

MINUTES of a Meeting of Council for the Township of North Frontenac, held Thursday, June 14, 2007 at the Harlowe Community Hall, Harlowe, Ontario

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: Brenda Defosse, Clerk and Jenny Duhamel, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Watkins declared an interest in Agenda Item 10, Bills and Accounts.

3. DELEGATIONS

a) Twin Pines Resort, Rep. Pat and Dave Storms Re: Update of Plans at Frontenac Shores and Twin Pines (Presentation attached)

Pat Storms advised of the difference between Fractional Ownership vs. Timeshare: With Fractional Ownership you are a member of a non-profit organization that owns all of the land and buildings, therefore, you are part owner. The business is governed by a Board of Directors, and managed by a Property Management Company. In a Timeshare, there is no ownership, just the use of the buildings and lands.

Mr. and Mrs. Storms plan to submit a Site Plan Agreement to the Township by the end of June, and obtain Township approval at the August 16, 2007 Council Meeting.

b) Cloyne and District Historical Society – President, Marg Axford

Ms. Axford gave a brief history of the Cloyne and District Historical Society. Beginning in 1972 as the Pioneer Club, it became incorporated in 2001 as a non-profit status. The Society is looking for any old maps, photos, etc., to be either donated or loaned to the museum. Ms. Axford mentioned the Township gave a \$500.00 donation to the Society last year, and that this could become a “patron” gift every year and North Frontenac Council would be recognized as a contributor at the museum. The Society is beginning to archive items, and they are considering hiring someone this year to do the archiving. They are applying for a Trillium Grant for this. The 2008 Heritage Calendars will be available by June 23, 2007 at a cost of \$15.00 each.

The Mayor advised that Council had budgeted \$500.00 for the Society for this year. Ms. Axford thanked the Mayor and Council.

c) Lewis Thomas – Re: Closure of part of former Road 509 - Pt. Lot 26, Conc. 8, geographic Township of Palmerston

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lewis were in attendance, with a request to have the Township close an unused section of the old Road 509, originally donated to the Township by Mr. Thomas' father. This is now only used as a driveway into their property, and they would like to create a new entrance in an area with better visibility, and close the old road.

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Good #261-07

THAT Council authorizes the Clerk to investigate the best process to carry out a conveyance of that portion of the untravelled former Road 509 lying directly in front of Lewis and Edna Thomas' property being Part of Lot 26, Concession 8, geographic

Township of Palmerston, in the Township of North Frontenac, either by way of the road closing application process or a quit claim deed at the Thomas' expense.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE)

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Good #262-07

THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council and of a Closed Meeting of Council held May 31, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

a) Page 2 - 6. e) Trillium Foundation Grant Submission Update

A discussion ensued with regards to the July 1st deadline for grant application submissions to the Trillium Foundation. The Clerk advised the REDPC has investigated the murals for the Snow Road Fire Hall, and was informed they do not meet the criteria for a Trillium Foundation Grant. Funding for upgrading and repairing Community Halls, especially the Plevna Hall, in order to get the library re-opened was discussed. There was a consensus of Council to leave the July 1st application until further investigation and a Needs Analysis can be completed on Community Halls, to be brought back to Council in September to determine what will be applied for by the November 1, 2007 deadline.

6. OLD BUSINESS –

a) Proposed Bon Echo Fire Works Donation

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Good #263-07

THAT Council shall sponsor the Northbrook Lion's Canada Day Fireworks by way of a donation in the amount of \$ 1,500.00

Carried

b) Deputy Mayor Beam - Revisit Council's Resolution #217-07 re: AAFNA Grant Application

Beam advised he had been approached by Randy Cota, asking that Council's Resolution #217-07 be brought back to the table for re-discussion and possible reconsideration, as the grant application had to go in that week. After a brief discussion Maguire asked if any member of Council had changed their opinion since the last recorded resolution, of which no one had. It was the opinion of Maguire that this discussion was then generally wasting Council's time and to approach another resolution with the same results as the last would just "add insult to injury".

c) Reconstruction of part of the Skootamatta Lake Road

Maguire advised that Addington Highlands (ADHL) is not looking for money from North Frontenac to complete this work. They have received a grant to cover the costs of this road work. Reeve Hogg will contact North Frontenac Council to clarify this.

d) Waiving Building Permit Fees

Beam advised he had discussed with the Clerk of Addington Highlands (ADHL) their practice of waiving building permit fees and was advised it had had very little impact. Maguire confirmed he had spoke with Reeve Hogg about this as well. It is the opinion of Hogg that ADHL Council will rescind this in the near future, as ADHL Council does not feel it has encouraged commercial activity and at times has created problems with timelines.

