

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 2011**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Monday, December 5th, 2011 at 7:30p.m. inside the municipal office/fire hall in Sprucedale.

Present were Reeve, Glynn Robinson, Councillors: Mervin Mulligan, Carol Armstrong, Tina Scott, and Lynn Zemnicky.

Staff Present were: Louise Heintzman, Administrative Assistant, Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman, Ken Nixon, Fire Chief, Cheryl Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer.

Some members of the audience were: Dave and Marjorie Hobbs, Lloyd Nelson, Claire Rouse, Fire Marshall Advisor, Ray Griffiths, Jeff Buell, and Carolyn Dyk.

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

2011-234 Zemnicky/Scott

That Council accept the minutes of the Council meetings held November 7th, 30th, 2011 and the Joint Meeting held with the Town of Kearney and Township of Perry on November 18th, 2011. Carried

Delegations:

Ray Griffiths was welcomed to the table. Mr. Griffiths requested permission to use a road allowance to gain access for logging purposes.

2011-235 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council authorize Ray Griffiths to use the Road allowance between lots 20 and 21 in Concession 9, McMurrich Township up to a time as half-load restrictions are enforced and further that Council permits Ray Griffiths to plow the portion of Eighth Avenue west of Yearley Road to Lot 21, Concession 9 and further that Ray Griffiths be responsible to fix any damages done to 8th Avenue or Road Allowance. Carried

Jeff Buell was welcomed to the table and Jeff Dean attended by computer teleconference. Mr. Buell and Mr. Dean presented information on the quote provided for a Geographical Information System. Council asked questions about how the system works and is updated.

2011-236 Mulligan/Scott

That Council proceed with the contract with CGIS for a two year term at the cost of \$315.00/month plus the one time startup costs as detailed in the quote. Be it further resolved that council agrees with the terms in the Blue Sky Municipal GIS Partnership Memorandum of Understanding thereby becoming part of said partnership as described in the document. Carried

Claire Rouse, Fire Marshall Advisor, was welcomed to the table. Mr. Rouse was invited to this meeting to answer questions from members of council. Some items that Mr. Rouse reviewed with Council were: the importance of having an updated Establishing and Regulating Bylaw for the Fire Department, purchasing policy, and budget responsibilities.

Department Staff:

Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman attended and reviewed his monthly report. Some items of discussion were: culvert/bridge assessments, winter storm event, compactors, ditching, and joint discussion with Town of Kearney and Township of Perry Roads Foremen regarding shared equipment.

Ken Nixon, Fire Chief and Jim Kiers, Deputy Fire Chief attended to review the following items with Council: truck cap for pickup truck, and replacement vehicle for Bear Lake Fire Hall.

2011-237 Zemnicky/Scott

That Council accept the bid from John McAughey in the amount of \$800.00 plus H.S.T. for snow plowing duties at the Bear Lake Fire Hall from December, 2011 to April, 2012. Carried

2011-238 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council enter into a closed session at 8:55pm in order to discuss identifiable individuals as per Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001. Carried

2011-239 Scott/Zemnicky

That Council come out of a closed session at 9:31pm. Carried

Council thanked Mr. Rouse for attending.

Reeve Glynn Robinson called for a 10 minute break.

Correspondence:

Staff will contact the funding program, RBC Play Hockey, to see if our application was successful.

2011-240 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council acknowledge the following Committee/Board meeting minutes:

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee – November 4, 2011,
District of Parry Sound Social Services Board – October 13, 2011,
Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Public Library Board – October 19 & November 16/11,
Recreation Committee – November 14, 2011,
Fire Committee – November 10, 2011,
EPS Steering Committee – November 24, 2011,
Provincial Offences Committee – June 23, 2011, and
NBPSD Health Unit Board – September 28, 2011. Carried

Business Carried Forward:

Staff was instructed to take pictures of the rink boards and glass and forward to the City of Port Colborne to thank them again for the boards.

The design of the required range hood is being prepared.

The electrical for the compactors need to be changed to 200 amp from 100 amp.

The trail head sign will be erected this week.

New Business:

Staff reported on Property Taxes Receivable. Letters were sent out with half responding.

Bylaws - None

Council members reported on the following committee meetings attended; Recreation Committee activities – tree lighting, suggestion of creating rental fees for ice time, Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Special meeting on December 12th to review funding opportunities, Provincial Offences Committee requesting support of White Paper on the increasing unpaid fines in Ontario.

2011-241 Armstrong/Zemnicky

That Council authorizes staff to forward all tax accounts in three years arrears to be sent to our Municipal Lawyer after staff have attempted to contact by phone. Carried

Council Concerns:

Entrances on Highway 518 West, Trailers on properties, issues with recent rental of community centre, recreation trail volunteers. The wood stove from the old rink building will be taken to a wood stove store in order to sell.

2011-242 Scott/Zemnicky

That Council accept the Accounts for Approval Report for the month of November, 2011 in the amount of \$102,452.76. Carried

2011-243 Armstrong/Scott

That Council continue past the 11 o'clock curfew. Carried

2011-244 Armstrong/Scott

That Council go into a closed session at 10:45pm in order to discuss Employee matters as per section 239 of Municipal Act, 2001. Carried

2011-245 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council come out of a closed session at 11:16pm. Carried

Staff was instructed to distribute a Christmas bonus to employees. Council approved the request to close the Municipal Office during the week of December 26th to 29, 2011.

Council will meet on December 15th in the afternoon to further discuss Employee matters in closed session.

2011-246 Armstrong/Scott

That Council hire Ralph Piercey as the Part-time Rink Caretaker for the 2011-2012 Winter Season. Carried

2011-247 Mulligan/Scott

That Council adjourn this meeting at 11:21pm until December 15th, 2011 or at the call of the reeve. Carried

Reeve, Glynn Robinson

Clerk, Cheryl Marshall