

**MINUTES of a Meeting of Council for the Township of North Frontenac, held
Thursday, September 27, 2007 at the Ompah Community Hall, Ompah, Ontario**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cheryl Robson, CAO; Brenda Defosse, Clerk; John Ibey, Public Works Manager and Angela Millar, Deputy Treasurer.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Mayor Ron Maguire

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared

3. DELEGATIONS

a) Northern Frontenac Community Services – Update

i) Scott Black – Director of Adult Services

ii) Jane Drew – Manager of Rural Routes Transportation Services

iii) Susan Leslie – Director of Child Services - Child Centre

See presentations for each attached hereto. County of Frontenac only approved a one-time funding of \$36,500.00 in March 2007 for Rural Routes and \$10,000.00 for a County Business Plan. It was the consensus of Council that they fully support these initiatives and will re-discuss this once the Plan is completed.

b) Bob Buskie – Mosque Lake Road plowing issue – letter attached

Mr. Buskie read his letter aloud. The Public Works Manager commented this would mean an additional 1.25 km of winter plowing, would require gravel and a couple days work to get ready. Mr. Buskie advised of two other taxpayers moving into permanent residences on this part of the road.

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, Seconded by Councillor Watkins #397-07

THAT Council instruct the Public Works Manager to do Winter maintenance on Mosque Lake Road up to 1051 Mosque Lake Road, which location provides the best turn around for Municipal vehicles;

AND THAT the road name signage be corrected.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE)

Moved by Councillor Perry, Seconded by Councillor Olmstead #398-07

THAT the Minutes of Meetings of the Joint Board of Management for the Kaladar-Barrie Fire Department held February 19, 2007; May 8, 2007 and June 12, 2007 be received for information;

AND THAT the Minutes of a Committee of Adjustment/Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held August 21, 2007 be received for information;

AND THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Personnel/Audit Committee held August 28, 2007 and a Closed Meeting held August 28, 2007 be approved by Council;

AND THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council dated September 13, 2007 be approved by Council.

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Councillor Cole requested information on the September 13, 2007 minutes and By-Law #59-07. The CAO gave clarification on the changes Council made to the By-law and Ministry of Natural Resources Memorandum of Understanding prior to approving same as amended at the previous Council meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. COMMUNICATIONS – Administrative Report

Section A

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Cole

#399-07

THAT Section A Items of the Clerk's Administrative Report entitled Communications of Interest to Council dated September 20, 2007, as set out below, be received for information.

AMO/Ministry Bulletins, Etc.

Alert #07/048 – Federal Gas Tax Communications Process During Provincial Election

Alert #07/049 – AMO Releases Advocacy Paper, "Poverty and the Property Tax Burden in Ontario"

1. MMAH Update dated September 2007
2. Cloyne and District Historical Society Thank you letter dated August 26, 2007
3. ROMA – Message from the Board dated September 12, 2007
4. Ministry of Health Promotion letter dated August 29, 2007 re Ontario International Amateur Sport Hosting Policy
5. MMAH letter of September 5, 2007 re Municipal Councillor's Guide
6. KFL&A Health Unit letter dated September 12, 2007 re Beach Sampling
7. Land O'Lakes Tourist Association Newsletter dated September 15, 2007
8. Frontier Adventure Challenge – Addington Highlands: September 29, 2007
9. Adventure Agent E-mail Invitation re September 27, 2007 Canoe and Kayak Promotion for Moratorium – Paddle / Portage
10. 2007/08 AMO/LAS Municipal Energy Management Workshops
11. Counties, Regions, Single Tier Municipalities & District Social Services Administration Boards Conference 2007 – October 21-24, 2007
12. AMO an MMAH - Ontario Southwest Municipal Conference – November 9, 2007
13. Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week – October 21-27, 2007 – Request for Support

14. Request for Support from the Town of Smith Falls urging AMO to take a more active role in exhorting the Province to re-vamp the property tax system in a fair and equitable manner

Carried

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

1. Request for Support from CUPE and The Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC) in designating October 24, 2007 as "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day".