Maguire said North Frontenac has got to be creative in looking for incentives for commercial activity in the Township.

7. COMMUNICATIONS – Administrative Report

Section A

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Good #264-07

THAT Section A Items of the Clerk's Administrative Report entitled Communications of Interest to Council dated June 7, 2007, (as set out below) be received for information.

AMO/MFOA Bulletins, Etc.

Alert #07/030 – Rural Connections – The Ontario Municipal Rural Broadband Partnership Program is Now Accepting Applications

FYI #07-008 – The Ministry of Energy Announces Conservation Fund Renewal

FYI #07-009 – Transitioning Municipalities to the Electricity Market

1. E-mail Re: Can WEA-Municipal Issues and Wind Energy Seminar – June 19-20, 2007 – London, Ontario
2. Letter from MNR dated May 19, 2007 Re: Bancroft Fire No. 002 – Harlowe
3. First Public Notice from MNR – Application from Mitchell Island cottagers on Kashwakamak Lake Re: Proposed Docking and Parking
4. Land O'Lakes Tourist Association May 2007 Newsletter
5. E-mail dated June 7, 2007 from Minister John Gerretsen Re: Ontario Legislature Update

Carried

B: Action Items: (to include items brought forward from Section A above by a member of Council) Nil

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD / COUNCIL MEMBER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a) Clerk/Planning Coordinator – May and June Committee of Adjustment Meetings

Moved by Councillor Good, seconded by Councillor Olmstead #265-07

THAT the Clerk's Administrative Report entitled Committee of Adjustment May Meeting Decisions and June Applications for Consent be received for information.

Carried

b) PWM – Sale of Lift Mechanism on In-House Hauler

Moved by Councillor Good, seconded by Councillor Olmstead #266-07

THAT the Public Works Manager be authorized to advertise "For Sale" the lift mechanism "as is" "without warranty or guarantee" originally purchased as part of the in house hauler, at a price of \$2,000.00 or best offer.

Carried

9. TASK FORCE NOTES AND REPORTS

Beam advised he has prepared a Draft Terms of Reference for the Community Facilities Needs Task Force, which he will distribute to Council for their perusal. Presently he has four volunteers to join this group.

10. BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

Watkins refrained from voting as he had declared a pecuniary interest earlier.

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Beam #267-07

THAT, the following Vouchers in the amount of \$154,053.25 be approved for payment:

- May 29, 2007 @ \$ 93,568.74
- June 5, 2007 @ \$ 29,362.67
- June 6, 2007 @ \$ 31,121.84

Carried

11. NEW BUSINESS

a) Memo from Clar/Mill Fire Hall members re: Annual July 1st Fireworks

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Beam #268-07

THAT Council shall support the Clar/Mill Fire Hall Members Canada Day Fireworks by way of a donation in the amount of \$ 600.00

Carried

b) Ardoch Algonquin First Nation Letter to North Frontenac CBO

Chief Randy Malcolm expressed his concerns in a discussion with Cole that he has not been contacted by North Frontenac regarding the local issues, and advised he would like to attend a Council meeting. Maguire noted in 2006 he had invited Chief Malcolm and Chief Davis of Sharbot Lake to attend any North Frontenac Council meeting they wished to. The Clerk was instructed to extend an invitation to Chief Malcolm to attend Council and elaborate further on what his position is.

c) Municipal DataWorks (MDW) – Ontario Good Roads Association Letter dated May 15, 2007 and Ministry of Transportation letter dated May 9, 2007

The Clerk asked for this matter to be deferred as the PWM was scheduled to attend a meeting next week with the other Frontenacs to discuss everyone's present status on each of these programs. The PWM shall report on same.

d) Mississippi Village

Olmstead voiced concerns of three abandoned houses in the Village of Mississippi, and asked if anything could be done about these houses as they pose a fire hazard and are dangerous. The Clerk suggested Olmstead provide the 911 numbers to enable a search of ownership names as a starting point.

e) Frontenac Ventures Change of Ownership

Cole advised that Frontenac Ventures has been bought out by Silvio Ventures as of May 23, 2007. The Clerk advised Frontenac Ventures is booked as a delegation at the June 28, 2007 Council meeting.

f) MNR Building Hedges

Watkins mentioned the hedges at the MNR building on Buckshot Lake Road in Plevna were in need of trimming. The Clerk will advise the REDPC of same.

