# THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA July 17, 2009

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, July 17, 2009 at 14:02 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, and Bob Reid.

Also in attendance Tracy Pearce, Treasurer Trainee.

# 3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - None

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

a. Resolution # 17/07/09/001

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, June 19<sup>th,</sup> 2009 be accepted as presented. Carried

- b. Library Board Minutes April 14, 2009; April 27, 2009; May 25, 2009; June 30, 2009
- c. Joint Economic Development Committee Minutes June 30, 2009

# 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. Stewardship Ontario re: Funding for Blue Box Programming Total for 2007 \$7,977.36.
  - b. Town of Arnprior/City of Pembroke re: Support for Canadian Nuclear Build resolution of support for next meeting
  - c. AMO Alert re: WDO Used Tire Program info
  - d. City of Welland re: equal health services provided by the hospital system info
  - e. Township of Stirling-Rawdon re: Municipal drinking Water Licensing Plan info
  - f. Town of Innisfil/City of Pembroke re: Harmonized Sales Tax and Electricity rates info

The following items will remain as information items in next months package as they were missing from this package.

- g. AMO Alert re: Report to Members
- h. AMO Alert re: Business Leaders Working Together
- i. CUPW re: Canada Post threat to small post offices and rural delivery
- j. Cheryl Gallant re: Diesel Spill
- k. Cheryl Gallant re: Local TV Programming
- I. MNR re: Rabies
- m. Ontario Parks Forest Management Plan
- n. FCM re: Status of Federal Infrastructure Stimulus Funding
- o. FCM re: Equal Voice and the election of women

# 8. STAFF REPORTS (For information only)

a. Clerk's Report - 17/07/09/201A

Tourism and forestry sectors are our main industry and need attention in ED materials. Speak to John Walden re: exposure of HCM in Economic Development Committee projects. Representation of "and Area" lacking on new Economic Development webpage. Redefine what we are to receive from this committee. I'll advise that Tammy and I will attend September meeting as well. Request a copy of the updated Economic Development work plan for 2009.

b. CBO Report - 17/07/09/201B

# 9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

 a. Budget Report #17/07/09/202
 Resolution # 17/07/09/002
 Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register to July 7, 2009 be accepted as presented. Carried

#### **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. HCM Economic Development/Tourism Brochure 2009 – sample – have printed 200 coloured copies @ \$2.50 per; do we print in black and white on coloured paper? Yes.
Produce additional copies in black on coloured paper to distribute locally. Take coloured copies to Ottawa. Main focus is on tourism – need to get them out. Focus on forestry and economic development when pamphlets are redone. Can amend at any time since we will print here.

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

- a. AECL Closure Report # 17/07/09/203
- Resolution #17/07/09/003

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Reid

**WHEREAS** the Conservative Government has announced that the Chalk River nuclear research reactor will cease production of medical isotopes as early as 2016;

**AND WHEREAS** given the importance of medical isotopes and the uncertainty of supply for those Canadians who now and in the future will need access to this vital diagnostic resource;

**AND WHEREAS** given the importance of the Chalk River nuclear reactor and research division to the economic well-being of North Renfrew, an area already hard hit by the closures and reductions in the forestry sector and Ontario as a whole;

**AND WHEREAS** the current government has recently provided billions of dollars of support to the foreign owned automobile sector in southern Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** given that the Conservative Government has no plan to provide alternative sources of medical isotopes;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria condemns the recent announcement by the Prime Minister and urges the Prime Minister to reverse this decision and to provide adequate funding to ensure that medical isotope production will continue at the Chalk River facility either at a new reactor or by bringing Maple 1 and 2 on line;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to The Federal Minister of Natural Resources Lisa Raitt, our local MP and MPP, the Federal Leader of the Opposition, The Leader of the NDP, AECL Canada, The County of Renfrew, all area municipalities and AMO for circulation and support.

#### Carried

Request that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Terry Myers at the NRT.

