



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

Minutes July 20, 2017

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 18:30 h. in the Municipal Hall.

As per the Municipal Procedure By-Law the Clerk called the meeting to order. Discussion occurred amongst sitting Council members and it was decided that Councillor Bob Reid would preside over this meeting. Councillor Reid commenced with the agenda...

1. **CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT of REFLECTION** - *Let us take a moment of silent reflection to contemplate in our own way the responsibility we have to collectively use our skills and experience to ensure the mutual long term benefit of our Municipality and those we represent.*

2. **ROLL CALL**

The following were present Councillors: Calvin Chartrand, Dave Foote and Bob Reid.

Guest: none

Staff: Melinda Reith, Clerk/CAO; 20+ members of the public and media.

Absent/Regrets: Noella LeBreton, Treasurer (arrived late)

3. **DISCLOSURE of PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

Pecuniary Interest applies to you if it applies to clubs/organizations you are involved in, your employer, or activities of your children, parents or spouse; - None

4. **ADDENDUM (NEW BUSINESS)**

i. Report #20/07/17/1201 – Declaration of Vacant Seats

Resolution #20/07/17/001

Moved by Councillor Foote and Seconded by Councillor Chartrand

WHEREAS the Clerk of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria did receive on Thursday, July 13, 2017 letters of resignation from Jim Gibson and Debbi Grills;

AND WHEREAS as per the Municipal Act, in order to begin the process of filling the vacancies, Council must first meet to declare the seats vacant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby acknowledge the letters of resignation submitted to the Clerk and formally declares the seat of Mayor and the seat of one Council member vacant.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #20/07/17/002

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS the seat of the Mayor has been declared vacant by Council;

AND WHEREAS past practise of this Council has been for a sitting Council member to assume the position of Head of Council and then fill the vacant Councillor seat;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to appoint as mayor from amongst its membership, Robert Reid.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #20/07/17/003

Moved by Councillor Foot and Seconded by Councillor Chartrand

WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria has declared two seats on the council vacant and is required to take steps to fill those vacancies;

AND WHEREAS due to the time required for a vacant seat to be filled through by-election, the cost and time involved with holding a by-election, the historic lack of interest in filling seats on this Council, and the fact that a full election shall be held in 2018 appointments are recommended;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby direct the clerk to advertise for interest in filling the vacancies on Council via appointment as per the Guidelines attached to Report #20/07/17/1201.

AND FURTHER THAT Council shall hold a special meeting on Friday, September 1, 2017 at 14:00 to review the letters of interest received, hear deputations from candidates and make appointments at that time.

Carried Unanimously

ii. Report #20/07/17/1202 – Amendment to Final Taxation By-Law
Resolution #20/07/17/004

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Foote

WHEREAS the province passed new legislation in April in Ontario's Fair Housing Plan;

AND WHEREAS the now mandatory New Multi-Residential Apartment Class has been added in OPTA for any municipality that did not previously have this class;

AND WHEREAS municipalities must pass a by-law to set a tax ratio and tax rate for this class for 2017;

AND WHEREAS this class of properties does not exist within the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria making this process simply administrative in nature;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2017-07 be amended by adding in the residential tax class table a new class, New Multi-Residential Apartment Building class with a ratio of 1;

AND FURTHER THAT reference to the County of Renfrew By-laws referenced in By-Law 2017-07 be amended to reflect the new By-law numbers to be passed on July 26, 2017.

Carried Unanimously

5. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

i. None

6. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Resolution # 20/07/17/005

Moved by Councillor Foote Seconded by Councillor Chartrand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2017-09 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at this special meeting held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

7. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 20/07/17/006

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and seconded by Councillor Foote

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 18:44 h. to meet on Friday, September 1, 2017 at 14:00 h.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor – Bob Reid

Clerk – Melinda Reith