

CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA
February 27, 2009

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, February 27, 2009 at 14:00 h. in Council Chambers.

1. CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

The following were present: Reeve Tammy Lea Stewart, Councillors: Ed Aiston, Dave Foote & Bob Reid
Councillor Gibson

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

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

a. Resolution # 1

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, February 6th, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried

b. Minutes of Outside Meetings – Information Only

1. Library Board – January 26, 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.)

1. Madawaska Valley – re: property taxes and change in legislation - information
2. Madawaska Valley – re: Home care services in rural Ontario – support by resolution for next meeting
3. OPP – re: 100th year anniversary - information
4. Renfrew County Seniors Games 2009 Calabogie – re: request for donations - information
5. Prince Edward County – re: government funding for wind farm studies - information
6. AMO Communication – re: Building Canada Fund announcements - information
7. Missing Link – re: Silent Auction, March 14, 2009 - information
8. City of Hamilton – re: Protection of Public Participation Act, 2008 – support by resolution
9. AMO Alert – re: Proposed AODA Information and Standards - information
10. AMO Communication – re: Municipal Action on Bottled Water - information

8. STAFF REPORTS (For information only)

a. Clerk's Report

1. tax bills to be mailed Friday, March 6, 2009
2. Budget meeting March 20 – amended to March 27, 2009
3. taxation software procurement being researched

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Resolution #2

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Statement of Income and Expenses to February 19, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS - none

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. **Design Services and Project Management Garage Roof**

Resolution #3

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the services of Jp2g will be secured to assist with the tender and supervision of the garage roof repair project at a cost of \$5,000 plus GST as per Mr. Schulz's letter of February 5, 2009 and prior decision of Council February 6, 2009.

Carried

b. **Town of Arnprior support for Legion Exemption of property Taxes (resolution prepared as per Council direction at last meeting)**

Resolution #4

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston

WHEREAS several of the municipalities within the county of Renfrew have adopted by-laws to provide for an exemption from taxation of the municipal portion of the property taxes for the Royal Canadian Legion Branches;

AND WHEREAS the County of Renfrew has adopted a by-law to provide an exemption from taxation of the county portion of the municipal taxes for the Royal Canadian Legions within the County of Renfrew;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria hereby support those efforts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria along with the Town of Arnprior does hereby request the Government of Ontario to take immediate action in providing war veteran organizations within the county of Renfrew an exemption from the education portion of property taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Town of Arnprior who initiated this petition, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance and our member of Provincial Parliament for support.

Defeated

c. **Tay Valley Township support for recycling cost-sharing agreements (resolution prepared as per Council direction at last meeting)**

Resolution #5

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Reid

WHEREAS the market for recycled materials is collapsing around the world and the situation is expected to last for a year or more;

AND WHEREAS most municipalities are not able to stockpile or store recycled materials for any length of time;

AND WHEREAS municipalities will likely incur much greater costs than is normal to dispose of the recyclable material as their markets are significantly reduced;

AND WHEREAS landfilling the recycled materials is contrary to good waste management practices and would potentially destroy the environmentally friendly habits that people have developed over the years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria support the enclosed resolution of Tay Valley Township;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be asked to seek confirmation from the Province of Ontario, Waste Diversion Ontario and Stewardship Ontario that the tenets and covenants of *Ontario's Waste Diversion Act, 2002*, particularly the 50% cost-sharing of recycling costs, will not be jeopardized by the current state of the recycling industry markets;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Environment be commended for initiating a review of *Ontario's Waste Diversion Act* and that municipalities be encouraged to participate fully in the review, particularly regarding the concepts of zero waste and extended producer responsibility whereby producers of products and packaging bear responsibility for ensuring those products and packages are properly managed until and at the end of their life-cycle;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution is sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of the Environment, the Leader of the Official Opposition, our local Member of Provincial Parliament and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for support.

Carried

12. ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS)

a. County of Renfrew – Support for Trail Networks (report and resolution prepared)

Resolution #6

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Aiston

WHEREAS the Township of Admaston/Bromley is assuming the role of lead applicant in order to qualify for a grant from the Eastern Ontario Development Fund for the development and marketing of a County of Renfrew Trails Network;

AND WHEREAS there is no monetary cost association to any local government;

AND WHEREAS an extended trail system would only benefit all the municipalities within the county due to the increase in tourism and tourist dollars spent in the area;

AND WHEREAS our municipality has a large amount of Crown land and a vast network of abandoned logging roads that could be adapted and utilized for trails;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria endorses the efforts of the Township of Admaston/Bromley and lends support to this venture.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution and the endorsed letter are forwarded to the Township of Admaston/Bromley and the County of Renfrew.

Defeated

b. Canada Day Celebrations

Resolution #7

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS the Federal Government is providing funds under the Celebrate Canada program for Canada Day celebrations;

AND WHEREAS the municipality has not directly sponsored any public celebrations or events in some time;

AND WHEREAS promoting our local area by celebrating Canada Day would encourage people to come together and give something visible and tangible back to the ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS most costs could be recovered through the Celebrate Canada program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria agrees to plan and apply to the Celebrate Canada program to offset the costs of a Canada Day celebration;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk, Melinda Reith, be delegated the authority to apply to the Department of Canadian Heritage for funding under the Celebrate Canada Program;

AND FURTHER THAT this item is added to municipal budget deliberations for 2009 for municipal contributions.

Carried

13. IN CAMERA OR CLOSED SESSION -none

14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

a. Economic development meeting last week was cancelled

b. Resolution #8

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Reid **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the next meeting of Council be moved from March 20 to March 27.

Carried

- c. AECL breakfast meeting and change in protocol for information dissemination. Heads of Council will be notified if there is an issue that might involve the public and the media.
- d. Expect an increase in forestry taxes as a result of US ruling in unfair trade practices and subsidies on Canadian lumber.

15. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

a. Resolution # 9

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2009-04 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on February 27, 2009 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 10

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 15:00 h to meet again Friday, March 27, 2009 at 14:00 h.

Carried

Reeve- Tammy-Lea Sonnenburg

Clerk – Melinda Reith