

MINUTES of a Meeting of Council for the Township of North Frontenac, held Thursday, October 9, 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 Lonnie Watkins and Councillor Elaine Gunsinger– Ward 2; Deputy Mayor Jim Beam and Councillor Bob Olmstead – Ward 3.

ALSO PRESENT: Cheryl Robson, CAO/Treasurer; Brenda Defosse, Clerk/Planning Coordinator; Corey Klatt, REDPC and John Ibey, PWM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared.

3. CLOSED SESSION (Note: Held at Barrie Hall)

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, Seconded by Councillor Good

#481-08

THAT Council retires to closed session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss:

- a proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality or local board
- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- X - personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- labour relations or employee negotiations;
- X - advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- a matter in respect of which a council, board or committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Beam

#482-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council returns to open session at 6:05 p.m.

Carried

Note: Meeting adjourned until 7:00 p.m. at the Harlowe Community Hall.

4. DELEGATIONS

a) Earl Bochert re: Proposal to Council regarding a land trade on Quackenbush Lake
Mr. Bochert advised he had brought Mr. Ross Peever, Realtor with him. Mr. Bochert read parts of the registered letter sent to him from the Township giving him a timeframe to remove the

rocks he had placed on the municipal road allowance, Quackenbush Road or the Township would remove them at his expense. (A copy of this letter had been circulated to Council in July) He expressed his dissatisfaction with the tone of the letter and felt he should have been approached differently.

The Mayor advised Mr. Bochert the proper delegation process is to provide the details in writing explaining why he is before Council and what exactly he is asking of Council. He was advised to submit his request in writing to the Clerk on or before the Thursday before the next Council meeting to be held October 30, 2008 at which he could return as a delegation. Also, once the written details are known, the PWM shall submit an Administrative Report to Council with recommendations.

b) Lyndon Johnson, Representative from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) - Information Session

Mr. Johnson presented a slide show to Council entitled 2008 Assessment Update (see attached), and answered questions of Council.

c) Edward Kennedy, President of the Frontenac Lennox and Addington Landowners' Association Re: Cooper and Johnston Zoning By-law infraction

Mr. Kennedy stated he appreciated the concerns as set out in the municipal planner's opinion but moves to look at this situation with a common sense approach. He did not believe planners had nothing to look at except the law. Saying a continuous use of agriculture changed to animals is a change in use is not realistic. The use has been continuous since 1931. The landowners have been disqualified to make any appearances before the Committee of Adjustment. This situation is such that no one can piggy back on the outcome of this situation. He did not believe there is anyone who has the same set-up as these landowners have. The people have spoken.

The Mayor advised Mr. Kennedy the proper delegation process is to provide something in writing explaining why he is before Council and what exactly he is asking of Council. He was advised to submit his proposal in writing to the Clerk on or before the Thursday before the next Council Meeting being held October 30, 2008 at which he could return as a delegation. It was confirmed Mr. Kennedy's return to Council would still be within the two month period given to the landowners.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE)

Moved by Councillor Good, Seconded by Councillor Olmstead

#483-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council dated September 25, 2008 be adopted as circulated;

AND THAT the Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council dated October 7, 2008;

AND THAT the Minutes of a Closed Meeting of Council dated October 7, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

a) Cooper et al – Township Planner's recommendations

Deferred to the next meeting which will be within the two month extension granted by Council.

8. COMMUNICATIONS – Administrative Report

Section A

Moved by Councillor Good, Seconded by Councillor Olmstead

#484-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section A Items of the Clerk's Administrative Report entitled Communications of Interest to Council dated September 23, 2008, as set out below, be received for information.

AMO/Ministry Bulletins, Etc.

