

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 2011**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Monday, January 4th, 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, Jim Jenkins, April Stockfish, Murray O'Halloran, Jim Kiers, Ruth Crowder, Marjorie and Dave Hobbs.

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

2011-01 Armstrong/Mulligan

That we amend the agenda to include 3 pieces of correspondence, 2 bylaws regarding a Planning Services Agreement and an amendment to the Ontario Tire Stewardship Agreement, and the 2010 Councillor Remuneration Report and 2010 Municipal Election/Accessibility Report. Carried

2011-02 Zemnicky/Scott

That we accept the minutes of the Council meeting held December 6th, and 14th, 2010 including the closed portions of those meetings as amended. Carried

Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman, reported on the following: request purchase of a replacement sander body for one of the trucks, Highway Traffic Act regulations and maintenance policies, review concern with floating of backhoe vs. driving to job site.

Jim Kiers, Deputy Fire Chief, reported on the following: low number of volunteers for Bear Lake Fire Station – now responding from Sprucedale Station, Fire Seminar in North Bay, 2010 Budget review.

April Stockfish, Landfill Attendant/Rink Caretaker, reported on the following: high number of skaters, donation of skate equipment, request purchase of skate sharpener (used), flyer sent regarding random garbage bag checks, not using propane heat, and propose to create barricade for traffic lane at landfill site.

Cheryl Marshall reported on the following: 2010 Council Remuneration Report, 2010 Municipal Election/Accessibility Report and confirmation that 1/3 of council remuneration will be classified as expense and a quote to transfer/move a streetlight on William Street.

2011-03 Armstrong/Scott

That Council continue the practice of claiming 1/3 of Council remuneration as expense. Carried

2011-04 Mulligan/Zemnicky

That Council advertise for the purchase of a sander box. Carried

Correspondence was reviewed.

2011-05 Armstrong/Mulligan

That we accept the printing tender from Almaguin News for the year 2011 in the amount of \$157.50. Carried

2011-06 Scott/Zemnicky

That Council acknowledges the following Board/Committee meeting minutes:

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

Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Union Public Library Board – November 17, 2010. Carried

2011-07 Zemnicky/Scott

That we accept the quote from Lakeland Holding Ltd. to move a streetlight on William Street in the amount of \$600.00. Carried

The Sprucedale Seniors Friendship Club has requested use of the new Community Centre for their weekly activities. A letter will be sent informing the Club that the Township's Recreation Committee are reviewing and preparing the rental policies for the Centre.

A letter was received from a ratepayer requesting Council response as to the concern of too many closed sessions and not enough information regarding candidates for the municipal election.

Reeve, Glynn Robinson called for a 10 minute break.

Business Carried Forward:

Glynn Robinson gave Council an update to the work being completed at the new community centre and rink; windows were installed at rink change building, shelving is being installed in centre, quotes are being gathered for bathroom stalls, sinks, countertops. There was discussion on the matting for outside the rink, and netting around top of rink boards.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation grant project is near completion. The Communication Plan project for the Landfill Site is being prepared. The Trail Head Project for our Recreation Trail through Discovery Routes is proceeding. The next Recreation Committee meeting is on January 12th and the members will forward their recommendations for the rental policies.

2011-08 Armstrong/Scott

That Council apply to Service Canada for funding through the Skills Link program. Carried

New Business:

2011-09 Zemnicki/Mulligan

That Council have no objections to Consent Application B-043/2010 to separate Lot 2 from Lot 3, Conc. 6 Monteith Twp provided that any road deviation be surveyed and deeded to Township at applicant's cost. Carried

Staff will clarify with the Township of Perry the proposed revisions of the Building Department Shared Services Agreement.

2011-10 Mulligan/Scott

That Council accept the proposal from Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada Inc. for Municipal Insurance for the year 2011 in the amount of \$44,964 plus applicable tax. Carried

Bylaws:

2011-11 Zemnicki/Scott

That Council accept first and second reading of by-law 01-2011 regarding the appointment of a municipal auditor. Carried

2011-12 Mulligan/Zemnicki

With special permission of Council, we accept third and final reading and pass by-law 01-2011 appointing a municipal auditor. Carried

2011-13 Armstrong/Scott

That Council accept first and second reading of by-law 02-2011 regarding entering into a Planning Services Agreement pertaining to development on Axe Lake. Carried

2011-14 Armstrong/Mulligan

With special permission of Council, we accept third and final reading and pass by-law 02-2011 regarding entering into a Planning Services Agreement pertaining to development on Axe Lake. Carried

2011-15 Mulligan/Scott

That Council accept 1st and 2nd reading of by-law 03-2011 regarding amending the Ontario Tire Stewardship Agreement. Carried

2011-16 Armstrong/Scott

That Council accept first and second reading of by-law 04-2011 revising and renewing the shared services agreement (Building Department) with the Township of Perry. Carried

Council Concerns: request for copy of road map, job descriptions, video surveillance quotes.

2011-17 Mulligan/Scott

Whereas, the Township of McMurrich/Monteith is located in a rural area and the loss of use of a vehicle may represent an extreme hardship to the families in our area; And Whereas, this loss of use of a vehicle may lead to the loss of income or employment; And Whereas, there are no alternatives for transportation in our rural area such as transit or taxi services; Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith urge the Province of Ontario to review Bill 126 as it pertains to the impounding of vehicles and make adjustments so that the penalty is not more extreme for the residents of rural Ontario. And we circulate this resolution to area Municipalities and Norm Miller. Carried

2011-18 Zemnicki/Scott

That Council enter into a closed session at 10:30pm to discuss litigation. Carried

2011-19 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council come out of a closed session at 10:46pm. Carried

2011-20 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council adjourn this meeting at 10:54pm until February 7th, 2011 or at the call of the Reeve. Carried.

Reeve, Glynn Robinson

Minutes not approved until accepted by Council.

Clerk, Cheryl Marshall