Moved by Councillor Cole, Seconded by Councillor Perry #400-07

THAT Council supports the request of the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC), the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and other labour partners representing child care workers across Ontario to proclaim Wednesday, October 24, 2007 as "Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in recognition of the influence, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

Carried

2. Request for Support from the Kingston Frontenac Public Library to proclaim October 14-20th, 2007 as Teen Read Week.

Moved by Councillor Cole, Seconded by Councillor Perry #401-07

WHEREAS, the ability to read and process information is a basic survival skill in our global information society;

AND WHEREAS, the reading proficiency of teens has remained stagnant over the last thirty years;

AND WHEREAS, the number of students who can read but choose not to do so is increasing;

AND WHEREAS, the most effective way to improve reading skills is to read regularly and often;

AND WHEREAS, too few teens think reading is a valuable tool for enjoyment and relaxation as well as for schoolwork;

AND WHEREAS, regular daily reading for the fun of it creates the reading habit for life;

AND WHEREAS, parents, teachers, librarians, and all concerned adults can serve as role models by reading for fun themselves;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Council hereby proclaims the week of October 14-20, 2007, as "Teen Read Week" in the Township of North Frontenac, and encourages teens to read for the fun of it.

Carried

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD / COUNCIL MEMBER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a) Clerk/Planning Coordinator - Ward 2 Waste Site Hours

Moved by Councillor Cole, Seconded by Councillor Perry #402-07

THAT Council approves of the change in the hours of operation for the Ardoch Waste Site on Holiday Mondays, from the present hours of 1 to 6 pm to the new hours of 10 am to 3 pm effective immediately;

AND THAT the Clerk is to ensure this change is reflected on the waste site signage as well as on the municipal website and advertised in the Frontenac News.

Carried

b) CAO/Treasurer – Property Tax Billing and Penalty Charges

Moved by Councillor Cole, Seconded by Councillor Perry #403-07

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of North Frontenac's Property Tax Policies are established by annual taxation by-laws in compliance with legislation requirements;

THEREFORE, Council hereby authorizes the CAO/Treasurer to reply to the taxpayers' concerns, explaining the reasons for said policies and payment options available per the Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector's Administrative Report entitled "Penalty Charges and Tax Billing Concerns" and dated September 27, 2007.

Carried

9. TASK FORCE NOTES AND REPORTS

a) Beaver Dam Management Task Force – Councillor Good was absent but the Deputy Mayor advised a Report and draft Policy will be on the next agenda.

b) Community Facilities Task Force – Deputy Mayor Beam advised tours have been arranged for all Township publicly used buildings, to be completed before the end of October.

c) Cemeteries Task Force – Councillor Watkins advised he has started the lilac clean-up and perimeter clearing at the Ardoch/St. Kilian's Cemetery. He advised of the need to amend the Grass Cutting Contract next year to be more specific with respect to the cemeteries, specifying a perimeter trim twice per season (mid Summer and early Fall).

d) Ompah Helipad Task Force – Deputy Mayor Beam advised a volunteer work day has been arranged to clear the trees and brush on the land abutting the Ompah Helipad on October 6, 2007.

10. BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

Moved by Councillor Cole, Seconded by Councillor Perry #404-07

THAT, the following Vouchers in the amount of \$ 719,155.00 be approved for payment:

- September 13, 2007 @ \$ 43,440.27
- September 14, 2007 @ \$ 1,000.00
- September 18, 2007 @ \$ 318,922.00
- September 18, 2007 @ \$ 316,456.10
- September 18, 2007 @ \$ 39,336.63

Carried

11. NEW BUSINESS

a) ~~Application for Membership to the Township of North Frontenac Fire Department, Ompah Fire Station~~

Deferred

12. OTHER BUSINESS – Verbal Reports

a) Ardoch Algonquin First Nations & Allies (AAFNA) Mayor Maguire absent
No report.

b) Clar/Mill Community Archives Councillor Watkins
Watkins received an e-mail from Bethany Armstrong, who is setting up a meeting on October 23, 2007 and expects to hold another local history session/gathering thereafter. Need to secure a speaker for the session/gathering.

