

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 6th, 2009**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Monday, July 6th, 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, Roads Foreman, Jim Jenkins, Paul Maki, Tina Markle, Ron Penfold, Derek Dobbs and Al Bottomley, - Almaguin Community Committee for Enhancing our Secondary School (ACCESS 2011) and the families of the Dr. Richardson Bursary.

Reeve Glynn Robinson gave an overview of the Dr. Richardson Bursary. He then presented the graduating Grade Eight students with the Dr. Richardson Bursary. Samantha Pleasance was the top student from this Township. Congratulations to all of the students!

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 Council accepts the Minutes of the meetings held June 1st, 19th, and 30th, 2009 as amended. CARRIED

Derek Dobbs was welcomed to the meeting to present information regarding the survey for the new High School that will be built in 2011. Al Bottomley showcased the floor plan of the first floor of the new school. They encouraged the community members to become involved in this exciting project. Council thanked both Mr. Dobbs and Mr. Bottomley for their presentation and applauded their efforts in this project.

Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman presented his monthly report. Some items of discussion were: excavation for new building, dust control started, guide rail materials delivered, grader tender documents, quotes for purchase of culverts, additional recreation trail materials required, Student Job, and the next Gas Tax Project. Council thanked Jim Jenkins for the work completed in clearing the area for the new rink surface and community centre.

Mulligan/Scott That Council accepts the tender documents for the supply and delivery of one 2009 Motor grader with Rear Mounted Wing, Dozer Blade and Center Mounted Ripper/Scarifier as presented. CARRIED

Evans/Mulligan That Council accepts the quote from Canada Culvert in the amount of \$3293.34 plus taxes for 18 culverts plus approval to purchase 4 more. CARRIED

Murphy/Scott That Council hires Jesse Butters for the Student Summer Job with funding assistance through Service Canada. CARRIED

Evans/Murphy That Council accepts the requirements for usage of Gas Tax Revenues and authorizes the Gravel Road Resurfacing project to be completed in 2009 using our Township's allotment of Gas Tax Revenues. CARRIED

Staff presented information regarding a new photocopier that would allow information to be sent from the copier to the desktop. Council discussed whether to purchase or lease the machine. Council wished to have the copier at the office for demonstration purposes before a decision is made.

Correspondence was reviewed.

A letter of thanks will be sent regarding the donation that was received for the new community centre. Council discussed their request for a memorial plaque. Council agreed that some sort of permanent plaque would be created.

Scott/Murphy That Council approves the minutes of the District of Parry Sound Social services Board Meeting held May 14, 2009. CARRIED

Mulligan/Evans That Council approves the minutes of the Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Meeting held May 21, 2009. CARRIED

It was noted that approval has been received for the 2 road projects submitted to the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund for funding assistance.

Evans/Mulligan That Council approves the minutes of the Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson

Public Library Board Meeting held May 20, 2009. CARRIED

Mulligan/Scott That Council supports the resolution No CR-249.09 from the Town of Innisfil dated June 3, 2009 requesting the Province of Ontario to exempt electricity sales from the provincial portion of the single harmonized sales tax at least until the stranded debt of Ontario Hydro is fully retired; and that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Deputy Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and AMO. CARRIED

Staff was asked to contact Rogers Wireless to get a contact phone number for Bell Mobility. Questions about when to expect service at the cell tower are being asked.

It was reported that the last portion of East Bear Lake Road has been graded out.

Murphy/Evans That Council approves the minutes of the Belvedere Heights Board meeting held May 27, 2009. CARRIED

Evans/Murphy That Council approves the minutes of the East Parry Sound Steering Committee meeting held May 28th, 2009. CARRIED

Reeve Glynn Robinson called a 10 minute break.

Business Carried Forward:

Staff has inquired with AM/FM Consulting about the final draft of the Asset Management Plan. No response yet.

There has been no response that there will be funding for the 2 projects applied through G8 funding.

The tenders for the steel building were opened at a previous committee meeting.

Murphy/Mulligan That Council accepts the tender from Paris Building Sales in the amount of \$102,830.00 (taxes included) for the supply of an 80 foot by 130 foot steel building. Council accepts their quote of \$1200.00 plus taxes for the supply of engineered drawings of the footings for this steel building. CARRIED

Glynn Robinson is to contact the engineer from Huntsville to request that an architect be hired so that the plans for the new community centre can go forward.

New Business:

Murphy/Scott That Council authorizes the submission of an application for funding from Ontario Trillium Foundation to purchase sports equipment and playground equipment. CARRIED

By-laws:

Mulligan/Evans That Council accepts third reading of bylaw 07-2009 regarding entering into an agreement for provision of the Emergency Answering Service for 911. CARRIED

Scott/Murphy Council accepts first and second reading of bylaw 8-2009 adopting the estimates and setting the tax rates for the year 2009. CARRIED

Mulligan/Scott With special permission, Council accepts third and final reading and passes bylaw 8-2009 adopting the estimates and setting the tax rates for the year 2009. CARRIED

Reports were given.

John Murphy reported on the Provincial Offences Committee Meeting and that revenues are up this year. Tina Scott reported on information regarding companies that sell sporting equipment and a question about companies wishing to make a donation to receive advertising space on the new scoreboard. It was suggested that a policy be prepared setting out the guidelines to be used for the request of advertising space. Merv Mulligan reported on the Park to Park Trail Committee meeting and the OPP Open House he attended.

Evans/Mulligan That Council enter a closed session at 10:20pm regarding labour relations or employee negotiations, and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Municipality or board plus surplus disposal of municipal properties. CARRIED

Scott/Murphy That Council comes out of a closed session at 10:54pm and reconvenes the regular portion of the Council meeting. CARRIED

Murphy/Scott That we go beyond the 11pm curfew. CARRIED

Council Concerns: Staff requested approval of the flyer to be sent to all residents regarding the new ice surface and community centre as well as the newsletter that will be sent out with the Final Tax Notices. The presentation of the Senior of the Year Award has been scheduled for Friday, July 24th at the home of Clarence Brazier. The Summer Event is on Saturday, August 8th and the Northern Lights Steel Orchestra has been scheduled to play. The Senior's Club will have Dabber bingo and the rummage sale. The horseshoe tournament and barbeque is being organized as is some children's activities. There has been a suggestion to have an exotic car show this year.

Evans/Scott That Council accept the Accounts for Approval Report for the month of June, 2009 in the amount of \$272,513.90. CARRIED

Evans/Murphy That Council hereby adjourns this meeting at 11:21pm until Tuesday, August 4th, 2009 or at the call of the Reeve. CARRIED

Reeve, Glynn Robinson

Clerk, Cheryl Marshall

Minutes not approved until accepted by Council.