

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:30p.m. inside the municipal office/fire hall in Sprucedale.

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

The members in the audience were: Lloyd Nelson, Jim Kiers, Deputy Fire Chief, Carol Armstrong, Lyle Mulligan, Murray O'Halloran. Roads Foreman, Jim Jenkins attended later in the evening.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Reeve Glynn Robinson.  
There were no declarations of pecuniary interest with the agenda.

Murphy/Scott That we amend the agenda to add the Pickup Truck Tender and to add an item to be discussed in closed session (previously numbered 5.19). CARRIED

Evans/Mulligan That we accept the Minutes of the Council meetings held March 2<sup>nd</sup>, including the minutes of the closed portion of that meeting and the meeting held March 24, 2009. CARRIED

Lyle Mulligan, contractor, was welcomed to the table. Mr. Mulligan's clients wish to request a reduction in the roadway setback to permit a garage being built. The roadway was not built as per the survey and actually is located on the client's property.

Evans/Murphy That we permit a minor variance to Eric and Lorna Day (owners) to allow the request to decrease the required roadway setback to permit a garage being built 20 feet from edge of roadway (Lakeview Drive) provided that new survey stakes be place at edge of roadway by a surveyor at the cost of the applicant and provided that Roads Foreman is satisfied. CARRIED

Jim Kiers, Deputy Fire Chief attended to inform Council that the Fire Department initiating a pre-incident survey of some properties in order to prepare for any possible risks/hazards when a Call for Service is received for that property. A letter will be sent to the perspective owners prior to the survey. The Towns of Huntsville had previously requested to purchase the spare two radio channels on the console but they have since cancelled that request. John Murphy inquired about the proposed training trailer whether it's purchase could be a joint effort with other Municipalities and whether it would be a mobile unit or fixed.

Jim Jenkins was not available at this time but will be attending later in the evening.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Mulligan/Scott That we accept the minutes of the Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee meetings held February 19<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009. CARRIED

Murphy/Evans Whereas there is presently a global economic crisis occurring; and  
Whereas Ontario's workforce is particularly hard impacted with layoffs; and  
Whereas Ontario's workforce helps contribute to the wages of mostly stable and secure jobs in the public sector and crown corporations by way of Income taxes and Property Taxes; and  
Whereas the Ontario Government is contemplating freezing the minimum wage hike; and  
Whereas the Ontario Government plans to raise taxes through harmonizing the Provincial Sales Tax with the Goods and Service Tax; and  
Whereas it is unknown when this economic crisis will end; and  
Whereas our Municipal levies from services downloaded to Municipalities from the Provincial Government are being raised, mainly due to wage increases;  
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that all public sector and crown corporation wages be frozen until it is shown that our Country is out of this economic crisis.

And Further that this resolution be forwarded to the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association for their support. CARRIED

Evans/Mulligan That Council nominate Clarence Brazier for the 2009 Senior of the Year to recognize his contribution to literacy and his great accomplishment of learning to read in his adult years. CARRIED

Council was informed that the application to repair the boardwalk of the Recreation Trail was approved for \$5,000.

Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman presented his update to Council. Some items of discussion were: truck repairs, culverts being steamed and cleared, Full-time employee, landfill cover duties, bridge repairs, cell phones, and the repair to Stisted Road South.

Mulligan/Murphy That we advertise to accept quotes for compact and cover services at the Landfill Site. CARRIED

Scott/Evans That Council hire John Burns as a Full-time employee for the Roads Department. CARRIED

Scott/Murphy That we accept the quote from Acme Planing Mills in the amount of \$4,520.00 taxes included for the bridge decking repair work. CARRIED

Murphy/Evans That we authorize the purchase of 5 cell phones for the Roads Dept. employees provided a cell phone policy be created and signed by all employees. CARRIED

The tenders for the purchase of a pickup truck were opened and Jim Jenkins was given some time to review the documents.

Bickley Ford: \$28,695 plus taxes and licensing

Edmonds GM - \$28,983 plus taxes and licensing

Bray Motors - \$28,869 plus taxes and licensing

Correspondence Continued:

Merv Mulligan reported that there is a scheduled meeting in Magnetawan with Norm Miller, MPP to discuss Hydro outages. He will be attending this meeting.

