

MINUTES

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREATER MADAWASKA

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREATER
MADAWASKA
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN CALABOGIE MUNICIPAL OFFICE
DECEMBER 18th, 2007

I CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- A. Attendance Reeve Peter Emon
 Cllr Don Mercer
 Cllr Karin Lehnhardt
 Cllr John Pratt

John Baird, CAO/Clerk Treasurer

Interested Public and Media

Excused Cllr Tom Ryan

B. Motion to Open and Excuse

420 – 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
 That the regular Council meeting of December 18th, 2007 be
 called to order at 4:02PM.

CARRIED

421 - 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
 That Cllr Tom Ryan be excused from the regular Council
 meeting of December 18th, 2007.

CARRIED

Reeve Emon called on those present to join in singing the National Anthem and for the opening prayer.

C. AMEND/ADOPT AGENDA

422 – 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
 That the agenda of the regular Council meeting of December
 18th 2007 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

II. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

III DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

IV Minutes

A. Minutes of Council Meetings and Public Hearings

423 - 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That the minutes of the regular council meeting of November 27th, 2007 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

424 - 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That the meeting notes of the December 8th, 2007 Public Consultation on the K & P Trail be approved as presented.

CARRIED

425 - 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That the minutes of the Public Hearing of December 13th, 2007 (Kewley) be approved as presented..

CARRIED

426 - 07 Moved by Cllr Lehnhardt, seconded by Cllr Pratt
That the meeting notes of the December 13th 2007 Public Presentation of the 2007 Noise Audit Report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

B. Business Arising

None

V. Finance and Administration

A. Old Business

None

B. New Business

1. CAO Report

427 - 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That the CAO/Clerk – Treasurer's report of December 2007 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

2. Renfrew & Area Senior Home Support Donation

428 - 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council approves a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Renfrew & Area Senior Home Support Program for 2008 to be allocated from the 2008 Council Donation Budget

CARRIED

3. Township of McNab/Braeside Resolutions

429 - 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council supports the resolutions from the Township of McNab/Braeside regarding livestock predation

CARRIED

4. 2008 Fees and Charges

- 430 – 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council approves the list of 2008 Fees and Charges for municipal services as reviewed by the Finance and Administration Committee and forwards the list of Fees and Charges to the January Regular Council meeting for approval of the Fees and Charges By-Law
CARRIED

5. 2008 Operating and Capital Budget

Cllr Mercer, Chairman of the Municipal Budget Committee, gave an outline of the 2008 Budget. The budget maintains taxation at the 2007 level, with no increase in taxes for 2008. The budget also provides for several capital projects; of particular note the completion of the Waste transfer Stations.

Cllr Mercer noted that the budget approval is “in principle” only, as the municipality has to wait for the 2007 Audit to be completed and also has to wait for confirmation of the Provincial and County budget amounts. As such, the final budget motions, including the By-Law setting the tax rates for 2008, will be dealt with likely in May 2008.

Cllr Mercer noted that this is the earliest budget approval since he was elected to Council and congratulated fellow members of Council, the Budget Committee and municipal staff for achieving the objective set by Council at the start of the process. Cllr Mercer also noted that Greater Madawaska is the first Renfrew County Municipality to pass their 2008 Budget.

- 431 – 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council approves the 2008 Operating and Capital Budget in principle, subject to the receipt of the 2007 Municipal Audit and receipt of all Provincial and County Budget figures for 2008 and authorizes the CAO to proceed with the projects contained in the budget estimates as appropriate.
CARRIED

6. 2007 Transfer To Reserves

- 432 – 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, Seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council approves the following transfer to Reserve Funds as of December 31st 2007:
\$25,216.14 be transferred to the Fire Department Reserve
\$5,000.00 be transferred to a Heritage Building Reserve
And further that Council directs the following:

That any revenue from the Building Inspection Fees that is surplus to the actual Building Inspection Costs be transferred to a Building Inspection Reserve

That the G/M Rink Reserve of \$977.69 and the G/M Recreation Capital Reserve of \$11,773.13 be transferred to the General Recreation Reserve

That any surplus as at December 31st, 2007 be transferred to Unallocated Reserves

CARRIED

7. Refund of Security Deposit (Les Poupore)

- 433 – 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, Seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council rescinds By-Law 34 – 2006 and
authorizes the CAO to refund the security deposit of
\$5,000.00 to Mr. Poupore forthwith
CARRIED

VI. Public Works

A. Old Business

None

B. New Business

1. Public Works Manager Report

- 434 – 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council accepts the Public Works Manager
report for the period ending November 30th, 2007 as
presented
CARRIED

2. Purchase of a ¾ Ton 4 x 4 Truck

- 435 – 07 Moved by Cllr Pratt, Seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council authorizes the CAO and Public Works
Manager to issue a purchase order for the purchase
of a ¾ ton 4 x 4 truck at a cost of \$29,595.00 plus
applicable taxes as allocated in the 2008 Capital
Budget purchases with delivery of the vehicle to be
scheduled for January 2nd, 2008 or later
CARRIED

VII. Public Services

A. Old Business

None

B. New Business

1. Fire Chief's Monthly Report

- 436 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council accepts the report of the Fire Chief for the
monthly report for December 2007 as presented.
CARRIED

2. Town of Renfrew Recreation User Agreement

- 437 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council allows the Recreation Agreement with the
Town of Renfrew to lapse as of December 31st, 2007 and
that, effective January 1st 2008 residents of Greater
Madawaska will be reimbursed directly by the municipality
for the Non Resident Fee portion of Renfrew Recreation
Registration fees for Children and Youth (under 18 years of
age) only upon presentation of a receipt to the municipal
office confirming that the Non Resident Fee has been paid
CARRIED

3. Library Board Report

- 438 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council accepts the report of the Greater Madawaska
Public Library for December 2007 as presented.
CARRIED

4. Reconsideration of Motion # 400 – 07 Electronic Speed Sign

The Reeve advised that he has received a written request under the provisions of By-Law 07 – 2007 for a reconsideration of Motion # 400 – 07 passed at the November 27th 2007 Regular Council meeting regarding the purchase of an Electronic Speed Board. The Reeve asked the CAO as to the procedures to be followed regarding this request.