- b. Increased Funding for Libraries Report #17/07/09/204
- Resolution #17/07/09/004
- Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Aiston

**WHEREAS** public libraries have a strong role in literacy, innovation, sense of community and prosperity in municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** the provincial Ministry of Culture is currently updating provincial policies related to supporting public libraries in order to positively position public libraries for the future:

**AND WHEREAS** the role of learning in Ontario's knowledge-based economy grows, the informal learning systems of public libraries will be even more important;

**AND WHEREAS** the library of the future will need to respond to a new social, technological and economic environment;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities are incurring the majority of the costs associated with delivering library programming and of building and maintaining library facilities;

**AND WHEREAS** the province has decreased its annual grants since 1985 from 15% of annual revenues to 4% of annual revenues which continues to threaten the future of these engines of cultural and economic development;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Smiths Falls and the Township of Bonnechere Valley have requested support for their resolutions;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria supports public libraries and local municipalities and petitions the

province to increase its annual grants to libraries to allow adequate operating budgets for all libraries no matter the size or location;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Culture, our local MP, our Library Board, the Ontario Library Service, and AMO. Carried

- c. Congratulations and Appreciation of Volunteerism for Mrs. Condie Report #17/07/09/205
- Resolution #17/07/09/005

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Gibson

WHEREAS volunteers are a vital and indispensable resource for many organizations;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality and Library Board rely heavily on volunteers to operate various programs and events including the library;

**AND WHEREAS** Council values volunteerism and feels that personal achievements should be recognized and celebrated;

**AND WHEREAS** Betty Condie has recently been honoured with the North Renfrew Rotary Club's local Community Service Award and also named as a prestigious Paul Harris Fellow for service in her community and for "advocating the Rotary Foundation's goals of world peace, international understanding and a supporter of the Foundation's many humanitarian programs";

**AND WHEREAS** Mrs. Condie's history of participation in various volunteer organizations and initiatives including leadership and membership on local boards and her overall contribution to the community are exemplary and commendable;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria hereby formally congratulate Betty on the receipt of these esteemed awards and wish to extend their appreciation for the example that Betty provides for others. Thank you Betty for your contributions to our municipality and to our larger community of the Deep River and Pembroke area. You are certainly an inspiration to us all and a valued resource within our community. Thank you and congratulations on your outstanding achievements.

Carried

A formal letter of recognition will be forwarded to Mrs. Condie along with a copy of this resolution.

- d. Marketing Strategy Funding Commitment Report #17/07/09/206
- Resolution #17/07/09/006
- Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Foote

**WHEREAS** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting of May 15, 2009 committed to placing more emphasis on preparing and utilizing an economic development plan or strategy specific to our municipality in respect to economic development and tourism;

**AND WHEREAS** the Eastern Ontario Development Program's Local Initiatives Program supports marketing and economic development projects for municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** the EODP element requires evidence of appropriate funding dedicated to project completion and sustainability;

**AND WHEREAS** at its meeting of June 19, 2009 Council approved the application to the Local Initiative program for the research and development of a marketing strategy and products to be used to promote the municipality;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria do hereby commit to funding for 2010 towards the development of a marketing plan and product to actively promote the municipality to new investors, residents and tourists. Carried

# 13. IN CAMERA OR CLOSED SESSION - minutes

# 14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- a. Copy of AECL resolution to Terry Myers.
- b. Canada Day Celebration Clerk to receive report on Monday; was a success; would like to see it an annual event; campaign to raise money for fireworks;
- c. Ad in NRT thank you to...organizers, volunteers, businesses who have donated to Canada Day Celebrations;
- d. Jim Gibson, Ed Aiston to be absent from September 4, 2009 meeting.

# **15. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS**

a. Resolution # 17/07/09/007

Moved by Councillor Gibson and Seconded by Councillor Foote **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2009 -19 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on July 17, 2009 be read a first time short and passed. Carried

# 16. ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 17/07/09/008 Moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Foote **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 14:54 h to meet again Friday, August 7, 2009 at 14:00 h. Carried

Reeve – Tammy Stewart

Clerk – Melinda Reith