Murphy/Scott That we accept the minutes of the Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Library Board meeting held February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. CARRIED

Mulligan/Scott That we authorize a contribution of \$126.56 to Ontario's Near North (Almaguin-Nipissing Travel Association) for the year 2009. CARRIED

Scott/Murphy That Council accept the tender from the company of Bickley Ford in the amount of \$28,695.00 plus taxes and licensing for the purchase of a 2009 Pickup Truck (Tender 2009-01). CARRIED Recorded vote: Yays: Robinson, Murphy, Scott, Evans – Nays: Mulligan

Reeve Glynn Robinson called a 10 minute break.

Evans/Murphy That Council support the resolution from the Town of Mattawa regarding their petition to the Federal and Provincial Governments to negotiate a more feasible and accessible cost sharing plan to allow all municipalities, regardless of their financial situation, to participate in the new funding for infrastructure. CARRIED

Scott/Evans That we contribute \$90.00 to the East Parry Sound Veterinary Service Committee for the year 2009. CARRIED

Mulligan/Scott That we support the resolution received from the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding their efforts in urging the Provincial Government to take immediate action to include Volunteer and Part-time Firefighters in the Presumptive Legislative Regulations. CARRIED

Murphy/Evans That we accept the minutes of the Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged Board meeting held February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009. CARRIED

Murphy/Evans That Council support in principle joining Save Our Hospitals Alliance as proposed by the Twp. of Ryerson. CARRIED

Business Carried Forward:

Murphy/Scott That we accept first and second reading of By-law 5-2009 which authorizes the execution of the Building Canada Fund Agreement. CARRIED

Evans/Mulligan With special permission of Council, we accept third and final reading and pass By-law 5-2009 which authorizes the execution of the Building Canada Fund Agreement. CARRIED There are 13 people who have put their name forward to sit on the committee to assist in the planning of the new Community Centre/Skating Rink. All members will be invited to a meeting and the four members will be selected at that time. The meeting is Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7pm inside the Municipal office.

New Business:

Merv Mulligan reported that there is 90% funding from Discovery Routes for trail signs.

Evans/Mulligan That we authorize the purchase of one Trailhead/Access sign and 20 On-trail Directional signs with 90% funding provided through Discovery Routes. CARRIED

Scott/Murphy That we authorize the purchase of Lime for the Soccer field to an amount no greater than \$200.00. CARRIED

Merv Mulligan reported that there is funding through Fednor for hiring an Intern.

Mulligan/Scott That we apply to Fednor for funding through the Youth Internship Funding Program to hire an Office Assistant. CARRIED

By-laws:

Evans/Mulligan That we accept first and second reading of By-law 4-2009 which authorizes the location of a stop sign on William Street where it meets McAughey Street. CARRIED

Murphy/Scott That we enter into a closed session at 10:13pm in order to discuss an identifiable individual. CARRIED

Evans/Mulligan That we continue the regular portion of the Council meeting at 10:29pm. CARRIED

Reports were given.

John Murphy reported of a program that recycles electronic waste in Huntsville called McIntyre Electronic Recycling. More information will be gathered to see how we can utilize this company.

Merv Mulligan inquired about the need to continue with Almaguin Recycling Initiative(ARI) for hazardous waste collection if some stores will accept these materials as well. Staff will find out what our agreement requirements are with ARI. Merv Mulligan also reported on the Almaguin Highlands Economic Development meeting, Park to Park bridge repairs being completed, and Fire Board Meeting. Glynn Robinson reported on the Steering Committee meeting.

Murphy/Evans That Council authorizes the Landfill Site to be closed on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. CARRIED

The Roadside cleanup day is scheduled for Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. Staff will contact the MTO to request more garbage bags.

Evans/Mulligan That we go beyond the 11pm curfew. CARRIED

Mulligan/Evans That we accept the Accounts for Approval Report for the month of March, 2009 in the amount of \$165,000.66. CARRIED

Murphy/Scott That we hereby adjourn this meeting at 11:10pm until Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 or at the call of the Reeve. CARRIED

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Reeve, Glynn Robinson

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Clerk, Cheryl Marshall

Minutes not approved until accepted by Council.