

MINUTES of a Meeting of Council for the Township of North Frontenac, held Thursday, March 13, 2008 at the Harlowe Community Hall, 1047 Gull Lake Road, Harlowe, Ontario

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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Councillor Lonnie Watkins – Ward 2

ALSO PRESENT: Cheryl Robson, CAO and Jenny Duhamel, Deputy Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Good declared an interest in Bills and Accounts.

3. DELEGATIONS

a) “The CAV” (Canadian Army Veterans) – “Chris’s Amazing Race” -Representative: Dave Winney (see attached presentation)

Maguire welcomed Dave Winney.

Winney would like North Frontenac Council to set up one road block for this motorcycle event, if possible. A couple of ideas he has for this are: i) a paint ball event, or ii) a NASCAR event.

Perry asked about liability/insurance. Winney advised the CAV will have insurance for this event.

Beam would like to volunteer for the paint ball stop.

Maguire stated he thinks this event has a lot of potential, as our main strength is tourism and asked if they are prepared to start this year, to which Winney replied yes. Maguire voiced concerns with large groups of bikes on the roads for future races and the possible need for more policing.

Winney explained that one of the groups interested is the “Blue Knights” from Kingston which is comprised entirely of police officers, which would be an excellent police presence, and they will have staggered starts.

The group is looking into possible funding from FCFDC and is not asking for any contributions from the Municipalities. The expected date for this year’s event is August 16, 2008. Winney stated they want to help the local economy.

Maguire thanked Winney for his very interesting and informative presentation and Winney left the meeting at this time.

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, Seconded by Councillor Cole

#120-08

THAT the presentation and Outline Plan from Dave Winney regarding "Chris's Amazing Race 2008" for Canadian Army Veterans be received for information;

AND THAT Council approves the event in principle and encourages Dave Winney to contact the REDPC once details are known on how Council can participate.

Carried

b) Totten, Sims, Hubicki – Representatives: Guy Laporte and Steve Saxton – 2007 Waste Site Reports for submission to MOE (see attached presentation)

Maguire welcome both Laporte and Saxton and thanked them for coming

Laporte noted that TSH has been working with North Frontenac since 2000. The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has certain requirements and obligations for all Certificates of Approval (C of A) for each waste site. (see attached presentation)

Waste Diversion Ontario together with Stewardship Ontario are introducing possible funding to help municipalities with the costs of disposing of Hazardous and Electrical Waste. The Clerk's Department is looking into all possible options from Stewardship Ontario for both Hazardous Waste and Electrical Waste.

At this time the Mayor thanked TSH for their presentation. Laporte and Saxton left the meeting at this time.

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, Seconded by Councillor Cole

#121-08

THAT the Council of the Township of North Frontenac receives for information from Guy Laporte of Totten, Sims, Hubicki (TSH) the 2007 Waste Site Reports;

AND THAT TSH is authorized to submit all documentation necessary to the Ministry of the Environment by the March 31, 2008 deadline as per their recommendations in the Executive Summary of the 2007 Waste Site Reports.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE)

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, Seconded by Councillor Cole

#122-08

THAT Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council and a Closed Meeting of Council dated February 21, 2008 as amended be adopted as circulated;

AND THAT the Minutes of a Special Budget Meeting of Council and a Closed Meeting of Council dated February 28, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. COMMUNICATIONS – Administrative Report

Section A

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Cole

#123-08

THAT Section A Items of the Clerk's Administrative Report entitled Communications of Interest to Council dated March 4, 2008, as set out below, be received for information.

AMO/Ministry Bulletins, Etc.

Alert # 08/006 – Federal Liberal Party Pledges Infrastructure Money

Alert # 08/007 – Province Reviewing More than 450 Applications for MIII Funding

Alert # 08/008 – Premier Announces Additional Infrastructure Funding for Municipalities at OGRA/ROMA Conference

Alert # 08/009 – Federal Budget Makes Gas Tax Permanent

Alert # 08/010 – Approval of MHSW Program Plan – Phase 1

AMO – NOTICE - Call for Submissions for the P.J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Awards Competition

FCM Members' Advisory dated February 22, 2008

FCM Members' Advisory dated February 26, 2008 - Budget 2008 Delivers Good News for Cities and Communities

1. Ministry of the Environment – Water Works Owners and Operators - Reporting requirements under Ontario Regulation 450/07 (O. Reg. 450/07)
2. ~~Donation from the Ottawa Valley ATV Club to the North Frontenac Volunteer Fire Department~~
3. ~~Limestone District School Board – letter re: PARC – Program and Accommodation Review Committee formation~~
4. Limestone District School Board – Upgrades to the School's Wide Area Network Connection
5. Mississippi Valley Conservation Letter dated February 22, 2008 - Municipal Levy for 2008
6. 2008 AMO/LAS Municipal Energy Management Workshops and registration form
7. CANECT 2008 – Environmental Conference and Tradeshow
8. Effective Municipal Councillor Training (EMCP) Charting Your Future 2008 Registration Form – Modules 1 to 4
9. AMO/LAS Electricity Newsflash
10. Mississippi-Rideau Septic System Office February 2008 Letter – Delivery of Septic Re-Inspection/Inspection Services
11. Western Ontario Wardens Caucus (WOWC) letter re: Farm Tax Rebate
12. Request for support from the WOWC in petitioning the Province of Ontario to provide compensating revenue to the municipalities of Ontario that have been negatively impacted by the transition from the Farm Tax Rebate Program to the agricultural property tax rate reduction program.
13. ~~Request for support from the Town of Milton in requesting the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources improve the status of rehabilitation of aggregate pits and quarries in the Town of Milton and across the Province.~~
14. Request for support from the Regional Municipality of Niagara in petitioning the Federal Government to amend Bill C-22 to provide Ontarians with their fair share of seats in the House of Commons.
15. ~~Request for support from the Town of Newmarket in requesting the Premier of Ontario takes action to eliminate the misuse of disabled parking permits and parking spaces.~~

- ~~16. Request for support from the City of Woodstock in requesting the Province of Ontario eliminate tax capping and replace it with an equitable system based on current values assessment.~~
17. Request for support from the Town of Amherstburg requesting the Province of Ontario provide the immediate necessary funding to Ontario Municipalities to finance the costs of the mandated Lead Testing for Municipal Drinking Water.
18. Request for support from the City of Kingston inviting municipalities to join in the "WORLD MALARIA DAY, April 25th, 2008" initiative across Canada.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Cole

#124-08

THAT Item(s) A 2; 3; 13; 15 and 16 of the Communications of Interest to Council Administrative Report dated March 4, 2008, be brought forward to Section B to be acted upon.

Carried

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

1. Invitation to Mayor Maguire from Larry O'Brien, Mayor of Ottawa to join the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Summit this spring and Mayor Maguire's draft letter of response Maguire will put a further draft together explaining the transportation concerns of the northern communities and bring it back to Council for approval.

2. (A2) Donation from the Ottawa Valley ATV Club to the North Frontenac Volunteer Fire Department

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Cole

#125-08

THAT Council appreciates the donation of \$1,000.00 from the Ottawa Valley ATV Club to the North Frontenac Volunteer Fire Department;

AND THAT Council instructs the Clerk to send a letter of thanks expressing Council's gratitude to Patsy Bradley, Charity Ride Coordinator of the ATV Club;

AND THAT the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Cole are authorized to sell permits at the next event on behalf of the Township.

Carried

3. (A3) Limestone District School Board – letter re: PARC – Program and Accommodation Review Committee formation

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Good

#126-08

THAT Council appoints Mayor Maguire to the Limestone District School Board's Program and Accommodation Review Committee, once it is formed.

Carried

4. (A13) Request for support from the Town of Milton in requesting the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources improve the status of rehabilitation of aggregate pits and quarries in the Town of Milton and across the Province.

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Good #127-08

THAT the request for support from the Town of Milton in requesting the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources improve the status of rehabilitation of aggregate pits and quarries in the Town of Milton and across the Province be deferred for the PWM to obtain clarification.

Carried

5. (A15) Request for support from the Town of Newmarket in requesting the Premier of Ontario takes action to eliminate the misuse of disabled parking permits and parking spaces.

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Good #128-08

THAT Council supports the Town of Newmarket's request for support in requesting the Premier of Ontario take action to eliminate the misuse of disabled parking permits and parking spaces;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Newmarket; the Premier of Ontario and Randy Hillier, MPP.

Carried

6. (A16) Request for support from the City of Woodstock in requesting the Province of Ontario eliminate tax capping and replace it with an equitable system based on current values assessment

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Good #129-08

THAT the request for support from the City of Woodstock in requesting the Province of Ontario eliminate tax capping and replace it with an equitable system based on current values assessment be deferred for clarification from the Tax Collector.

Carried

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD / COUNCIL MEMBER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) Fire Chief/CEMC – Personal Emergency Preparedness-Community Priority

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry #130-08

THAT Council receives for information the Fire Chief/CEMC's Administrative Report entitled Emergency Preparedness;

AND THAT Council authorizes the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief and the Fire Protection Officer to continue with public education and meeting with the many community groups in the area to stress the importance of being prepared and how to prepare in the event of an emergency;

AND THAT the Council of the Township of North Frontenac hereby proclaims the week of May 4 – 11, 2008 "Emergency Preparedness Week" and authorizes the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief to insert an ad in the local newspaper stating same.

Carried

- b) PWM – Public Works Department reimbursed expenses – Employee Winter Control Policy Proposal

The CAO explained the suggestion is to add a section to the Employment Policy to which the Public Works employees are paid \$250.00 annually on their expense allowance, to have their own driveways kept plowed. The reasoning behind this suggestion was to allow PW staff to be able to attend work on time, especially if only on an eight hour break and having to return to work in bad weather, with the chance of their own driveway being totally blocked by snow. There

should be a great appreciation to these Public Works staff for the extensive hours they work during inclement weather, such as recently.

It was the consensus of Council to defer this item to the next Personnel and Audit Committee Meeting to work on reasonable wording and bring it back to Council for consideration.

9. TASK FORCE NOTES AND REPORTS

a) Community Facilities Analysis Task Force

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry

#131-08

THAT the Council of the Township of North Frontenac receives for information the Notes of the Community Facilities Needs Analysis Task Force dated February 19, 2008 and March 4, 2008.

Carried

Beam explained the Task Force's March 12 and 26th meetings are to complete their final recommendations to Council.

b) Joint Health & Safety Employee Committee

The CAO noted all buildings have been inspected by the Joint Health and Safety Inspectors and the draft new Policies and Procedures are going well. By complying to all the requirements for Health and Safety, the Township can save 5% on the WSIB dues.

Maguire asked if Council, the public and staff are going through the Public Works Garage at Plevna to go to meetings in the Fire Hall. The CAO advised that due to safety concerns this is not allowed, and she is having signs made up and to be posted at the PWM office door area and the outside entrance to the garage stating "DO NOT ENTER – PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES ONLY".

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry

#132-08

THAT Council receives for information the Draft Minutes of the Joint Health and Safety Committee held February 19, 2008.

Carried

10. BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

Councillor Good had declared a Pecuniary Interest at the start of the meeting and refrained from the discussion and/or voting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry

#133-08

THAT, the following Vouchers in the amount of **\$ 809,086.72** be approved for payment:

- February 15, 2008 @ \$ 474.29
- February 20, 2008 @ \$ 30,663.15
- March 3, 2008 @ \$ 60,257.43
- March 4, 2008 @ \$ 340.00
- March 5, 2008 @ \$313,842.00
- March 5, 2008 @ \$318,922.00
- March 5, 2008 @ \$ 84,587.85

Carried

Moved by Councillor Good, seconded by Councillor Olmstead

#134-08

THAT Council authorizes the meeting to continue past the three hour cut-off per Procedural By-law.

Carried

11. NEW BUSINESS

a) Road Surface Treatment Tender Opening

The CAO opened the two tenders received, and disclosed the following information to Council:

COMPANY NAME	TENDERED AMOUNT
Smith's Construction Co. A division of Miller Group	\$451,151.00
Greenwood Paving	\$417,508.00

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry #135-08

THAT Council accepts the tender submission from Greenwood Paving for the Road Surface Treatment, if it meets the specifications of the Request for Proposal (Tender), as amended to not exceed budget limitations.

Carried

b) 2008 Meeting between Council and Cottage Associations, Business & Property Association

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry #136-08

THAT Council agrees to meet with the Cottage Associations, Business and Property Associations on June 14, 2008 at 9 am. to 12 noon at the Clar-Mill Community Hall.

AND THAT the Clerk be instructed to notify the Cottage Associations, Business and Property Associations by mail/email of this meeting and place a notice in the newspaper and on the Township's website.

Carried

c) Crown Land Stewardship Program – inclusion of campsites on Mississagagon Lake Perry requested this be deferred until next year, as he is trying to obtain approval for access across private property. The REDPC will advise MNR of this.

d) Clar/Mill Community Volunteers request

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry #137-08

THAT Council approves the request from the Clar/Mill Community Volunteers to build a new coat rack in the coat room and to reinforce the present one, as well as disposing of the old card tables which are unsafe.

Carried

Perry suggested the Clerk send a thank you letter to the Volunteers.

e) Clarendon Central's Coffee House – March 18, 2008 at Clarendon Public School

RE: Chili Contest entry; Donation of an item for the silent auction?