- Alert #08/042 - AMO Seeking Comment on its Immigration Paper: "Putting Out the Welcome Mat: Why Immigration Matters to Ontario's Municipalities"
- Alert #08/043 - Federal Election 2008 and Ontario Municipalities – "Seeking Fairness for Ontario and Investment in Communities"
- Alert #08/044 - National Do Not Call List – Implications for Municipal Candidates in Ontario

LAS Communication FYI #08-005 – Energy Management Tool (EMT) Now Available

AMCTO Memo re: Local Government Week, October 19-25, 2008

1. LAS – Cashing in on Energy Savings Workshop October 26, 2008
2. AMO Counties, Regions and Single Tier Municipalities (CRST) Conference – "Joint Forum on Municipal Roles in Poverty Reduction in Ontario"
3. Association of Municipalities 2007 Annual Report (available in Clerk's office)
4. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing invitation to join an information session for the Building Canada Fund on October 15, 2008
5. Invitation from Northern Frontenac Community Services Corporation to attend their 33rd Annual Meeting on October 23, 2008
6. Invitation from Transport Canada to join a seminar "Working Together for Rail-Community Safety" to be held on October 23, 2008
7. Letter from Victor Brooks, South Dundas Fire Chief, Williamsburg, ON thanking Fire Chief Riddell for the professional response of the North Frontenac Volunteers and suggesting an Emergency Phone be available outside at the Ambulance Station in Ompah
8. Thank you letter from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers
9. Letter from Hydro One and brochure "Conserving Energy Together"
10. Central Frontenac Community Services (Rural Visions Centre) – Financial Assistance Programs Available
11. Land O' Lakes Tourist Association September Newsletter
12. Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services Request for Information re: Municipal Fire Protection Information Survey commencing September 22, 2008
13. 1000 Islands Region Workforce Development Board's Annual Report for 2007-2008 (available in Clerk's office)
14. Thank you letter to Mayor Maguire for participating in the 8th Annual Mayors' Charity Golf Classic
15. ~~Request for support from Tay Valley Township re: Reunification of Surface and Mining Rights~~
16. Request for support from the Township of Montague in requesting the Minister of the Environment introduce an amendment to the Clean Water Act

17. Request from the Ministry of Natural Resources for input on tourism opportunities in the municipality
18. Request for support from the Township of Greater Madawaska in petitioning the Province of Ontario to review the Municipal Assessment Corporation operations regarding service to the residents of Ontario
19. AMO/Local Authority Services (LAS) – Municipal Group Benefits Program

Carried

AMCTO Memo re: Local Government Week, October 19-25, 2008

The Mayor inquired how Councillor Watkins was making out with promoting Local Government Week in the local schools. Watkins advised the REDPC contacted the three local schools and North Addington Education Centre did not respond, Clarendon Central School was not interested and Sharbot Lake High School is covering government studies next semester. The Mayor stated he would be attending the Commencement festivities at Sharbot Lake High School the following evening and would like to speak with them on this matter. The Mayor asked that letters be sent under the CAO's or his signature to the schools alluding to local government and to the fact they had nothing on their agenda at this time, however it is Council's wish to inform the youth. Each School has a Students' Council and Council would like them to be a Committee of Council and make recommendations to Council as they would find this very exciting. It was the consensus of Council for such letters to be sent.

7. Letter from Victor Brooks, South Dundas Fire Chief, Williamsburg, ON thanking Fire Chief Riddell for the professional response of the North Frontenac Volunteers and suggesting an Emergency Phone be available outside at the Ambulance Station in Ompah

Beam concurred with the suggestion of having an Emergency Phone outside the Ambulance Station especially since we are handicapped for cell phone service. A life could be saved by having such a communication in place. There is no public phone from Gemmill's Store in Snow Road to the Palmerston Motel in Ompah. Also, there is no phone from Plevna to Marble Lake Lodge in Cloyne.

The Mayor suggested a letter be sent under the CAO's signature to the attention of Paul Charbonneau enclosing a copy of Mr. Brooks' letter, which has been considered by Council who agrees with the recommendation in same and we request that the County install a public phone at the Ambulance Station location. Also, to inform of the stretch between Plevna and Cloyne that has no emergency telephone service.

5. Invitation from Northern Frontenac Community Services Corporation to attend their 33rd Annual Meeting on October 23, 2008

The Mayor asked Gunsinger to attend this meeting bringing greetings from North Frontenac. Gunsinger advised she has replied that she will be attending.

