

THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA
June 19, 2009

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, June 19, 2009 at 14:00 h. in Council Chambers.

1. CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

The following were present: Reeve Tammy Stewart, Councillors: Ed Aiston, Dave Foote, Jim Gibson.

Absent: Bob Reid.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – None

4. ADOPTION of MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETINGS (INCLUDING COMMITTEES) –

(Resolution Prepared)

a. Resolution # 19/06/09/001

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Foote **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, June 5th, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - none

6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS - none

7. CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ONLY (Please advise if you feel any item warrants further consideration at a subsequent meeting.)

- a. Antler's Kingfisher Lodge – re: OVR Diesel Spill into Ottawa River – respond that we will post updates on our webpage, nothing more that we can do
- b. Hastings Highland – re: Hydro One reimbursing Fire Departments - info
- c. AMO Alert – re: Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy- info
- d. AMO Alert – re: Green Energy Act Approval-info
- e. AMO Alert – re: MMAH and \$1.2 billion Housing Agreement- info
- f. AMO Alert – re: Feed-In Tariff Contract Posted for Comment-info
- g. AMO Alert – re: Early Learning Signals Direction for Ontario-info
- h. Cunningham Swan – re: Legal Matters Newsletter- info
- i. Government of Canada – re: Infrastructure Stimulus Fund notice to Heads of Council-info
- j. L1 – Ontario Parks – re: Review of Forestry Operations in Algonquin-info
- k. L2 – County – re: Torch Bearer for Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay – Clerk to look into it, if one per municipality, nominate Naomi; if one for the county – make decision based on time requirements.
- l. L3 - Land Claim Treaty Negotiations, Pembroke-June 25/09 – info, Reeve may attend

8. STAFF REPORTS (For information only)

- a. Clerk's Report – 19/06/09/001 Information and staff direction only
- b. Washrooms at the disposal sites – Council does not wish to pursue this.
- c. Eastern Ontario Development Corporation funding opportunity for marketing the municipality. Contact with Jennifer Layman re: preparing a proper plan and document to market HCM. Prepare a preliminary document for 2009. Work on a better product for 2010 assuming funding is approved. Council agreed to apply for the funding. Jennifer will prepare a proposal for inclusion in the grant application. Formal resolution to be prepared for July's meeting.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Budget Report #19/06/09/002
Resolution # 19/06/09/002

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Budget Report to June 15, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Support for reconsideration of implementing tax harmonization by Ontario government – as requested

Resolution # 19/06/09/003

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS the Ontario provincial government has recently announced a plan to harmonize the 5% GST and the 8% PST;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering passed a resolution on May 19, 2009 requesting that the province reconsider the harmonization of the GST and PST and has requested support;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario, Canadian and world economies are in turmoil with high unemployment rates, instability and uncertain futures;

AND WHEREAS with the recent decline in the stock market, the savings and pension plans with which many Ontarians are financing their retirements have decreased significantly reducing the amount of discretionary income;

AND WHEREAS the harmonization will result in placing the 8% PST on a huge range of necessities which people cannot afford to do without such as, but not limited to: gasoline, home heating fuel, water, hydro, used cars, real estate commissions, home renovations, personal services, chiropractic and massage therapies, consultants, lawyers fees, prescriptions, and fees for recreational services used by seniors and children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, The Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria do hereby appeal to the Province of Ontario to reconsider the implementation of the proposed Provincial Harmonized Sales Tax and stop the process that has been started;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AMO lobby the Province of Ontario on behalf of all municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance; Mr. John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; Mr. Bob Runciman, Leader of the PC Party of Ontario and Official Opposition; Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the NDP Party of Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the City of Pickering.

Carried

12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS) (reports and resolutions prepared)

a. Hall Rental Agreement, SOPs and Security Report # 19/06/09/003

Resolution #19/06/09/004

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Aiston

WHEREAS recent information sessions have provided solid direction to organizations leasing facilities, where Special Occasion Permits (SOPs) are used;

AND WHEREAS recent legislation and regulations have increased the responsibilities of SOP holders and property owners alike;

AND WHEREAS the staff and Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria deem it prudent to provide evidence of due diligence;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria do hereby approve of the utilization of the updated Hall Rental Agreement dated June 2009;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council consider hosting a Smart Serve training program to be offered to regular users of the Municipal Hall at a reduced rate;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council consider hiring a Facility Manager for attendance at all licensed events on Municipal property to ensure that appropriate steps are being taken to protect the public and the Municipal property.

Carried

13. IN CAMERA OR CLOSED SESSION - minutes

a. Resolution # 19/06/09/005

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS section 239 (1) of *the Municipal Act*, R.S.O. 2001 states that "except as provided in this section, all meeting shall be open to the public".

AND WHEREAS section 239 (2) further states that "a meeting or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered includes personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

AND WHEREAS the job performance of a municipal employee has been questionable over the last weeks and months and needs to be discussed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting go into an in camera session at 14:42 h to discuss discipline and dismissal issues and next steps.

Carried

b. Resolution # 19/06/09/006

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Foote

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting come out of closed session at 14:53h.

Carried

14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

a. Should Council develop a resolution on decision to close the reactor at Deep River? Look into for July meeting. Some discussion as to whether is was being shut down?

15. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

a. Resolution # 19/06/09/007

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Foote

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2009-1 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on June 19, 2009 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 19/06/09/008

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 15:00 h to meet again Friday, July 17, 2009 at 14:00 h.

Carried

Reeve – Tammy Stewart

Clerk – Melinda Reith