

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2009**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Monday, February 2nd, 2009 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 in the audience were: Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman, and Jim Kiers, Deputy Fire Chief.

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

Evans/Scott That we amend the agenda to include correspondence from #21 to 27 and to include Mr. Pitkanen as a delegation. CARRIED

Mulligan/Scott That we accept the Minutes of the Council meeting held January 5th, 2009 including the minutes of the closed portion. CARRIED

Mr. Pitkanen wished to explain to Council about the application process when entering into a Home for the Aged such as Belvedere Heights in Parry Sound or Eastholme in Powassan. Council thanked Mr. Pitkanen for the information.

Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman presented his update to Council. Some items of discussion were snow removal from the intersection of Hwy518W and Stisted Road, plow blades, proposed purchase of grader, pickup truck lease ends in June, health and safety policy, pagers, and the hydro line for the cell tower and landfill site building.

Mulligan/Scott That we accept the quote from Bruce Sales in the amount of \$2960 plus applicable taxes for blades for the plows. CARRIED

Correspondence was reviewed.

Council reviewed correspondence received from: Almaguin Highlands OPP, Village of Burk's Falls, FONOM, Town of Kearney, AMO, Town of Parry Sound /EMS, BAR Library Board, Stewardship Ontario, Cambium Environmental, Municipality of Whitestone, R. Slater, Belvedere Heights, Near North School Board, OMB, North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority, Service Canada, Twp of Tay Valley. The following resolutions were passed.

Evans/Scott That we support the resolution from Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund and that the Province of Ontario increase the Northern Communities Grant by \$50 per household to ensure all municipalities in the North receive the necessary support. CARRIED

Mulligan/Evans That we accept the minutes of the Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Public Library Board meeting held December 17, 2008. CARRIED

Mulligan/Scott That we support the resolution from the Township of Tay Valley regarding the collapsing market for recycled materials and the request for confirmation from the Province of Ontario, Waste Diversion Ontario and Stewardship Ontario that the 50% cost-sharing of recycling costs will not be jeopardized by the current state of affairs in the recycling industry. CARRIED

Evans/Mulligan That we apply to Service Canada for funding to hire a student under the Canada Summer Jobs initiative. CARRIED

Reeve Glynn Robinson called a 10 minute break.

Business Carried Forward:

The work for the Asset Management Plan has not been completed yet, Road values need to be formulated and sent to AM/FM Consulting.

The proposed development on the Island on Round Lake was discussed. The draft letter will be prepared and sent to the applicant.

New Business:

Evans/Mulligan That we have no objection to consent application B-051/08 provided that the recommendations of Tunnock Consulting be followed and 5% cash in lieu of park property. CARRIED

Mulligan/Scott That we submit an application for funding to NECO under the Local Initiatives Project Fund to repair the Sprucedale Recreational Trail. CARRIED

By-laws:

Evans/Mulligan That we accept first and second reading of by-law 1-2009 regarding the Interim Tax Rates for the year 2009. CARRIED

Mulligan/Scott With special permission, we accept third and final reading and pass By-law 1-2009 setting the Interim Tax Rates for the year 2009. CARRIED

Evans/Scott That we accept first and second reading of By-law 2-2009 setting the Tax Ratios for the year 2009. CARRIED

Mulligan/Evans We accept first and second reading of By-law 3-2009 regarding the treatment of capital assets. CARRIED

Evans/Scott With special permission, we accept third and final reading and pass By-law 3-2009 regarding the treatment of capital assets. CARRIED

Reports were given.

Staff asked for direction on the informational insert of the Interim Tax Notices. Merv Mulligan reported on the Almaguin Highlands Economic Development meeting. Glynn Robinson reported on the High School Feasibility Study meeting, OPP meeting and the economic development meeting in Parry Sound.

Council Concerns:

Some items of discussion were: Carnival Variety Night, response from Hydro One, Skating rink visits, Hall cleaning after rental, Bear Lake Fire Hall, Streetlight repairs, and Fire Board meetings.

Evans/Scott That we accept the Accounts for Approval Report for the month of January, 2009 in the amount of \$113,281.56. CARRIED

Mulligan/Scott That we adjourn this meeting at 10:50pm until Monday, March 2nd, 2009 or at the call of the Reeve. CARRIED

Reeve, Glynn Robinson

Clerk, Cheryl Marshall

Minutes not approved until accepted by Council.