

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2010**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 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.

There were approximately 19 members in the audience including Roads Foreman, Jim Jenkins.

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest with the agenda.

**Scott/Murphy** That Council amend the agenda to include correspondence received from Women's Own Resource Centre regarding signage for the Carpool Almaguin Project, Town of Parry sound correspondence regarding Land Ambulance Levy, 2010 and Ministry of Culture correspondence regarding the funding program to hire a summer student, Hydro One Funding Grant Application and second delegation by Carolyn Dyk. Carried

**Evans/Mulligan** That Council accept the Minutes of the Council meetings held January 4<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Carried

Ms. Carolyn Dyk was welcomed to the table to discuss her concern regarding Township policy and procedures for notification to ratepayers. Council attempted to answer Ms. Dyk's questions and invited suggestions to improve communication procedures with our ratepayers.

Ms. Dyk wished to speak to Council about some concerns of the residents surrounding the proposed Affordable Housing Project. Council had submitted an application for funding to erect a Senior's Housing Complex on Henry Street in Sprucedale. Some of the concerns listed were: sewage system and water well requirements, forest removal and the proposed municipal contribution to this project. Council attempted to answer Ms. Dyk's questions.

Mr. Roy Wood was asked to speak on his concerns regarding this project. Mr. Wood's concern was about the sewage system for this complex possibly contaminating adjacent resident's water wells. Council attempted to answer his concern.

Reeve, Glynn Robinson stated that Council would attempt to alleviate their concerns. The application has only been submitted and not yet approved. More discussion will be initiated once approval has been made.

Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman presented his monthly report. Some items of discussion were: repairs to trucks, recreational trail walkway near completion, and vacation time. Tina Scott asked questions regarding culvert on John Street, snowmobile approaches to roadways and snow deposits left on roadways.

Council reviewed the 2009 Council Remuneration Summary. John Murphy requested that a review for the next council term be discussed at a future council meeting in the summer.

Correspondence was reviewed.

**Mulligan/Evans** That Council acknowledges the following Board/Committee meeting minutes; - SEPS District Steering Committee – November 26, 2009, District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board – December 10, 2009, Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Union Public Library Board – December 14, 2009, and Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged Board – December 16, 2009. Carried

**Murphy/Scott** Whereas the owner of the property has entered into pre-consultation discussions with the Township on the development of its property in Lots 1, 2 and 3, Concessions 1, 2 and 3, in the vicinity of Axe Lake;

Now Therefore be it resolved that

- the applicant enter into a planning services agreement with the Township;
- Council advise the applicant to proceed to submit applications for subdivision development on its property in McMurrich-Monteith in accordance with the provisions of the official plan;
- Council advise the applicant that it is prepared to have a third party consultant conduct any required peer reviews of the Environmental Impact Study; and
- Council's recommendations on the development application will be provided upon receipt of the applications and supporting information from the owners and recommendations from staff and its consultants and peer reviewers. Carried

**Evans/Murphy** That Council approve an application for hiring a summer student be submitted to Service Canada. Carried

Council did not wish to renew the encroachment permit with Ministry of Transportation regarding the Neighbourhood Watch signs.

**Evans/Mulligan** That Council approve the request from WORC offering our municipal parking lot at 31 William Street for their Carpool Almaguin. Carried

Reeve, Glynn Robinson called for a 10 minute break.

Business Carried Forward:

Staff has contacted the company hired to complete the Asset Management Plan and left a message to find out the delivery date of the plan. An email was received saying that the plan will be delivered shortly.

Council discussed the Building Canada Fund Project. A phone call was made to the contractor to schedule the erection of the shell of the community centre. The contractor has set February 17<sup>th</sup> as the start date. Arrangements will be made to order the metal for the roof and to rent a crane.

**Mulligan/Evans** Whereas the Emergency Medical Services budget has increased over 17% the Township of McMurrich/Monteith is asking for a review of the budget to reflect the current economic situation and to be lowered to a more acceptable level for 2010 budget year and to forward this resolution to other area municipalities. Carried

**Evans/Mulligan** That Council forward an application for funding to 2010 Summer Experience Program through the Ministry of Culture. Carried

It was reported that some additional information was required by Social Services for the Affordable Housing Program application but that everything was finalized and submitted to the Provincial Agency for final approval. Notice should arrive in April.

The training resource package for the requirements under the Accessibility Act was reviewed by Council. Other departments have been given this training package as well.

New Business:

**Mulligan/Evans** That Council apply to the Continuous Improvement Fund to assist in increasing our blue box diversion rate. Carried

**Mulligan/Scott** That Council approves the three proposed work order forms/agreements with Ontario Power Authority and Hydro One offered through the Power savings Blitz Program. Carried

**Mulligan/Evans** That Council apply under the Bear Wise 2010 Funding Program for educational pamphlets and bear proof containers. Carried

By-laws:

**Murphy/Mulligan** That Council accept first and second reading of Bylaw 1-2010 setting the Interim Tax Rates for the year 2010. Carried

**Evans/Scott** With special permission, Council accepts third and final reading and pass Bylaw 1-2010 setting the Interim Tax Rates for the year 2010. Carried

**Murphy/Scott** That Council accept first and second reading of bylaw 2-2010 setting the Tax Ratios for the year 2010. Carried

**Scott/Murphy** That Council accepts first and second reading of bylaw 3-2010 authorizing the 2010 Municipal Election be "vote by mail". Carried

**Mulligan/Evans** That Council move to a closed session at 10:08pm in order to discuss litigation or potential litigation (Section 239 (2e) Municipal Act, 2001. Carried

**Scott/Murphy** That Council move out of a closed session at 10:38pm. Carried

Reports were given.

Merv Mulligan reported on the Almaguin Highlands Economic Development meeting, Park to Park activities, and Fire Board meeting. The next Fire Board meeting is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Evans/Scott** That we move beyond the 11pm curfew. Carried

Glynn Robinson reported on the Steering Committee and that the North East – Local Health Integration Network has been invited to their next scheduled meeting.

**Murphy/Scott** That Council apply for funding through Power Play Funding Program of Hydro One for a cement pad. Carried

Some council concerns was the snow being pushed against the ball field fence and notices and minutes being posted on the website.

**Murphy/Evans** That Council accept the Accounts for Approval Report for the month of January, 2010 in the amount of \$195,029.58. Carried

**Murphy/Scott** That Council adjourn this meeting at 11:34pm until Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 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.