Alert #08/042 - AMO Seeking Comment on its Immigration Paper: "Putting Out the Welcome Mat: Why Immigration Matters to Ontario's Municipalities"

The Mayor asked all of Council to read this paper for further discussion at the next meeting of Council. The Clerk will circulate the details to Council.

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, Seconded by Councillor Good

#485-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item(s) A 15 of the Communications of Interest to Council Administrative Report dated October 2, 2008, be brought forward to Section B to be acted upon.
Carried

B. 1 – (A15) Request for support from Tay Valley Township re: Reunification of Surface and Mining Rights

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, Seconded by Councillor Watkins

#486-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the request for support from Tay Valley Township, strongly urging the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines to reunite the surface and mineral rights on the 1.4% of lands now identified in Southern Ontario, as it is our view that reuniting the Crown held mineral rights with the surface rights will bring this patchwork of Surface Rights Only (SRO) properties into harmony with the vast majority of southern Ontario properties which are not open for claim staking and would assist in achieving balance between mining interests and the interests of municipalities and their rate-payers.

Carried

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD / COUNCIL MEMBER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a) Clerk/Planning Coordinator – CANNON – Proposed Purchase of Shore Road Allowance Property – Mississagagon Lake

Perry asked the Minutes to show that prior to the Deed being signed, confirmation be obtained that the restoration of the shore-road allowance and the septic system reinstallation to provide the required setback from the property line, has been carried out.

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, Seconded by Councillor Good

#487-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the Clerk's Administrative Report dated October 2, 2008, entitled CANNON – Proposed Purchase of Shore Road Allowance Property – Mississagagon Lake;

AND THAT the Council of the Township of North Frontenac approves in principle the Application to close a portion of the Shoreline Road Allowance lying in front of Part of Lot 22, Concession 8, in the geographic Township of Barrie, in the Township of North Frontenac, County of Frontenac. (Cannon)

Carried

b) Clerk/Planning Coordinator – Committee of Adjustment May to September Meeting Decisions and October Meeting Agenda

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, Seconded by Councillor Good

#488-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the Clerk's Administrative Report dated September 23, 2008, entitled Committee of Adjustment – May to September Meeting Decisions and October Meeting Agenda.

Carried

c) REDPC – Community Hall Committees and Community Facilities Needs Analysis Task Force Report

Beam noted the REDPC did a tremendous job on this report and organizing the meeting. On behalf of Council Beam commended the REDPC for taking on this difficult task.

Moved by Councillor Perry, Seconded by Councillor Gunsinger

#489-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the REDPC's Administrative Report dated September 30, 2008, entitled Community Hall Committees and Community Facilities Needs Analysis Task Force Report.

AND THAT the Council of the Township of North Frontenac receive for information the REDPC's report regarding Community Hall Committees and Community Facilities Needs Analysis Task Force Report;

AND THAT the Council for the Township of North Frontenac approve further recommendations, made at the September 24, 2008 meeting with the REDPC, some members of Council and the Communities, to the 2008 Report from the Community Facilities Needs Analysis Task Force as amended, and as approved by Council on February 28, 2008;

AND THAT Council appoints the following names of the Community Halls Committees and instructs the REDPC to have these Hall Committees take over their duties prior to the end of this year, and the new Municipal Hall Rental Agreement and fee structure changes shall be into effect on January 1st, 2009:

- ◇ *Barrie Community Hall* - *Doug Tocher*
 - *Larry Potyok*
- ◇ *Clar-Mill Community Hall* - *Richard Barre*
 - *Ed Schleivert*
 - *Lonnie Watkins*
- ◇ *Harlowe Community Hall* - *Terry Good*
 - *David Cuddy*
 - *Pat Cuddy*
 - *George White*
 - *Marie White*
 - *Janet Hawley*
- ◇ *Ompah Community Hall* - *Edith Beaulieu*
 - *Betty Kelford*
 - *Marilee Sietz*
 - *Marilyn Dunham*
- ◇ *Snow Road Community Hall* - *Olive Allen*
 - *Harriet Riddell*
 - *Ellen Raeburn*
 - *Ruth Jackson*
 - *Sally Gibson*
 - *Bud Frechette*
 - *Bob Olmstead*
 - *Colonial St. Pierre*
 - *Geri Frechette*

AND THAT the Snow Road and Harlowe Community Halls only be cleaned by the Township of North Frontenac's Contractor, under the direction of the REDPC, when required and/or requested to be completed by the Community Hall Committees; otherwise the Community Hall Committees will be cleaning these halls;

AND THAT the REDPC and CAO be instructed to meet with the Public Works Manager to discuss and implement the shoveling off of the walkways throughout the winter months on a

regular basis as needed (i.e. perhaps could be part of the Waste Disposal Site Attendant(s) duties in some areas and/or it may have to be part of the work contracted outside;

AND THAT Council instructs the REDPC to make the appropriate corrections to the standard Municipal Community Hall Rental Agreement and Rental Fee Structure, and said Agreement to be brought back to Council at the next Council meeting for final approval and said Agreement shall be used consistently in all Township of North Frontenac Community Halls.

Carried

The REDPC and PWM left the meeting at this time.

10. TASK FORCE NOTES AND REPORTS

None

11. BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

Moved by Councillor Perry, Seconded by Councillor Gunsinger

#490-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Vouchers in the amount of \$ 96,291.44 be approved for payment:

- September 30, 2008 @ \$ 59,393.00
- October 1, 2008 @ \$ 36,293.44
- October 1, 2008 @ \$ 605.00

Carried

12. NEW BUSINESS

a) Applications to the North Frontenac Volunteer Fire Department (2)

Moved by Councillor Perry, Seconded by Councillor Gunsinger

#491-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the appointment, to the North Frontenac Volunteer Fire Department, of Michelle Ross Clarendon Miller Station and Jesse Green Snow Road Station, as recommended by the Fire Chief.

Carried

b) Draft letter of approval of Alpha-Beta Communications Tower in Plevna

Moved by Councillor Perry, Seconded by Councillor Gunsinger

#492-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Frontenac approves the draft response letter to Mr. Roland Reeb of Alpha-Beta Communications Group and authorizes the Clerk to sign and post same.

Carried

The CAO gave an update on the Request for Proposal for Broadband Networks in North Frontenac.

c) Appointment of Deputy Mayor for balance of Council term

Moved by Councillor Perry, Seconded by Councillor Gunsinger

#493-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Frontenac re-appoints Jim Beam to act as Deputy Mayor for the Township of North Frontenac for the second half of the term of the current Council effective December 1, 2008.

Carried

13. OTHER BUSINESS – Verbal Reports

a) County Business

Mayor Maguire

Nothing to report.

b) Ardoch Algonquin First Nations & Allies (AAFNA)

Mayor Maguire

Nothing to report. The Mayor shall speak with Chief Harold Perry regarding the broadband application and possible partnerships.

c) Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) to investigate the feasibility of separation from the County –Update

The Mayor advised his three milestones for 2009 budget negotiations at the County will be nursing homes, transportation and broadband grant application. Also, this fall's budget negotiations at the County will make an impact for the review of ambulance service. Terms of Reference and a timeline will need to be set up for a sub-committee to work toward achievable goals. The Mayor recommended setting up a sub-committee in the future, perhaps February as the Broadband Grant submission deadline is February 17, 2009, before bringing the issue back to Council. In the meantime 12 c) will be dropped from our regular agenda items.

Beam explained that the Mayor's email from Frances Thurlow re: Structure of Frontenac County is another example from people other than from North Frontenac that have the same concerns. It was great to see this letter to the Warden with a copy to all Mayors and Councils of the Townships within Frontenac County.

Maguire explained an excerpt from Robert Leonard, former President, Frontenac Landowners Association re: K&P Trail – “elected Councillors of a Township have voiced opposition to this trail at local Council meetings, but with the present FLAWED setup of the four member County Council, none of the local Council concerns were recognized at the County level.” This quote also deals with County composition concerns.

