

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2010**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Monday, November 1st, 2010 at 7:30p.m. inside the municipal office/fire hall in Sprucedale.

Present were Reeve, Glynn Robinson, Councillors: Mervin Mulligan, David Evans, John Murphy and Tina Scott. The two newly elected councilors also were present: Carol Armstrong and Lynn Zennicky.

Members of the audience were: Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman, Lloyd Nelson, Dave Reid and Son, Lanny Dennis (Wayne Simpson & Associates), Jackie Shipway, Kris Kilmartin, Jim Armstrong, Angie Barnes, Greg McAteer, Don Nicholson, Lisa Mason and Rick Hunter (Planscape).

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

Scott/Mulligan That Council amend the agenda to include a proposal to organize a recreation committee and to include discussion on a Community Centre Rental Policy. Carried

Murphy/Evans That Council accept the minutes of the meetings held October 4th and 21st, 2010 including the closed portions of those meetings. Carried

Don Nicholson was welcomed to the table. Mr. Nicholson brought forward a suggestion to name the playing field in honour of Joan and Carl Whitmell's service to the community over the years and the building of the playing field.

Evans/Mulligan That Council accept the request from Don Nicholson and name the playing field located behind the Municipal Offices as "Whitmell Playing Field" in recognition of the community service to build the playing field. Carried

Angie Barnes reported that there are approximately 10 members that wish to create a Recreation Committee. There is an older bylaw that will require updating. There will be further discussion at the December 6th Council meeting.

Lanny Dennis from Wayne Simpson and Associates was welcomed to the table. Mr. Dennis wished to update Council on the Axe Lake Development proposal and request a resolution from Council supporting the application in principle. The proposal would create 20 lots accessed by a private roadway. The Municipal Planner, Rick Hunter attended to review this update. Council felt that the first resolution supporting this application in principle which was given early this year was sufficient as well as the applicant has already deposited this application to the Planning Board in Burk's Falls. Council thanked both Dave Reid and Lanny Dennis for providing this update. A planning services agreement will be entered into between the Township and the applicant.

Scott/Murphy That Council enter into a closed session at 8:34pm in order to discuss an identifiable individual. Carried

Evans/Mulligan That Council come out of a closed session at 8:48pm. Carried

Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman was welcomed to the table to review his report. Some items of discussion were: installation of plow equipment, winter sand completed, wash out on West Bear Lake Road, and the installation of the Canada Post Community Mail Box. John Murphy wished to thank Jim for all his hard work during the term of office.

Evans/Murphy That Council enter into an agreement with Canada Post to install a Group Mail Box at the Bear Lake Fire Hall. Carried

Krista Hildner was welcomed to the table to present her findings on re-creating a municipal website. Some suggestions that members gave Krista to include in the website were picture links, web camera, job bank link, and a suggestion/comment link to the office.

Reeve, Glynn Robinson called for a 10 minute break.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Carol Armstrong and Tina Scott will be attending the Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Kearney Legion and Evergreen Heights Education Centre.

There was no objection to the proposal to create 3 lots on Axe Lake Road (Part Lot 29, Concession 11).

Murphy/Scott That Council acknowledges the following Board/Committee meeting minutes:

Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged Board – September 22, 2010,
District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board – September 9, 2010,
Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee – October 21, 2010, and
Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Union Public Library Board – September 15, 2010 Carried

Mulligan/Murphy Whereas an existing Bunkie located at 32 Birch Court is encroaching on Municipal property; And Whereas; a request has been received from the property owners to demolish and reconstruct the same size Bunkie which will be located wholly on their property; Now Therefore Council permit the request of the owners for a minor variance at 32 Birch Court to demolish the existing Bunkie and to construct its replacement on the property line according to Building Code Requirements. Carried

The letter received regarding suggested rental policies will be discussed at the next Council meeting in December.

Business Carried Forward:

A letter will be sent from Council regarding our Capital Asset Plan not being delivered.

Glynn Robinson updated Council on the progress of our new Community Centre and rink surface. Flooring will be completed in the next couple of weeks, expansion joints on the rink surface were filled, steel siding is being installed, require stage lighting and outside fixtures on rink side, steel roof leaking in a few spots, quotes to be received for wall boards on the rink surface. A letter will be sent to the contractor who installed the steel roof.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant is winding up. The swing set has been delivered. The generator funded through Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) has been installed. Propane will be required to be connected.

Mulligan/Scott That Council accept the installation of propane to the new generator at the Community Centre be completed by Moor Propane in the amount of \$650.00 plus HST. Carried

The draft copy of the Waste Recycling Strategy was discussed. It was suggested that the Landfill Attendant take a guided tour of the Waste Services Inc. building to find out what is recycled.

The proposed bylaw to accept parts of Little Falls Road has not been finalized and therefore is on hold.

Murphy/Scott That Council enter into a closed session at 10:33pm in order to discuss: litigation and/or potential litigation. Carried

Evans/Mulligan That Council come out of a closed session at 10:43pm. Carried

Scott/Murphy That Council accept the report presented in the closed session. Carried

Reports:

Council members reported on the following committees/meetings: Almaguin Highlands Economic Development meeting, Grand Opening of the new Almaguin Highlands Information Centre, and the Children's Halloween Party.

Council Concerns: street lights needing repair and the use of the portable toilet at the Bear Lake Boat Launch.

Councillors John Murphy and Dave Evans were thanked for their time on Council and best wishes in the future.

Mulligan/Scott That we accept the Accounts for Approval Report for the month of October, 2010 in the amount of \$365,175.56. Carried

Murphy/Scott That Council adjourn this meeting at 10:56pm until Monday, December 6th, 2010 or at the call of the Reeve. CARRIED

Reeve, Glynn Robinson

Clerk, Cheryl Marshall

Minutes not approved until accepted by Council.