c) Economic Development Envelope Councillor Olmstead
Olmstead attended a meeting on Tuesday and heard some good speakers regarding accomplished projects that received funding from the CFDC. Kevin Philips of Fernleigh Lodge, an expected speaker, was unable to attend. Students from Prince Charles Public School attended, demonstrating their robots which had also received funding from CFDC. The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Olmstead to attend the Land O' Lakes Tourist Association's banquet tonight in Napanee for the presentation of the Vision Awards. REDPC attending as well.

d) Community Facilitation Team Re: "Engaging People in Building Inclusive Communities" Deputy Mayor Beam
Nothing to report.

e) Environmental Envelope - Deputy Mayor Beam

i) Madawaska Highlands/Timber Management/Fish & Wildlife
A meeting was held last week but Beam could not attend.

ii) Mississippi Valley Conservation

Moved by Councillor Watkins, Seconded by Councillor Olmstead #405-07

THAT the Council of the Township of North Frontenac hereby supports the following nominations to:

(i) representing the Central Area (Townships of South Frontenac and Frontenac Islands and the City of Kingston) of the Cataraqui Source Protection Area:

Primary Representative: Gary Davison, Township of South Frontenac

Alternate Representative: Denis Doyle, Township of Frontenac Islands and endorses the following nomination:

(ii) MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION REGION
representing the No System Group (Townships of Addington Highlands, Athens, Augusta, Beckwith, Central Frontenac, Clarence-Rockland, Drummond/North Elmsley, Elizabethtown-Kitley, Greater Madawaska, Lanark Highlands, Montague, North Dundas, North Frontenac, Rideau Lakes, South Frontenac and Tay Valley) of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region:

Primary Representative: Ed Giffin

Carried

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, Seconded by Councillor Watkins #406-07
THAT Council shall waive their participation in the selection of a Source Water Protection Committee member, due to the small area of North Frontenac, in the Quinte Watershed;

AND THAT the Quinte Watershed shall continue to inform North Frontenac of their Committee's progress.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Beam advised the Friends of the Salmon River are holding a River-Bus Tour this Saturday starting in Tamworth then into Shannonville and back to Storey Lake, south of Cloyne. The Deputy Mayor will be attending.

f) Social Services Envelope - Councillor Cole
i) Pine Meadow Nursing Home

No report

ii) Rural Routes Transportation Services
Excellent presentation earlier by Jane Drew. Deputy Mayor reiterated the need to continue to push the other Townships in the County, expressing the need and great usage of the program.

13. BY-LAWS

a) **#61-07** – A By-law to Authorize the Designation and Establishment of Road Construction Areas

Moved by Councillor Cole, Seconded by Councillor Perry #407-07

THAT By-law #61-07, being a By-law to Authorize the Designation and Establishment of Road Construction Zones, be read a first and second time.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Watkins, Seconded by Councillor Olmstead #408-07

THAT By-law #61-07 be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

b) **#62-07** – A By-law Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Development Agreement on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac with Tod James

Moved by Councillor Watkins, Seconded by Councillor Olmstead #409-07

THAT By-law #62-07, being a By-law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to enter into a Development Agreement on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac with Tod Harold James, be read a first and second time.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Watkins, Seconded by Councillor Olmstead #410-07

THAT By-law # 62-07 be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

14. PUBLIC FORUM – (re: items included on today’s Agenda only)

1. Recycling of plastic shopping bags – a spectator advised Council of an article found in the end of June issue of the Hamilton Spectator newspaper wherein a craftsman was using these plastic bags to make mats. The Clerk will look into this.
2. Caroline Ferguson asked what protocol Council follows to determine if it will add a road to the winter maintenance schedule. Deputy Mayor Beam advised it needs to be confirmed that (1) the road or part of the road is a ‘Municipal owned road’; (2) does it presently receive summer maintenance; (3) are there permanent residents on same, if so how many.

15. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Watkins, Seconded by Councillor Olmstead #411-07

THAT Council retires to closed session at 11:23 a.m. to discuss:

- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Carried

OPEN SESSION

Moved by Councillor Watkins, Seconded by Councillor Olmstead #412-07

THAT Council returns to open session at 11:40 a.m.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Watkins, Seconded by Councillor Olmstead #413-07

THAT the meeting adjourns at 11:40 a.m. until October 11, 2007 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk