

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2008**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2008 at 7:30p.m. inside the municipal office/fire hall in Sprucedale.

Present were Reeve, Glynn Robinson, Councillors: Mervin Mulligan, David Evans and Tina Scott. John Murphy was absent with regret.

The members of the public in the audience were Lloyd Nelson, Dave and Karen Stewart, Pamela and David Soward, Bob and Joan Douglas, Jim Kiers (Deputy Fire Chief), Jim Jenkins (Roads Foreman), and Kent Marshall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Reeve Glynn Robinson.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest with the agenda.

Evans/Mulligan That we amend the agenda to include correspondence received from Rogers Wireless and a presentation from Kent Marshall. CARRIED

Mulligan/Scott That we accept the Minutes of the Council meeting held August 5th, 2008 including the minutes of the closed portion of this meeting. CARRIED

Pam Soward was welcomed to the table to discuss her concerns regarding Patricia Avenue. Council has directed staff to send a second letter to Mr. P. Tytler regarding the replacement of the culvert and removal of the brush. Staff will also send a letter regarding his request for written instructions on the condition of his laneway from the Fire Chief and Roads Foreman.

Mr. Iannetta's request to erect a shed closer to the water's edge will be discussed further with the Chief Building Official. The Ministry of Natural Resources has confirmed that there is a 66 foot shore allowance in front of this property.

Roads Foreman, Jim Jenkins reviewed his report with Council. There is some repair work required on the board walk of the Recreation Trail behind the Municipal office. The tires were shipped to a recycling company in Hagersville and the tender for the Bear Wise project was discussed and approved.

Evans/Mulligan That we advertise the Tender for the Bear Wise Project of erecting electric fence around the Landfill Site in the Almaguin News. CARRIED

Kent Marshall was welcomed to the table. Mr. Marshall wanted to notify Council of his concern with the proposed communications tower from Rogers being erected in front of his property on Highway 518W in Sprucedale. A letter of concern was sent to Rogers but no reply has been received. Council agreed to invite a representative to the next meeting to discuss the concerns.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Mulligan/Scott That we endorse the implementation of 211 community information and referral services as part of the Central East Region on the basis that there is no financial obligation on the Township of McMurrich/Monteith. CARRIED

A letter will be sent thanking a property owner for her concerns over the Septic Re-inspection program.

Mulligan/Evans Whereas children are our most precious asset and it is our responsibility to teach, guide and protect them to ensure they have a safe, nurturing environment in which to grow to their full potential, free from violence, abuse and neglect; and Whereas child abuse and neglect are tragedies inflicted on innocent children, an ever-increasing problem in today's society that crosses all socio-economic boundaries; and Whereas with increase public awareness, education and support programs, together with community involvement, we can help ease the pain and suffering and stop the abuse of our children; and Whereas during Child Abuse Prevention Month, groups and organizations within our community will be holding a variety of events and activities, and will offer information on the vitally important child abuse support and prevention programs that are available in our Township.

Now Therefore I, Reeve Glynn Robinson, on behalf of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith Council and the 650 people of our great township, do hereby proclaim October, 2008 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" to recognize the ongoing commitment of individuals and organizations in our community whose tireless efforts help prevent child abuse. CARRIED

Evans/Scott That Council petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to redistribute provincial gasoline tax revenues fairly to all communities across the province. CARRIED

Evans/Scott That we support the resolution from the City of Owen Sound which requests that the Government of Ontario provide a full exemption of provincial sales tax on goods and services to all Ontario Municipalities similar to the GST exemption. CARRIED

Reeve Glynn Robinson called a 10 minute break.

Business Carried Forward.

A meeting on September 11th at 1pm will set to discuss the Asset Management Plan drafted by AM/FM Consulting. At 3pm on that same day, a meeting with the proponents of a proposed subdivision on Axe Lake has been scheduled.

New Business:

A date for a meeting with the consultants of the applicants who wish to sever property on the Round Lake Island will be determined once comment is received from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Mulligan/Scott That we send a resolution to the Fall Municipal Meeting on Monday, Sept. 29, 2008 asking the province of Ontario to provide ongoing funding for maintenance of recreational trails. CARRIED

Scott/Evans That we have no objections to Consent Application B-025/08 – Martin as the application follows the Official Plan guidelines. CARRIED

By-laws:

The bylaw entering into an agreement with Rogers Communications will be discussed further at the next council meeting with a representative from Rogers.

The bylaw amending the schedule “A” of the reduced speed limits on municipal roadways was changed and a new bylaw will be brought to the next council meeting.

Reports were given.

Merv Mulligan reported on the Park to Park Trail Committee meeting. Glynn Robinson reported that the Fire Association did quite well with the Poker Run. A thank you letter from Council will be sent to the Sprucedale Hotel for all their help and support with this event.

Council Concerns: HAZMAT collection day at Strong Twp is on Sept. 20th. The UV light system was installed at the Senior’s Club building. A magnet roller will be purchased for the Landfill Site and the Day Camp had approximately 20 children registered throughout the summer. It was suggested that a calendar of events be posted on the Twp. website.

Mulligan/Scott That we accept the Accounts for Approval for the month of August, 2008 in the amount of \$350,777.25. CARRIED

Mulligan /Evans That we adjourn this meeting at 10:08pm until Monday, October 6th, 2008 or at the call of the Reeve. CARRIED

Reeve, Glynn Robinson

Clerk, Cheryl Marshall

Minutes not approved until accepted by Council.