

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 2011**

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

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

Members of the audience were: Lloyd Nelson, Mike Quinn, Angela Barnes, Judy Kleinhuis, Teresa Fisher, Claire Vanden Pol, Mike Zsohar, Ron and Dee Renaud, Patricia McAughey, Carol and Rick Batchlor, Pat Arnold, Lynda and Fred Howse, Jim Kiers, Marjorie and Dave Hobbs and John and Susan Toivainen.

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

Carol Armstrong declared a conflict of interest with the Senior's Club delegation and Glynn declared a conflict with Agenda Item #7 (Consent Application) and some purchases he made for the new Community Centre in which he was reimbursed.

2011-26 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council accept the minutes of the meetings held January 4th, and 10th, 2011 as amended. Carried

Judy Kleinhuis, Grant Thornton (Township's Auditor) was welcomed to the table. Ms. Kleinhuis introduced herself to Council and explained the audit process as well as outlining some new sets of standards.

John Toivainen, Owner of Sprucedale Wood and Gas was welcomed to the table. Mr. Toivainen attended to request that the Township apply for Community Signage from the Ministry of Transportation so that businesses can be promoted. Staff will investigate costs involved and which highway we would be permitted to have signage.

ClaireVanden Pol and Lynda Howse, Executive of the Sprucedale Senior's Friendship Club, were welcomed to the table. Ms. Vanden Pol reviewed with Council their Club's mandate and the request to rent the new Community Centre to hold their weekly activities and monthly meeting. They have requested that some sort of lockable cabinet be available for storage of their bingo machine and fridge. Council thanked them.

Department Staff:

Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman, was not able to attend but had forwarded his report. Some of the items discussed were: request to purchase cutting edges for trucks - quotes provided, request trial usage of unit for sweeping roadways. Glynn Robinson read aloud a letter from a ratepayer commending the Roads Department on their efforts of keeping the roadways in great condition. Some items Councillors asked were: culvert request on East Bear Lake Road, request to MTO to clean up the snow banks on Hwy 518W.

2011-27 Armstrong/Zemnicky

That Council accept the quote from Hubbell and Sons for cutting edges in the amount of \$4754.52 plus taxes. Carried

Cheryl Marshall requested from Council additional information to be added to the Interim Billing Newsletter.

Angela Barnes and Mike Quinn, Recreation Committee members, presented their proposed Rental Agreement/Policy for the new Community Centre. Council reviewed the fees line by line. Questions regarding liability were asked. There was some discussion on the RBC Play Hockey Grant and Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant applications.

2011-28 Zemnicky/Scott

That Council apply to RBC Play Hockey Grant program to offer hockey instruction to our community. Carried

Reeve, Glynn Robinson called for a 10 minute break.

Council reviewed annual report on permits issued for our Township that was prepared by Paul Schaefer, Chief Building Official.

Correspondence:

2011-29 Zemnicky/Scott

That Council accept the proposal of \$30.00 per week rental from Sprucedale Seniors Friendship Club for use of the Sprucedale Community Centre for Tuesday and Thursdays for their weekly activities as well as one day per month for their Club meeting. This proposal will be reviewed in one year. Carried

2011-30 Armstrong/Mulligan

WHEREAS the NE LHIN has determined that Health Care is adequately covered in East Parry Sound; and

WHEREAS the 12 municipalities in East Parry Sound feel that this is an unfair statement as \$ 1.8 million has been removed from the Almaguin Highlands Health Care with no alternate programs added and current programs cannot handle current case loads;

AND WHEREAS the unique needs of this rural area were not considered in the LHIN's report and we strongly feel that we need a health care entity governed and operated by a local board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of McMurrich/Monteith enacts as follows: That we join with supporting municipalities of the Almaguin Highlands, in the operation of the newly incorporated Almaguin Highlands Health Centre to work towards improved health care for seasonal, permanent residents and visitors to our area.

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to: Minister of Health – Deb Matthews,

MP – Tony Clement, MPP – Norm Miller, and NE LHIN – Peter Vaudry – Louise Paquette – Leah Welk
Carried

2011-31 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council accept the request from Bird Studies Canada to install a datalogger inside the chimney at the Old School House at 2465 Highway 518 West to collect data on Chimney Swifts provided there is no cost to the Township. Carried

2011-32 Scott/Zemnicky

That Council acknowledge the following Committee/Board meeting minutes:

Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged Board – December 15, 2010,
District of Parry Sound Social Services Board – November 10, 2010,
Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Public Library Board – December 8, 2010,
NBPS District Health Unit Board – September 22, 2010,
Provincial Offences Act Committee – January 20, 2011, and
South East PS Steering Committee – January 27, 2011.

Carried

2011-33 Mulligan/Zemnicky

That Council support the nomination of Councillor Ted Stroud, Township of McKellar to the Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged Board. Carried

2011-34 Zemnicky/Scott

That Council apply for one Automatic external defibrillator to be located at the Municipal Rink Building. Carried

2011-35 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council apply to Service Canada to hire a student through the summer months. Carried

2011-36 Armstrong/Scott

That Council has no objection to the creation of a new lot on the west side of Axe Lake Road in reference to Consent Application B-043/10 provided that a Building permit could be issued. Carried

Business Carried Forward:

Reeve, Glynn Robinson reported on a Port Colborne arena scheduled for demolition in the Spring where there are boards and glass that could be salvaged.

2011-37 Mulligan/Zemnicky

That Council make an offer to purchase the rink boards and glass from an arena located in Port Colborne. Carried

Reeve, Glynn Robinson reported on the work being completed at the new Community Centre; kitchen stainless steel counter tops, sinks, chairs purchased, inventory of dishes, cutlery, etc. There is an used propane stove available to purchase if Council is interested also some more chairs that are being discarded will be available in Spring.

2011-38 Mulligan/Armstrong

That Council go beyond the 11 o'clock curfew. Carried

Staff reported that the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant is now complete. We were able to purchase a skate sharpener unit instead of the hockey net frames, basketball backboards and volley ball posts.

Staff asked Council whether to proceed with the application to purchase compactors for the Landfill Site. There is another round of funding available through Continuous Improvement Funding. Staff will forward information on this project to the new members of Council.

Merv Mulligan suggested that staff contact the Twp of Perry to see if they would be interested in a joint purchase of a Trail Kiosk promoting our trails. The kiosk would be located at the Information Centre in Emsdale.

New Business:

Reeve, Glynn Robinson declared a conflict with his application for consent on property he owns on Second Avenue and Buckvale Drive. He left the room and Deputy Reeve, Merv Mulligan took the chair.

Bonnie Robinson was present to request that the mineral aggregate resource assessment not be a requirement for this consent as per the Planning Review by Tunnock Consulting due to the location of this property (adjacent to waterfront properties), aggregate not feasible to extract and restrictions on the small strip of environmentally protected lands would hinder availability of being issued an aggregate permit.

2011-39 Armstrong/Scott

That Council has no objection to Consent B-038, 039 and 040/10 as recommended by Planner, Tunnock Consulting with the exception of the suggested "mineral aggregate resource assessment. Carried

Glynn Robinson returned to the table.

2011-40 Zemnicki/Scott

That Council make a donation to purchase a propane stove for the Community Centre. Carried

Bylaws:

2011-41 Scott/Zemnicki

That Council accepts third reading and pass by-law 03-2011 regarding an amendment to the Ontario Tire Stewardship Agreement. Carried

2011-42 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council accept third reading and pass by-law 04-2011 regarding renewing and revising the Agreement with the Township of Perry (Chief Building Official Services). Carried

2011-43 Zemnicki/Scott

That Council accept first and second reading of bylaw 05-2011 setting the Interim Tax Rates for the year 2011. Carried

2011-44 Armstrong/Scott

With special permission of Council, we accept third reading and pass bylaw 05-2011 setting the Interim Tax Rates for the year 2011. Carried

2011-45 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council accept first and second reading of bylaw 06-2011 setting the Tax Ratios for the year 2011. Carried

2011-46 Mulligan/Scott

That Council accept first and second reading of bylaw 07-2011 creating a Recreation Committee for the remainder of the Council term 2011-2014. Carried

Reports were presented on the Park to Park Trail Committee, Fire Seminar attended, Recreation Committee meeting attended and the Almaguin Highlands Economic Development meeting – Showcase Almaguin.

Council Concerns: Discussion was held regarding early closings of the rink if no one is there to skate, and whether mileage can be paid for councilor training seminars.

2011-47 Scott/Zemnicki

That Council accept the Accounts for Approval Report for the month of January, 2011 in the amount of \$182,480.24. Carried

2011-48 Mulligan/Scott

That Council adjourn this meeting at 12:14am until March 7th, 2011 or at the call of the Reeve. Carried.

Reeve, Glynn Robinson

Clerk, Cheryl Marshall

Minutes not approved until accepted by Council.