with the Treasurer- Ruth Morin as alternate for administration. All cheques are to be signed by one representative of Council and one representative of administration.

Carried

↳ Borrowing Authority - 2008

Resolution #11

Moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Gibson **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Clerk, Melinda Reith and Treasurer, Ruth Morin, are hereby authorized to borrow on behalf of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria from the Bank of Nova Scotia from time to time by way of a Visa Credit Card, a sum not to exceed two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) each at any time. That this resolution be considered in effect until it has been rescinded or amended.

Carried

↳ Library Request for Hall Use

Resolution #12

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Reid **WHEREAS** in the past we have offered the use of the Township Hall and grounds to the Library Board for their annual May Madness fundraiser;

AND WHEREAS they have once again requested use of the facility;

AND WHEREAS any profit that the Library Board makes will be used to improve the library which provides a benefit to all residents of the municipality;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Library Board be granted free use of the Township Hall and grounds for their annual May Madness fundraiser.

Carried

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Resolution # 13

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Committee of the Whole roll report of Friday January 11, 2008 be amended to change recommendation 3 to state “the clerk will be moved one step on the salary grid.”

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Gibson

Councillor Foote yea Councillor Reid yea
Councillor Gibson nay Councillor Aiston yea
Reeve Sonnenburg yea

Carried

Resolution#14

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes and all recommendations of the Committee of the Whole from the meeting of January 11, 2008 be accepted as amended.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Gibson

Councillor Foote Yes Councillor Gibson Nay
Councillor Reid Yes Councillor Aiston Yes
Reeve Sonnenburg Yes

Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

BY-LAWS -none

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question from Councillor Reid: The snow blower may not be available from Canadian tire and what is happening with it? Response was that it is up to the clerk to solve the problem.

Question from Councillor Reid: What is the vacation allowed the road super who apparently is under the impression that he was to have three weeks vacation and was then told that he could only have two? Response was that the road super has misunderstood and that he should discuss this with the clerk.

Question from Councillor Aiston: Are we as a council planning for the public fire meeting, and should we reconsider the use of an outside person to chair the meeting? Response was that the council will discuss the issue at the next committee meeting.

Question from Reeve Sonnenburg: Recreation month in June and would council wish to have staff investigate the options for a special event? Response was YES

ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 15

Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Aiston **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 15:45 h. to meet again February 1, 2008 at 14:00 h.

Carried

Reeve - Tammy-Lea Sonnenburg

deputy clerk Ruth Morin