

**MINUTES of a Meeting of Council for the Township of North Frontenac, held Thursday, March 27, 2008 at the Snow Road Community Hall, 14073 Road 509, Snow Road, Ontario.**

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

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Deputy Mayor Jim Beam

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cheryl Robson, CAO and Brenda Defosse, Clerk.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None noted.

**3. DELEGATIONS**

a) Mississippi Rideau CA – Septic Re-Inspection Program 2007 and 2008

Representative: Jamie Saunders (2007 Report previously received by Council January 17, 2008, Resolution #21-08)

Saunders advised re-inspections have now been carried out for three seasons (years). The first year (2005) 30 re-inspections, the second year 100 re-inspections (2006) and the third year (2007) 100 re-inspections took place. These have been concentrated mainly on 3 lakes. Saunders noted he was here to address any concerns or questions Council may have with the program. The 2007 program went very well and there was a phenomenal response. The return rate from the 160 Questionnaires sent out, was more than 100 received back. The field work went very well also.

Saunders plans to do some very strict scheduling this year as many of the home owners want to meet with him while doing the re-inspection. There have been no negative interactions with the public. The results have been fairly standard, with 40-50% of the systems requiring some amount of maintenance (i.e. pumping out, new lids). All deficient systems are forwarded to Brian Black of the Public Health Department in Cloyne for enforcement. There were four systems out of one hundred that posed an environmental or health risk.

Perry asked if we are going to do any water access properties this year. Saunders plans to set aside 1 or 2 days this year and hopes to inspect 10 – 15 water access properties.

Maguire asked if a record is kept of those who do not respond to the questionnaire. Saunders noted a second questionnaire is sent out the next year, and if no response again, this is seen as a trigger to go and take a look at the system. Saunders advised amendment to The Building Code to make inspections of septic systems mandatory is being considered.

Maguire stated Council is meeting in June with the Cottage Associations and it will be interesting to get their feedback.

Saunders said they will not be offering public information meetings this year. He prefers to attend 2 or 3 AGM's of the Cottage/Property Owners' Associations as such a meeting provides better access to talking to a number of people.

Cole felt the Township should take it one step further should a response not be received to the questionnaire.

Good noted that Bracebridge has a system where, if not in compliance, the Township can undertake replacement of the system and bill the landowner by adding same to their taxes. Brian Black would have to be consulted regarding enforcement. MVC/Rideau recommends to streamline the 2008 program, and to increase efficiency of the program, the home owner needs to excavate the lid of the septic tank. It was suggested that if the Conservation Authority staff have to dig up the lid, this cost could be charged back to the taxpayers.

#### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE)**

**Moved by Councillor Olmstead, Seconded by Councillor Good**

**#150-08**

**THAT** Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council dated March 13, 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 Good**

**#151-08**

**THAT** Section A Items of the Clerk's Administrative Report entitled Communications of Interest to Council dated March 19, 2008, as set out below, be received for information.

##### **AMO/Ministry Bulletins, Etc.**

Alert # 08/011 – MOHLTC Survey on the Development of Regulations under the *Long Term Care Homes Act, 2007*

Alert # 08/012 – Proposed Bill to Direct 2007/08 Provincial Budget Surplus to Municipal Infrastructure

Alert # 08/013 – Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Increased for 2008

Alert # 08/014 - Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Funding Update

FCM Centre for Sustainable Community Development – Destination of 2008 Sustainable Communities Mission – British Columbia

LAS FYI #08-001 – Local Authority Services (LAS) adds Energy Management Software to growing list of Energy Services

LAS Backgrounder –LAS to Offer Range of New CDM Programs

1. Letter to Mayor Maguire from David Caplan, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal – MIII application processes closed and grant announcements to be made by March 31, 2008
2. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – legislation to designate a portion of the Provincial surplus to municipalities for infrastructure needs
3. Ontario Property and Environmental Rights Alliance Information Bulletin dated March 17, 2008
4. OGRA – Municipal DataWorks News
5. The One Funds Program – The Public Sector Group of Funds 2007 Annual Report
6. The B.E.S.T. Formula for Recruiting Volunteers – One day workshop
7. AMO Large Urban Symposium – “Think Globally. Lead Locally.” - Program and