Beam stated that County Council supported the K&P Trail.

Maguire explained the short time frame due to the grant deadline, there was little notice given to County Council, which meant no time to consult with local Councils.

d) Emergency Preparedness

Councillor Good

December 1, 2008 is the Joint Counties Meeting (Frontenac and Lennox & Addington) of all municipal control groups. There will not be room for the alternates to attend this meeting however they should be put on notice in case the member cannot attend.

e) Communications and Economic Development

Deputy Mayor Beam and
Councillor Perry

Beam attended a trails meeting in Verona wherein they confirmed the results of the surveys sent out to property owners who abut the K & P Trail. Approximately 15% were returned in South Frontenac and 10% in Central Frontenac. Another meeting is being held in Sharbot Lake on November 12 to go over the surveys. Out of 48 replies received 41 were in favour in South Frontenac and out of the 19 replies received, 15 were in favour in Central Frontenac. Those who were not in favour cited speed, noise and littering concerns. The next step is to work on a Master Plan and an intern (Lily) will be working on developing same.

There is an AFAR meeting October 22, 2008.

Beam advised he had a meeting with Anne Pritchard and her assistant Dave Smith regarding a Chamber of Commerce, and a City of Kingston chamber member who are all willing to attend. Two businesses in the Ompah area are willing to set up a meeting. The Chamber of Commerce will not be a committee of Council.

f) Environmental

Councillor Olmstead

Nothing to report.

g) Mississippi Valley Conservation

Deputy Mayor Beam

October 15 is the next regular meeting and October 28 is a Finance Committee meeting to discuss options regarding a new building location for the Conservation Authority.

h) Health

Councillor Perry

Nothing further to report. (See Resolution under Other Business as a result of today's Joint Councils' Meeting with Addington Highlands Township.)

i) Social Services Envelope -

Councillor Gunsinger

Gunsinger advised she met with the Golden Friendship Club who had a lot of good comments and ideas. A lot of questions were asked, some of which she could answer and some she could not. She expects to meet with the Golden Friendship Club again. The CAO offered to meet with Gunsinger to review the questions the Club had before her next meeting with the Club. Gunsinger advised she expects to meet with the craft ladies group which are a totally different age group than those in the Golden Friendship Club.

Gunsinger advised that she was told the Township of Muskoka received grants based on year-round population and she will obtain these details.

j) Youth & Recreation

Councillor Watkins

Nothing further to report.

Beam asked if Watkins and the Mayor had a meeting regarding the Limestone District School Boards proposal approximately a year ago to close Clarendon Central School. Watkins advised he has heard nothing at all. Beam suggested sending a letter to the Board or that the Mayor put a call into Anne Goodfellow, Board Trustee.

14. BY-LAWS

- a) **#72-08** – To authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign a Lease Agreement with Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority

Moved by Councillor Good, Seconded by Councillor Olmstead

#494-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #72-08, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign a Lease Agreement with Mississippi Valley Conservation, be read a first and second time.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Good, Seconded by Councillor Olmstead

#495-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #72-08 be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

OLD BUSINESS cont.

Frontenac Shores

Moved by Councillor Olmstead, Seconded by Councillor Good

#496-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has considered the request from Frontenac Shores, through our respective Solicitors, to replace the original Site Plan Agreement for the East Phase of the development with a similar agreement to the one entered for the West Phase, including similar arrangements and does not approve the general request and should Frontenac shores wish Council to vary the Site Plan Agreement, such proposal(s) shall be provided for Council's consideration.

Carried

Community Health Care

Moved by Councillor Perry, Seconded by Councillor Gunsinger

#497-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of North Frontenac agrees to cooperate with the Township of Addington Highlands in preparing a Request for Proposal for a Needs Assessment of Community Health Care or a Family Health Team or both; and North Frontenac shall consider \$15,000.00 for their share of the 2009 Budget negotiations.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Good, Seconded by Councillor Olmstead

#498-08

THAT the meeting adjourns at 9:15 p.m., until October 30, 2008 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk