

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

February 26, 2010

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Friday, February 26, 2010 at 13:05 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, and Bob Reid.
Absent: Councillor Gibson

Guests: Dale Torgerson, Cheryl Smith and Hillary Angell

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

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

(Resolution Prepared)

- Council Minutes

Resolution # 26/02/10/001

Moved by Councillor Aiston and seconded by Councillor Foote

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Friday, February 5, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried

- Economic Development Committee Minutes (information only)
- HCM Employment Assistance Program and Employee Meeting Minutes (information only)

5. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - Dale Torgerson, Cheryl Smith and Hillary Angell, Children First & the closing of Morrison School

Guests: Dale Torgerson, Cheryl Smith and Hillary Angell left the meeting

Staff: Treasurer- Ruth Morin, Treasurer-Trainee – Tracy Pearce, Road Super – Wilfred Lamure entered the meeting

6. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS - none

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

1. Renfrew County Road Supers Association – re: request for member of Council to attend next meeting – Councillor Reid to attend with Terry
2. United Way – re: Invitation to open house
3. Developpement Des Joachims – re: request for additional information; addressed at Economic Development meeting. Will be discussed at the Joint Council meeting in March.

8. STAFF REPORTS (For information only)

- Clerk's Report – #26/02/10/201

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS - none

10. BY-LAWS - none

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (reports and resolutions prepared)

- Resolution re: Children First and Support for lobby to Minister of Education

Resolution #26/02/10/002

Moved by Councillor Reid and Seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: following a presentation from representatives from the *Children First Committee* on the topic of closing Morison School, the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby request the Province of Ontario and the Minister of Education in particular, to implement a moratorium on all disputed school closings and especially Morison Public School in the Town of Deep River part of the Renfrew County Public School Board, until a full review of funding to rural and small community schools be implemented with transparency.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Council does request the Minister of Education to appoint a facilitator, similar to and with the same power as the one appointed in 2005 for the same school, to investigate, report and make recommendations on the funding and closing of Morison School prior to any action being taken to close the school.

Deferred to next meeting pending additional information

- Support For Knowledge Ontario, request from HCM Library Board

Resolution #26/02/10/003

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS the Library Board of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria has contacted this Council with a request for support for continued provincial funding for the Knowledge Ontario program;

AND WHEREAS Knowledge Ontario's tools such as: *Resource Ontario*; *Ask Ontario*; *Connect Ontario*; *Our Ontario* and *Learn Ontario* which focus on access to digital information, personalized research assistance, access to digitized historical and cultural collections and access to literacy through tutorials provide a necessary link to the digitalized information web for our rural residents;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria fully agrees that the information and services provided by Knowledge Ontario are essential and that continued funding is critical to small municipalities like ours to allow our Boards to continue to provide connectivity, education and services to our residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby request that the provincial government sincerely commit to continued funding for Knowledge Ontario and the programs and services that it provides. Without Knowledge Ontario there would be a huge gap in what small municipalities like ours would be able to provide to its rural residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to our MPP, John Yakabuski; David Thornley, Executive Director, Knowledge Ontario; David Allen, CEO, Federation of Public Libraries of Ontario; AMO, all local municipalities and the HCM Public Library Board.

Carried

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

- Report #26/02/10/202 – 2010 Budget Presentation Report – for discussion, by-law to be prepared for next meeting
 - Council recommended option #4 for creation of a by-law for next meeting and a list of recommended suggestions for allocation to reserves

Tracy Pearce, Terry Lamure and Ruth Morin left the meeting.

- Report #26/02/10/203 – Accommodation Workshop Report – for information only
- Report dated Friday March 14, 2008 Resolution re: Missing Link and request for Hall rental waived

Resolution #26/02/10/004

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Aiston

WHEREAS The Missing Link Snowmobile Club hosted a groomer demonstration day on Feb 6, 2010 in Stonecliffe;

AND WHEREAS this event helped to put Stonecliffe “on the map “;

AND WHEREAS this event drew manufacturer’s representatives and interested individuals to the community to the benefit of local businesses;

AND WHEREAS the residents of the Community were invited to take the rare opportunity to dine out in the Community for breakfast;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria waive the hall rental fee for this event.

Defeated

13. IN CAMERA OR CLOSED SESSION - none

14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Library Board salaries – level – special project funding
- Disposal sites review – when will we be reviewing policy on waste disposal; ask Jp2g have stats available, can we get them sooner.

15. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Resolution # 26/02/10/005

Moved by Councillor Aiston and Seconded by Councillor Reid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2010-04 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting held on February 26, 2010 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution # 26/02/10/006

Moved by Councillor Foote and seconded by Councillor Aiston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 14:40 h to meet again Friday, March 5, 2010 at 14:00 h.

Carried

Reeve – Tammy Stewart

Clerk – Melinda Reith