Registration Form

8. AMO 2008 Annual Conference, Westin Hotel, Ottawa, August 24 – 27, 2008 –  
Registration now open
9. Delegation presented to MNR and emails regarding new limits on Sunfish.
10. Communities in Bloom Ontario – E News
11. Conservation Ontario – E News
12. Cambium Environmental letter offering services for the preparation and submission of  
the 2007 WDO Municipal Datacall
13. Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration request for nominations for the Lincoln M.  
Alexander Award 2008 for demonstrating exemplary leadership in contributing to the  
elimination of racial discrimination
14. Ontario Association of Naturopathic Doctors letter to Mayor Maguire requesting May 4  
– 11, 2008 be proclaimed “Naturopathic Medicine Week”
15. Request for support from the City of St. Catharines in urging the Federal Government  
to consider changes to Bill C-22 to ensure fair and equitable representation for  
Ontarians in the House of Commons
16. Request for support from the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh in petitioning the  
Federal and Ontario Government to enter into an agreement for delivering Ontario’s  
share of the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Program “top-up” funds and a commitment  
from the Ontario Government to contribute matching funds and that these funds are  
allocated in the same equitable manner as COMRIF Intakes One, Two and Three
17. MVCA 2008 Flood Emergency Preparedness Manual received

**Carried**

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

1. OGRA/ROMA Combined Conference Evaluation – response requested

**Moved by Councillor Olmstead, seconded by Councillor Good**

**#152-08**

**THAT** Items B #1 of the Clerk’s Communications of Interest to Council Administrative Report dated March 4, 2008, be received for information.

**Carried**

## **8. DEPARTMENT HEAD / COUNCIL MEMBER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None

## **9. TASK FORCE NOTES AND REPORTS**

None

## **10. BILLS AND ACCOUNTS**

**Moved by Councillor Watkins, seconded by Councillor Good**

**#153-08**

**THAT**, the following Vouchers in the amount of **\$ 44,080.67** be approved for payment:

- March 18, 2008 @ \$ 21,387.51
- March 18, 2008 @ \$ 22,693.16

**Carried**

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

a) Pine Meadow Nursing Home letter dated March 17, 2008 requesting Mayor Maguire to approach Fairmount Home regarding an operational audit.

It was the consensus of Council not to request a "functional review" of Fairmount Home at this time for a few reasons. First, the two homes (Pine Meadow and Fairmount) are not comparable. They have separate classifications and their original funding requirements and circumstances are entirely different. Council feels that no useful purpose would be achieved by an audit other than perhaps to confirm what we have known for years, i.e., that very few if any residents from the northern part of the County have chosen Fairmount Home as their long term care facility. Indeed, residents throughout Frontenac County and elsewhere are not restricted to Fairmount Home and are relatively free to make their own choices anywhere.

Nevertheless, in light of the more recent L & A County decision (to support Pine Meadow) we are hopeful that Frontenac County may, again at Pine Meadow's request, reconsider the matter in its 2009 budget deliberations this fall. Council does not feel that the present time would be opportune to force the issue any farther than has been the case to date.

b) Draft response letter to Minister Cansfield, MNR

**Moved by Councillor Watkins, seconded by Councillor Good**

**#154-08**

**THAT** Council receives for information the draft letter of response to their delegation before the Ministry of Natural Resources Minister Cansfield at the 2008 OGRA Conference, and authorizes Councillor Perry to sign same, as amended.

**Carried**

c) Letter from Leo P. Finnegan and draft response letter

**Moved by Councillor Watkins, seconded by Councillor Good**

**#155-08**

**THAT** Council receives for information the letter from Leo Finnegan, North Frontenac ratepayer, dated March 7, 2008 requesting one additional kilometer of hard top surface be applied to Head Road, east of the Shabomeka Lake Road intersection;

**AND THAT** Council approves the Clerk's draft response letter to Mr. Finnegan.

**Carried**

d) Letter to Municipalities – Hydro One Networks Inc. Utility Relocation Process – FYI  
Good advised this process has always been in place, albeit amended somewhat from time to time and followed. Hydro One has now put same in writing and circulated same to all stakeholders to know and to follow the process. All parties are involved right from the design state. The CAO confirmed the PWM has received a copy of same for his use and will acknowledge his receipt of same to Hydro One.

Maguire asked for a PWM Administrative Report to comments regarding any impacts if any to his department. (i.e. additional work or staff time or encumbrances due to such regulations)

e) Crown Land Stewardship Program

Cole questioned if the Program Supervisor's return to work April 1<sup>st</sup> was prudent and if his remuneration would be coming out of this program.

