

**MINUTES of a Meeting of a Special Budget Meeting of the Council of the Township of North Frontenac held Thursday, May 17, 2007, at the Barrie Township Hall, Cloyne, ON**

PRESENT: Mayor Ron Maguire; Councillor Fred Perry and Councillor Wayne Good – Ward 1; Councillor Wayne Cole and Councillor Lonnie Watkins – Ward 2; and Deputy Mayor Jim Beam and Councillor Bob Olmstead – Ward 3.

ALSO PRESENT: Cheryl Robson, CAO/Treasurer, Brenda Defosse, Clerk and Jeff Green, Frontenac News.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**  
None declared.

**MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Mayor's opening remarks reflected on the breakdown of the Municipal property taxes, being County, Education and Municipal. The Municipality does not have control over the social programs as covered by the County portion or the Education portion. Ontario property taxes are higher than other Provinces due to the provincially downloaded programs. Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus are a strong organization and they continue to work on the \$3.2 billion gap with respect to the social programs envelope. The balance of approximately 55% is Municipal of which we have very little flexibility. He noted with respect to seasonal waterfront taxpayers, they do not see the social services being approximately half of their County taxes. He indicated that several budget meetings have been held by Council and the CAO and Department Heads have met on several occasions also. He indicated after Council's full three-day road tour that there would be work to do with respect to prioritizing the road construction projects.

**CAO/TREASURER'S BUDGET REPORT**

The CAO/Treasurer read aloud her opening remarks and 2007 Budget Report, a copy of which is attached.

The CAO/Treasurer also provided some sample calculations and reviewed the summary. A copy of the budget report and summary was given to Jeff Green of the Frontenac News.

**COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Mayor opened the Meeting for comment by members of Council as well as members of the Public. The Mayor thanked the CAO and Department Heads for a job well done.

TAX RATE BY-LAW #32-07

**Moved by Councillor Good, seconded by Councillor Watkins 221- 07**

THAT By-law #32-07 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of the estimates for the sums required during the year 2007 for the purposes of the Township of North Frontenac and to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2007 be read a first and second time.

**Carried**

**Moved by Councilor Good, seconded by Councillor Watkins 222 - 07**

THAT By-law #32-07 be read a third time and finally passed.

**Carried**

OTHER BUSINESS:

I. Additions to Casual List

**Moved by Councillor Good, seconded by Councillor Watkins 223 - 07**

THAT Council approves the names listed below to be added to the Township's list of casual employees:

Administration:

- Robin Riddell
- Jane Young
- Patricia Gray
- Kimberly Luceno

Public Works:

- Arnold Spencley
- Scott Hughes
- Robert Bright
- Matthew Lessard
- Anthony Fanning

**Carried**

II. Quakenbush Road Proposal

**Moved by Councillor Watkins, seconded by Councillor Good 224 - 07**

THAT it is the consensus of Council not to move Quakenbush Road from the old historic road bed and therefore are not in favour of changing the road as proposed by Earl Bochert.

**Carried**

III. By-law #33-07

**Moved by Councillor Good, seconded by Councillor Watkins 225 - 07**

THAT By-law #33-07 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac and Calvin Arnold Gray and Tracy Lee Gray to acquire property in Harlowe for the expansion of the United Church Cemetery be read a first and second time.

**Carried**

**Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Good** 226 - 07  
THAT By-law #33-07 be read a third time and finally passed.

**Carried**

IV. ATV use on Township Roads

Cole advised that on two trips across Road #506 to Highway #41 today he encountered a number of ATV's traveling together at excessive speeds, not on the shoulder of the road and erratically. The CAO advised that she would make a report to the OPP tomorrow morning.

V. Mosque and Hydro Lanes

Beam asked if everyone had received by one means or another the letter from Patricia McCarron concerning the decision made regarding Mosque and Hydro Lanes. The Clerk was authorized to circulate same to all of Council and the PWM for discussion at the next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Good** 227 - 07  
THAT the meeting adjourns at 7:55 p.m., until May 31, 2008 or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Clerk