

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

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Monday, March 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, David Evans and Tina Scott. John Murphy was absent with regret.

Members of the audience were: Murray O'Halloran, Billy Hamm, S/Sgt. Whaley, and Officers G. Alexander and L. Moraco.

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

**Evans/Mulligan** That Council amend the agenda to include correspondence received from the Town of Parry Sound regarding the Emergency Medical Services levy for the year 2010. Carried

Staff Sgt. Whaley of the Almaguin Highlands Detachment of the O.P.P. presented the statistical information on the number of service calls for our township as well as briefly explaining the substantial increase in costs for policing. He will forward a copy of the Business Plan when it is ready.

**Evans/Scott** That Council accept the minutes held Feb. 1, 2010. Carried

Correspondence was reviewed.

The Ontario Health Coalition will be having a meeting in Burk's Falls on March 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss rural hospitals. A motion will be prepared and sent.

**Scott/Mulligan** That Council accept the printing tender for the year 2010 from Almaguin News in the amount of \$150.00 plus GST. Carried

**Evans/Scott** That Council support Resolution No. 24 dated February 2, 2010 from the Town of Gravenhurst petitioning the Premier of Ontario to take the necessary steps to amend the Ombudsman Act to include hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman. Carried  
A letter of response will be sent to C. Dyk regarding her letter wishing to confirm that public meetings will be held if funding is approved for the Affordable Housing Program.

**Mulligan/Evans** That Council acknowledges the following Board/Committee meeting minutes:

Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee – January 21, 2010,

Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Union Public Library Board – January 20, 2010

South East Parry Sound District Steering Committee – January 28, 2010,

Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged Board – January 27, 2010, and

District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board – January 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

Carried

Reeve, Glynn Robinson called for a 10 minute break.

Business Carried Forward:

Staff is still waiting for the delivery of the Capital Asset Plan.

Glynn Robinson reported on the Building Canada Fund Project. The shell of the Community Centre has been erected. Next steps were discussed. The heating system was briefly discussed with using a geo-thermal system.

With training being completed, Staff requested that a sign-off sheet be signed to confirm that the requirement of training on Accessibility regulations and Customer Service Policy have been fulfilled.

Quotes were provided to Council for Bear-proof containers. Once the MNR confirm that the funding program is available this year, an application to the Bear Wise Funding Program will be submitted.

The grant monies received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation was discussed. A Recreation Committee meeting will be scheduled for early April to discuss further.

**Scott/Mulligan** That Council approves the two proposed work order forms/agreements with Ontario Power Authority and Hydro One offered through the Power savings Blitz Program. (4729 Hwy 518West and 2385 Hwy 518West). Carried

The preliminary meeting to discuss the 2010 budget was scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am.

**Mulligan/Evans** That we present the following comments to the Ontario Health Coalition to be presented at the public hearing in Burk's Falls on Sat. March 13, 2010.

- 1.) All property, land and buildings should be returned to the Municipalities
- 2.) All monies should be returned to the Municipalities
- 3.) All equipment should be returned to the Municipalities
- 4.) Emergency services should be restored at the hospital location in Burk's Falls
- 5.) Many folks from our area use the services of the Burk's Falls Hospital and it needs to be maintained. Carried

The resolution will be sent to Kay Tod, panelist of this meeting.

There was discussion on the proposed application to the Continuous Improvement Fund through Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) to increase diversion rates at the Landfill Site. Staff will contact WDO to find out if our proposal fits the requirements, if not, a second proposal would be to purchase a compactor.

New Business:

**Scott/Evans** That the Council hereby amend Schedule "B" to Bylaw 3-2009, (Accounting treatment for tangible capital assets adding the following:

Primary Category: Useful Life/Amortization:

Land Improvements 20 years

Backhoe 6 years

Carried

By-laws:

**Mulligan/Scott** That we accept first and second reading of bylaw 4-2010 authorizing the extension agreement regarding the Transfer of the Federal Gas Tax Revenues. Carried

**Evans/Scott** With special permission of Council, we accept third and final reading and pass bylaw 4-2010 authorizing the extension agreement regarding the Transfer of the Federal Gas Tax Revenues. Carried

**Scott/Mulligan** That we accept third and final reading and pass bylaw 3-2010 authorizing Mail In Vote method for the 2010 municipal election. Carried

**Mulligan/Scott** That we accept first and second reading of bylaw 5-2010 authorizing the Debenture with Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation. Carried

**Scott/Evans** With special permission of council, we accept third and final reading and pass bylaw 5-2010 authorizing the Debenture with Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation. Carried

Staff will prepare a bylaw for next meeting regarding pre-consultation requirements involving various planning matters.

Reports were given.

Merv Mulligan reported on the Almaguin Highlands Economic Development meeting, Carpool Almaguin sign has been delivered. Glynn Robinson reported on the carnival pancake breakfast, and requested a thank you letter to be sent to the Sprucedale Hotel for hosting the breakfast. Tina Scott reported that she is organizing a snow baseball tournament on March 20<sup>th</sup>. She requested use of the washrooms in the township office.

**Scott/Mulligan** That Council accept the Accounts for Approval Report for the month of February, 2010 in the amount of \$116,139.98. Carried

**Evans/Mulligan** That Council hereby adjourn this meeting at 10:38pm until March 23, 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.