The CAO advised she had questioned the REDPC on this return date also and was informed of an extensive list of work that needs to be carried out. She also confirmed his remuneration would be from this program.

f) Clar-Mill Community Hall

It was the consensus of Council that a professional be contracted to do drywall mudding and sanding, (i.e., paint ready) and these funds have been included in the draft budgeted amount.

**Moved by Councillor Watkins, seconded by Councillor Good #156-08**

**THAT** Council approves the following volunteers to assist with the repair work to be undertaken in the Clar-Mill Community Hall:

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| Ed Schlievert   | Richard Barre  |
| Dave McKittrick | Dan Weber      |
| Bob Waterworth  | Chuck Pierce   |
| Roger Hermer    | Jim Beam       |
| Jack Weber      | John Pierce    |
| Hugh MacDonald  | Lonnie Watkins |
| Jim Bacon       | Corey Klatt    |

**AND THAT** Corey Klatt, REDPC, is appointed as the Coordinator.

**Carried**

g) Municipal Property Snow Load Monitoring

Cole recommended that in future years someone be appointed to monitor the snow loads on municipal buildings, suggesting it be part of the regular patrol of the PWM.

h) Catholic School Board Closure Guidelines

Maguire advised he had received a copy of the Catholic School Board Closure Guidelines and suggested that the Limestone School Board must have such a Guideline also and would try to obtain a copy of same.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS – Verbal Reports**

a) Ardoch Algonquin First Nations & Allies (AAFNA) Mayor Maguire

Nothing further to report other than a meeting of the Municipal Advisory Committee should be scheduled in the near future.

b) Clar/Mill Community Archives Councillor Watkins

The last “Jack’s Jam” session was a success seeing \$647.30 raised for the Archives. There was a good turn out of people and a good time had by all. Watkins stated perhaps a wall unit or shelf could be undertaken for the archives when the Library repairs are being completed.

c) Economic Development Envelope Councillor Olmstead

i) Frontenac Trails Committee

Olmstead advised the first meeting of the Committee has not been scheduled yet. The Mayor suggested that Dianna Bratina of the County be contacted as she had indicated a meeting would be scheduled by the end of the month as the end of March is very important as far as the grant is concerned.

d) Community Facilitation Team Re: “Engaging Deputy Mayor Beam

No report

e) Environmental Envelope - Deputy Mayor Beam

i) Madawaska Highlands/Timber Management/Fish & Wildlife

No report

ii) Mississippi Valley Conservation

No report

f) Social Services Envelope -

Councillor Cole

i) Pine Meadow Nursing Home

Cole advised he missed the last Pine Meadow Management Board Meeting held last Wednesday due to the North Frontenac Budget Meeting held the same day. He stated as an appointed Member of the Board his mission is to fully support the funding of this home. Maguire added this type of issue has been discussed recently at County Council. Members of any "board" must have the objectives of the board first and foremost when at the table.

ii) Rural Routes Transportation Services

No report.

### 13. BY-LAWS

a) #23-08 To Close, Stop Up and Sell Shore Road Allowance – Deferred until April 10, 2008

b) #25-08 To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the 2008 MNR Land Use Permit

**Moved by Councillor Good, seconded by Councillor Watkins #157-08**

**THAT** By-law #25-08, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign a Land Use Permit with the Ministry of Natural Resources, be read a first and second time.

**Carried**

**Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Olmstead #158-08**

**THAT** By-law #25-08 be read a third time and finally passed.

**Carried**

c) #27-08 To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Restrictive Covenant Agreement between the Township of North Frontenac and Bonnie E. Bain Huskins

**Moved by Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Perry #159-08**

**THAT** By-law #27-08, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to execute a Restrictive Covenant Agreement between the Township of North Frontenac and Bonnie E. Bain Huskins, be read a first and second time.

**Carried**

**Moved by Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Perry #160-08**

**THAT** By-law #27-08 be read a third time and finally passed.

**Carried**

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

Delmar Sergeant questioned the Township charging for a Crown Land Stewardship Program road permit to access the private road leading to the north end of Crotch Lake (off Morrow Road). He advised patrons are being charged twice to access this road, advising the last 2 km is privately owned by the resort owner, Delmar Sergeant.

The CAO shall have the REDPC review this issue and contact Mr. Sergeant directly.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Perry #161-08**

**THAT** the meeting adjourns at 11:10 a.m. until April 10, 2008 or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Clerk