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry #138-08

THAT the Council of the Township of North Frontenac receives for information the notice of Clarendon Central's Coffee House to be held March 18, 2008 and authorizes the REDPC to donate a one weekend (2 nights) camping permit through the Crown Land Stewardship Program, as an item for the silent auction;

AND THAT Council encourages everyone present to consider taking part in the Chili Contest.

Carried

- f) Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life – June 6-7 – Parham Ball Field – Deputy Mayor Beam

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry

#139-08

THAT Council supports the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life, scheduled for June 6 to 7, 2008 at the Parham Ball Field;

AND THAT Council appoints Kelly Watkins as coordinator of the North Frontenac Team;

AND THAT Council authorizes the purchase of 24 Township T-shirts for this event with a 3 colour logo, at a cost of \$13.55 per shirt plus taxes.

Carried

- g) Solstice Day – Deputy Mayor Beam

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry

#140-08

THAT Council supports the concept of a "Solstice Day Picnic in the Park" to be organized in North Frontenac Township for June 21, 2008;

AND THAT, as the Clar-Mill Community Volunteers are having a pancake breakfast on this day, Council instructs Deputy Mayor Beam and the REDPC to meet with the Community Volunteers at their next meeting March 25, 2008 to discuss the possibility of combining these two efforts, and then report back to Council with any decision made.

Carried

- h) Rural Routes Request for Program Funding Assistance

It was the consensus of Council that the Clerk respond to the letter from Rural Routes Transportation Service (RRTS) stating that Council considered their letter, but are reluctant at this time to make a financial contribution while the Business Case is being completed by all stakeholders to consider a Regional Transportation commitment.

The Clerk, in the reply to RRTS, is to provide clarification of the County's funding to date, and the further \$20,000 possible additional funding from the County pending the Stakeholders Business Case.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry

#141-08

THAT Council receives for information the letter from Jane Drew, Coordinator of Rural Routes Transportation Service, requesting program funding assistance.

Carried

- i) Township of Central Frontenac's Resolution re: County ICSP and CCP

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry

#142-08

THAT the Council of the Township of North Frontenac supports Central Frontenac Township's Resolution with respect to the County ICSP Framework and community Consultation Plan deferral, dated March 10, 2008.

Carried

12. OTHER BUSINESS – Verbal Reports

- a) Ardoch Algonquin First Nations & Allies (AAFNA)

Mayor Maguire

No report by the Mayor. Olmstead advised they are brushing/clearing snow on the mine property now; the O.P.P. are still there; and there will be debris along the fence line and roadside once the snow is gone.

b) Clar/Mill Community Archives
No Report- Councillor Watkins absent

Councillor Watkins

c) Economic Development Envelope
Olmstead noted that after the REDPC and he attended the workshop he does not feel our Township is ready to continue with the Frontenac Centre proposal, as the cost is very high.

Councillor Olmstead

Olmstead invited Beam to attend the FCFDC meeting with him and the REDPC yesterday re: the CFDC Strategic Plan. Beam noted it was a good meeting. The questions raised were “How do you tell when you’ve reached a certain level of success, and how do you reach success with concerns of the local school possibly closing?; How do you attract new residents if there is no school for their children?; What makes a sustainable community, etc?”

Olmstead has heard nothing about the Frontenac Trails Committee.

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

Deputy Mayor Beam

Beam had circulated a list of the local producers, and advised if anyone has additional information on any that have been missed, please let him know.

e) Environmental Envelope -

Deputy Mayor Beam

i) Madawaska Highlands/Timber Management/Fish & Wildlife

No report.

ii) Mississippi Valley Conservation

There is a meeting next Wednesday, March 19, 2008.

f) Social Services Envelope -

Councillor Cole

i) Pine Meadow Nursing Home

The Committee met last Friday, March 7, 2008, and Cole invited Beam to attend with him. It was the consensus of the Committee to have Cole request Mayor Maguire to ask the County for a “Functional Audit” (i.e. costs by function/value of functions/etc.) of Fairmont Home, and that this be compared to that of other Homes For the Aged. Lennox and Addington County has done this.

Maguire explained the two types of audit – Financial versus Program Audit.

Maguire feels this request should come directly from Pine Meadow itself.

The CAO advised a letter should be sent to the Township Council requesting this of the Mayor, outlining exactly they would like done, the benefits, etc.

Cole will advise the Pine Meadow Committee Chair to prepare a letter.

ii) Rural Routes Transportation Services

No Report.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Beam, seconded by Councillor Perry

#143-08

THAT the meeting adjourns at 11:23 p.m. until March 27, 2008 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk