

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2009**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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: Paul Schaefer (CBO), Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman, and Jim Kiers, Deputy Fire Chief, Staff Sgt Whaley, and officers; Tom McVey and Dave Lawes of the Almaguin Highlands Detachment of the OPP.

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 accept the Minutes of the Council meeting held February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. CARRIED

Staff Sgt. Whaley was welcomed to the table. He wished to review the Business Plan, 2009 with Council and answer any questions. Mr. Whaley also presented Council with a summary of the Township's policing costs for this year.

Chief Building Official, Paul Shaefer was welcomed to the table to review the building activity. He reported that there have been no issues to date.

Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman presented his update to Council. Some items of discussion were: Policy for Working alone, tender for pickup truck (purchase not lease), the tanks for the used(waste) oil. The Bridge/Culvert inspection report was delivered from Aecom (formally TSH) in Bracebridge. The Investing in Ontario Grant received last year will be used for bridge repair.

Evans/Murphy That we tender for a pickup truck for the Roads Department. CARRIED

Reeve Glynn Robinson called a 10 minute break.

The summary of the Skating Rink usage was reviewed. Some changes may be implemented for next season. The hydro layout was reviewed for connecting the Landfill Site Building to the Hydro line going to the Cell Tower.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Staff will contact Rivet Insurance to ask for a quote for the 2010 year.

A meeting is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to discuss the Building Canada Fund grant to build a enclosed rink and community centre. Staff was instructed to contact three Real Estate agents to request a Letter of Opinion of the market value for the old Fire Hall on Stisted Road South and the Community Centre.

Glynn Robinson and Jim Kiers wished to attend the Fire Seminar in Magnetawan in May.

Mulligan/Evans That we support the letter from Dianna Allen of the Muskoka-Parry Sound Health Coalition regarding budget cuts and possible restructuring of our hospitals. CARRIED

Evans/Scott That we contribute \$50.00 to the Sprucedale Friendship Club for their cookbook fundraising. CARRIED

Murphy/Scott That we accept the minutes of the Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Library Board meeting held January 21, 2009. CARRIED

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 letter was sent to the applicant.

New Business:

Council decided to apply to the Summer Experience Program for funding to hire a student for various office duties.

Murphy/Scott That we accept the Financial Statements for the year 2008 prepared by Michael Turner, Municipal Auditor. CARRIED

By-laws:

Evans/Mulligan That we accept third and final reading and pass By-law 2-2009 setting the Tax Ratios for the year 2009. CARRIED

Scott/Murphy            That we enter into a closed session at 10:05pm regarding liability issues.  
CARRIED  
Mulligan/Evans        That we come out of a closed session at 10:26pm. CARRIED

Reports were given.

Merv Mulligan reported on the Fire Board Meeting, Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Meeting, and Park to Park.

Tina Scott asked about the monies raised for a scoreboard for the ball field. Quotes should be gathered.

Glynn Robinson reported on the Steering Committee meeting.

Council Concerns:

Some items of discussion were:

Murphy/Scott            That we accept the Accounts for Approval Report for the month of February, 2009 in the amount of \$131,663.57. CARRIED

Evans/Mulligan        That we adjourn this meeting at 10:58pm until Monday, April 6<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.

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