The CAO advised that, under the rules contained in By-Law 07 - 2007, the request was filed correctly. Council must consider the request at this meeting. The motion required 2/3rd of Council to vote in favour (4 members) in order to pass. If the motion is approved, the reconsideration will occur at the January 24th Council meeting unless Council passes a motion to suspend the rules, which requires unanimous consent of Council.

- 439 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, Seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council agrees to reconsider Motion # 400 – 07
Electronic Speed Sign approved at the November
27th 2007 Council meeting as provided for in By-Law
07 – 2007 Procedural By-Law
CARRIED

- 440 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, Seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council agrees to suspend the rules to allow
the reconsideration of Motion # 400 – 07 to proceed
at the December 18th 2007 Regular Council meeting
CARRIED

- 441 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, Seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council rescinds Motion # 400 – 07 passed at the
November 27th, 2007 Regular Council Meeting and that the
participating municipalities be advised of this decision
immediately.
DEFEATED

VIII. Planning and Economic Development

A. Old Business

None.

B. New Business

1. Chief Building Official's Monthly Report

- 442 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council accepts the Chief Building Official's
report for the month of November 2007 as
presented
CARRIED

2. Request for Easement – Gareth Brash

- 443 - 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council approves a 15 ft easement in favour of Mr. Gareth Brash around the well head on municipal property located across from 1048 Madawaska Street on the conditions that:
1. Mr. Brash confirms in writing that no further development will occur on the property, and
 2. That Mr. Brash will maintain the area in keeping with the character of the neighborhood, and
 3. That any costs associated with the easement will be paid by Mr. Brash and
 4. The easement will not impede the municipality's ability to proceed with municipal works in the municipal interest

CARRIED

3. K & P Trail – Barryvale to Sand Hill

- 444– 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council establishes the following permanent restrictions on vehicle traffic for the K & P Trail from Barryvale to Sand Hill:
1. All commercial operators (including Logging Trucks, Construction Companies and Contractors) planning to use the K & P Trail for their operations must annually submit a letter to the municipality outlining the planned use, approximate number of trips, hours of operation and other pertinent details of their operations on the K & P Trail
 2. That all vehicles using the K & P Trail (both private and commercial) be restricted to a maximum speed of 20 KPH
 3. Commercial vehicles are not permitted to use Engine Retarder Brakes (Jake Brakes)
 4. There is to be no hauling or use of the K & P Trail on weekends by commercial vehicles (Logging Vehicles)
 5. Commercial companies agree to arrange work schedules to restrict the use of the K & P Trail during evening and early morning hours
 6. The municipality reserves the right to require companies using the K & P Trail to perform maintenance as directed as a result of their use of the K and P Trail

CARRIED

- 445 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council establishes a K & P Advisory Committee comprised of 1 representative of the K & P Taxpayer's Association, 1 member of the Economic Development Trails Committee, 1 representative of the GMPOA, 1 member of the Economic Development Committee and 1 member of Council to develop and recommend permanent long term alternatives to K & P Trail development from Sand Hill to the Causeway at Barryvale

CARRIED

IX. Environmental Management

A. Old Business

None

B. New Business

1. 2008 Pitch In Week

446 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, Seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council authorizes the Public Works Manager to
implement steps to participate in the 2008 Pitch-In
Week from April 21st to 27th, 2008
CARRIED

X. Correspondence

447 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council notes and files all correspondence received for
the month of December 2007 unless addressed specifically
by a motion.
CARRIED

XI. Reeve's Report

448 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council accepts the Reeve's report for the month of
December 2007 as presented
CARRIED

XII. Notices Required under Notice and Procedural By-Laws

449 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Council hereby provides notice under the provisions of
By-Law 20 – 2006 of its intention to pass a By-Law with
respect to the establishment of various fees and charges for
municipal services at the Regular Council meeting of
January 24th, 2008
CARRIED

XIII. By – Laws

1. By-Law Approval

450 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, Seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That the following By-Laws be enacted and passed:

By-Law 50 – 2007 Zoning Amendment ZB0706.16
(Kewley)

XIV. In Camera Portion

None

XV. Return to Open Session

None

XVI. Note and File Motion

451 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That any items not specifically addressed by motion of
Council in the Regular Council Meeting of December 18th,
2007 be noted and filed accordingly.
CARRIED

XVII. Confirmatory By-Law

452 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That the required motion for introduction of Confirmatory By-Law 51 - 2007 be deemed to have been given and that Confirmatory By-Law 51- 2007 be read a first time.
CARRIED

453 - 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That Confirmatory By-Law 51 – 2007 be read a second time.
CARRIED

454 - 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That the rules be suspended to allow Confirmatory By-Law 51 - 2007 to be read a third time at this meeting and that Confirmatory By-Law 51 – 2007 be read a third time and passed.
CARRIED

XVIII. Motion to Adjourn

455 – 07 Moved by Cllr Mercer, seconded by Cllr Lehnhardt
That the regular Council meeting of December 18th, 2007 be adjourned at 5:29PM.
CARRIED

ADOPTED AS PRESENTED THIS TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY, 2008.

Peter Emon, Reeve

John Baird, CAO/Clerk – Treasurer

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1/14/2008