

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MEETING -MONDAY, MARCH 7th, 2011**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Monday, March 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: Mike Quinn, Angela Barnes, Ali Rose, Jim Kiers, Marjorie and Dave Hobbs, Dori Degano, Ron Earl, Andrew McIntyre, Mike Zemnicky, Linda Smith, Milton Byrd and Son, Lloyd and Faye Nelson, Dave Reid, and Lanny Dennis.

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

Reeve Glynn Robinson stated that he had made some purchases for the new Community Centre in which he was reimbursed.

2011-49 Zemnicky/Scott

That Council accept the minutes of the Council meeting held February 7th, 2011. Carried

2011-50 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council amend the agenda to include 2 pieces of correspondence regarding the proposed Round Lake Island Development, a notice regarding the upcoming Municipal Association meeting and Minutes from the newly created Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Board. Carried

Bruce Campbell, NBPS District Health Unit Board Member, was welcomed to the table. Mr. Campbell attended this meeting to update Council members on the meetings that he has attended since being appointed as our Representative on this Board. Mr. Campbell was asked to also update Council on the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre meetings and initiatives. Council thanked Mr. Campbell for attending.

Mr. Degano was welcomed to the table. Mr. Degano recently purchased a property on Buck Lake accessed from Patricia Avenue. He is in the process of preparing building permit drawings and has found that due to rock and lowlands, he will need to build closer to the water than the 66 foot setback and would like to request permission from Council. Staff reported that our Chief Building Official is unable to visit the site to offer any opinion but has been informed that he will be asked. Council would like to wait until our CBO has commented on the proposal before making a decision on this request.

Department Staff:

Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman, was welcomed to the table to review his report. Some of the items discussed were: ongoing snow plowing, steaming culverts, repairs to steamer, backhoe trade-in upcoming in June. One tender was received for the purchase of a sander body.

Gin-Cor Industries - \$33055.40 plus HST.

2011-51 Mulligan/Scott

That Council accept the tender from Gin-Cor Industries in the amount of \$33,055.40 plus applicable taxes for the purchase of a sander body (Tender 2011-01). Carried

Jim Kiers, Deputy Fire Chief, attended to update Council on the following item: Dispatch Services Agreement up for renewal, pager lease ending.

2011-52 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council agree to extend the existing Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources for one year to end on March 31, 2012. Carried

2011-53 Zemnicky/Scott

That Council approve the buyout of the pagers from MCAP Lease in the amount of \$932.90. Carried

Carol Armstrong, Council Representative of the Landfill Site, requested that the washroom facility (outhouse) be repaired or replaced. Council is aware of this need and will address the issue when weather permits.

Cheryl Marshall set the initial Budget meeting for Tuesday, March 22nd, 2011 at 9:30am. Additional meetings will be held at regular council meetings. Larry Maughan, Surveyor(GIS), Judy Kleinhuis, Grant Thornton LLP(Municipal Auditor), and Don Egan, Fire Marshall Advisor will be invited to attend this meeting.

Angela Barnes and Mike Quinn, Recreation Committee members attended to update Council on their activities. The February 16th meeting minutes were reviewed and concerns were addressed. A proposal was brought forward to have a Bear Lake Park. A location was selected/proposed utilizing the road allowance at the end of Oline Street. Reeve Glynn Robinson suggested that the Recreation Committee contact all of those land owners affected by this proposal as well as investigate alternate locations.

2011-54 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council authorize the Recreation Committee to purchase 10 tables from Canadian Tire in the amount of \$39.99 each plus applicable taxes. Carried

2011-55 Zemnicky/Scott

That Council not continue the Adopt-A-Highway Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation. Carried

Lynn Zemnicky, Council Representative on the Park to Park Trail Committee advised the Committee and Council that an ATV Poker Run is happening early June which finishes in Sprucedale and there was a request for the group to have access to washrooms. Council had no objection to opening the washrooms of the Rink Building.

A third party review is required for the Axe Lake Sub-division proposal. There were three quotes received to prepare the review of the Environmental Impact Study. Council reviewed the quotes and parameters each company was prepared to complete.

2011-56 Armstrong/Scott

That Council accept the quote from Fri Ecological Services in the amount of \$1500.00 plus taxes to prepare a third-party review of the Environmental Impact Study by Michalski Nielsen for the proposed Axe Lake sub-division development. A site inspection may be required at an extra cost. Carried

Reeve, Glynn Robinson called for a 10 minute break.

Correspondence:

The correspondence received regarding the Town of Parry Sound setting the budget for Emergency Medical Services was discussed. There will most likely be an increase in the required levy.

2011-57 Mulligan/Zemnicky

That Council acknowledge the following Committee/Board meeting minutes:

- District of Parry Sound Social Services Board – January 13, 2011,
- NBPS District Health Unit Board – January 26, 2011,
- Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee – February 17, 2011, and
- South East PS Steering Committee – February 24, 2011.

Carried

2011-58 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council permit the request to use the same footprint of a recently demolished dwelling at 31 Henry Street in order to erect a new dwelling provided that the Chief Building Official has no objections. Carried

Business Carried Forward:

Reeve, Glynn Robinson reported on the work being completed at the new Community Centre; painting insides of doors and trim work. There was also mention that Council should consider having a maintenance person for the Community Centre.

Staff was instructed to contact the Township of Strong to inquire about the dimensions of their building that houses the compactors.

Merv Mulligan reported that discussions with the Township of Perry have happened to see if they were interested in having the Trail Kiosk located at the Information Centre. Apparently, they are interested and Discovery Routes has been advised.

New Business:

2011-59 Armstrong/Scott

That Council has no objection to Consent Applications B-041 and 042/10 provided that any road deviations be surveyed and deeded to the Township at applicant's expense and parkland fees be paid. The planner's recommendation of a peer review by another biologist is not to be required. Carried

2011-60 Armstrong/Zemnicky

That Council has no objection to Consent Application B-044 and 045/10 as per Planner's Review. Carried

Bylaws:

2011-61 Zemnicky/Scott

That Council accept third and final reading and pass bylaw 06-2011 setting the Tax Ratios for the year 2011. Carried

2011-62 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council accept third and final reading and pass bylaw 07-2011 creating a Volunteer Recreation Committee. Carried

2011-63 Scott/Zemnicky

That Council enter into a closed session at 10:44pm in order to discuss Employee Negotiations as per section 239 of the Municipal Act. Carried

2011-64 Armstrong/Zemnicky

That Council come out of a closed session at 11:00pm. Carried

2011-65 Armstrong/Zemnicky

That we continue past the 11 o'clock curfew. Defeated

2011-66 Zemnicky/Scott

That Council adjourn this meeting at 11pm until Tuesday, March 8th at 7:30pm or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

Reeve, Glynn Robinson

Clerk, Cheryl Marshall

Minutes not approved until accepted by Council.