12. OTHER BUSINESS – Verbal Reports

a) Ardoch Algonquin First Nations & Allies (AAFNA)

Mayor Maguire

Bob Walroth of the MNR spoke to Maguire today and advised the MNR had issued a letter to Randy Cota of AAFNA on June 5, 2007, thanking AAFNA for sharing the Environmental Assessment information to date with the MNR. Once the Environmental Assessment is

complete, the MNR is prepared to issue AAFNA a letter of authorization to complete the Pow Wow Grounds, Arbor, Tent Pads and Parking Lot.

Cole said this boat launch is critical to the residents on Pine Lake, especially ones with boat access properties. Maguire advised this is part of the Environmental Assessment process to determine such factors, and the public are encouraged to bring their concerns forward, as per the Public Notice in today's edition of the Frontenac News.

b) Clar/Mill Community Archives

Councillor Watkins

Nothing to report.

Cemeteries Task Force

Watkins noted he has three members signed to date, with a possible three more, of which he should know in a couple of days. A work day is planned for the Pioneer Cemetery for July 10, 2007.

c) Economic Development Envelope -

Councillor Olmstead

Olmstead attended a meeting June 1, 2007 with Dianna Bratina and reviewed the Business Retention and Expansion Committees' business study to date. There are more meetings coming up, which Olmstead feels the REDPC should attend. To date the survey is providing some pleasing information. Bratina will be faxing a list of North Frontenac businesses to the REDPC shortly.

d) Community Facilitation Team Re: "Engaging People in Building Inclusive Communities

Deputy Mayor Beam

Information booths will be set up in various areas in the two townships involved, to hand out the Executive Summary (E.S.). A meeting will be held at the Clar/Mill Hall in July, hopefully to capture some interest of the seasonal residents. The E.S. will be posted on the Municipal website.

The official opening of the Community Living new facilities is planned for June 22, 2007 at 2 p.m., and all are welcome to attend.

e) Environmental Envelope -

Deputy Mayor Beam

i) Madawaska Highlands/Timber Management Fish & Wildlife – Nothing at this time

ii) Mississippi Valley Conservation

Beam advised the minutes of the Mississippi River Dam Safety meeting will be distributed to members of Council.

The Annual Spring Tour will be incorporating Ragged Chutes on June 21, 2007.

f) Social Services Envelope -

Councillor Cole

i) Pine Meadow Nursing Home

Cole advised the employees have been working under a Collective Agreement, which expires in September. A meeting has been called to discuss the pay scales. Pine Meadow is having difficulty retaining qualified R.N.'s, and are finding they are only willing to work the day shift.

Pine Meadow has asked Cole about obtaining a "Bear Wise" container. The Clerk will ask the REDPC to provide an application for same to Pine Meadow.

A special budget meeting is planned for June 15, 2007, and the Annual Golf Tournament is June 16, 2007.

ii) Rural Routes Transportation Services - Nothing at this time

13. BY-LAWS

a) #38-07 – Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Development Agreement with Victor and Huguette St. Jean

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Beam #269-07

THAT By-law #38-07, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Development Agreement on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac with Victor St. Jean and Huguette St. Jean be read a first and second time.

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry #270-07

THAT By-law #-38-07 be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

14. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

The Mayor gave 15 minutes for questions from the Gallery, stipulating such questions must pertain to items contained in today's Agenda. (i.e. In fairness to people who give two weeks notice for delegations and are required to provide written presentations.) Questions were asked, by various members of the public and answered by the Mayor, dealing with the following topics:

a) Pine Lake boat launch. Where are people to park if they want to access the lake for day trips. The Mayor responded "In the parking lot across the road".

b) AAFNA/Pine Lake- MNR letter of authorization

c) A request to have Randy Malcolm, Chief of the Ardoch Algonquin First Nation attend a Council meeting, preferably an evening session, to allow interested residents to be in attendance.

15. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Beam #271-07

THAT Council retires to closed session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss:

- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

OPEN SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry #272-07

THAT Council returns to open session at 9:38 p.m.

Carried

By-law #40-07 – To appoint a Deputy Fire Chief

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Beam #273-07

THAT By-law #40-07, being a by-law to appoint Norman Mills as Deputy Fire Chief of the Clar/Mill Fire Department be read a first and second time.

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry #274-07

THAT By-law #-40-07 be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Good #275-07
THAT Council shall pay the Vendors' legal expenses for their sale of property to the Township to be added to the Harlowe Cemetery, up to \$605.00
Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Beam #276-07
THAT the meeting adjourns at 9:42 p.m. until June 28, 2007 or at the call of the Chair.
Carried

Mayor

Clerk