

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

**October 12, 2007**

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, October 12, 2007 at 13:59 h. in the Council Chambers.

The following were present:	Reeve	Tammy Lea Sonnenburg
	Councillor	Dave Foote
	Councillor	Jim Gibson
	Councillor	Ed Aiston
	Councillor	Robert Reid

Mr. Darch – Director of Public Works, County of Renfrew

**PECUNIARY INTEREST**                      None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Defibrillator – to Unfinished Business  
Roads/grading – New Business  
Approved by general consent.

**MINUTES**

Resolution # 1

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting September 21, 2007 be accepted as presented.

Carried

**DEPUTATIONS** – Dave Darch, Director of Public Works, County of Renfrew

- History – Ottawa area, different levels, senior management, private sector/consulting on the County Geo-tube bio-solid study and report
- Is in the process of implementing a multi-year capital works program (culverts and bridges) – bring to Council for approval, respect reasonable/base funding, not including COMRIF etc.
- Table on November 9 – call a special meeting of Operations Committee in December, will allow municipalities time to review in between (hopefully will endorse and refer to new Committee in January) ultimately approved in January
- Blueprint for planning and project implementation – be able to advise and coordinate work that will occur within municipalities
- Feedback from municipal councils – how are roads designated County and/or Municipal; culverts/bridges that require attention; extending offer of feedback;
- Offer an exchange of expertise – tendering/consulting process – request for assistance – work together;

Question and Answer Session

- Majority of culverts and bridges are not on County roads but on Municipal roads
- Normally all culverts that are 3 m or greater, County will assume maintenance, rehab etc.
- Very active inspection program – legislated to be completed once every two years;
- Renfrew County leading progress of Geo-tube study in Ontario – Eganville Geo-tube and Horton centralized storage lime stabilization projects;
- Rolling 10 year plan with stable funding formula with inflationary considerations, prioritization of capital works projects; pre-approvals, engineering plans, ministry approvals;
- Cooperative tender for roads materials in the spring – Dave to get back to me;

Mr. Darch left at 14:42

## REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- Letters concerning cemetery mailed – have requested quotes for sign – “prosecuted to fullest extent of the law” – cannot disinter
- Sent letters for quotes for electrical work – request for proposals
- BRAVO rep. Dave Lemkay will attend one of our next meetings to discuss broadband/highspeed in our area
- I have mailed letters to the Veteran’s Plaque Committee setting out our requirements and requests.
- Considerable time spent reviewing our current policy in response to Jeff Juby’s letter – has brought to light some items that require clarification and policy development. I am completing a full review of the current Fire set up and supporting documentation.
- HHW collection day – 9 households represented – cost \$2,178.51 – possibility of doing it in future?
- Advertisement of community news/event – discussed options

## FINANCIAL REPORTS - none

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Township of Burpee and Mills – re: Loss of Municipal Funding to Provincial Tax Rebate Programs - info
2. Township of North Dumfries – re: Increase of Fees for Aggregate Producers - info
3. Township of Wellington North – re: Annual Sampling under Safe Drinking Water Act – letter of support
4. Township of Brock – re: Pulp and Paper Biosolid disposal - info
5. Nation Municipality – re: Lead Sampling in Private Homes – support by resolution; **Action** – Clerk to prepare for next meeting.
6. WSIB – re: Community Workplace Health and Safety Charter - info
7. L1 – Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards – re: designation of 2008 as Canada’s Polish Kashub Cultural Heritage - info
8. L2 – Municipality of Brockton – re: Conservation Authorities Act - info

## NEW BUSINESS

Roads/grading – Councillor Reid had a question about what we could do about 4 wheelers destroying roads after grading has been completed. Answer – not much except call the OPP. **Action:** Clerk to contact OPP to ask if violators can be charged with property damage (or other charges) over and above normal wear and tear. Would this apply if the OPP were not able to catch them in the act but a private citizen could identify the vehicle and/or driver?

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Visitor’s Centre – final season meeting – no financial statement; should break even for 2007. Not likely an increase for 2008. 2008 final year in current contract with municipalities from Petawawa west to HCM.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Clerk’s report on Geosmart and Geospatial Data Exchange Agreement – **Action:** clerk to enter and forward the agreement
- Resolution in support – Smith Falls and tax assessments

Resolution #2

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Gibson

**WHEREAS** the Province announced reforms to the tax assessment system during the current re-assessment freeze;

**AND WHEREAS** these reforms do not include a re-vamping of the actual system of taxation but of modifications that make the current system more complex and difficult to administer;

**AND WHEREAS** it has been learned that one of the amendments may include capping residential classes in a manner similar to the current convoluted capping system for commercial, industrial, and multi-residential classes;

**AND WHEREAS** such a capping process will be unfair, ineffective and arduous to implement;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria supports the accompanying resolution of the Town of Smith Falls;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this Council urges the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to lobby the government to allow AMO to take a much more active role in reforming the tax assessment system and exhort the Province to re-vamp the property tax system in a fair and equitable manner ensuring that the reforms will result in a tax system that is effective and relatively easy to implement and administer.

Carried

- Resolution in opposition – speed limiters on trucks

Resolution #3

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid

**WHEREAS** in July of this year, then Transportation Minister Donna Cansfield announced the government's intention to mandate speed limiters for large trucks, with a maximum speed of 105 km/h or less;

**AND WHEREAS** trucks need to vary speed limits for many reasons including climbing large hills without blocking traffic, and potentially avoiding collision or other dangerous situations;

**AND WHEREAS** speed limiters will result in unfair restrictions on Ontario companies when their trucks cross into other jurisdictions; will be impossible to regulate on trucks from other jurisdictions coming into Ontario; and will give them unfair advantage over Ontario companies;

**AND WHEREAS** OGRA was contacted by MTO to comment and has expressed that the OGRA Board does not support truck speed limiters, as there is no evidence that their use will lead to improved highway safety;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria agrees with OGRA in their position that truck speed limiters will not necessarily improve highway safety and further that the province has existing methods of enforcing speed limits on highways that should be utilized;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Transportation Ontario, Ontario Good Roads Association, M.P.P. John Yakubuski, the Ontario Truckers Association, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for circulation to all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried

- FFSCO (Fair Funding for Small Communities of Ontario) - FYI

Defibrillator Program - **Action** - Contact Mike for training numbers, how many people would be allowed, location north side of hall, close to kitchen which has easiest access after hours.

**BY-LAWS** - none

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Fire vehicle from Deep River is available. Recommend we purchase trip permit to bring to Stonecliffe, License next year. OK'd by general consent.

Dave not able to attend next committee meeting.

Response from North Bay Fire Department – they did not accept our offer, will proceed with auction, Councillor Gibson to ask that our \$7500 be considered a reserved bid.

Physician Recruitment – re-established committee – hope we receive positive response as current physicians are now facing burnout, possibility of emergency department closing if we do not see influx of doctors.

United Way – please complete survey and return.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution #4

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Gibson **BE IT RESOLVED**  
**THAT** this meeting adjourn at 15:30 h. to meet again October 26, 2007 at 14:00 h.

Carried

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Reeve - Tammy-Lea Sonnenburg

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Clerk – Melinda Reith