

REEVE' REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: February 01, 2007 - February 28, 2007

COUNTY ACTIVITY:

On Feb 19th I attended the Finance and Administration Committee meeting. It was a full day session and dealt primarily with departmental expectations as to staffing and also with the Asset Management Plan expectation which is mandatory from the province for 2009.

There was not a county council meeting in February. There will be two in March on the 2nd and 28th.

GREATER MADAWASKA ACTIVITY

A regular council meeting was held on February 15, 2007 nine by-laws were passed ranging from borrowing, to procedural, through to interim tax levy. Minutes for the meetings of November 23rd, December 11, 13, and 21st and January 29th were passed and should be available on the municipal web site.

On February 08th a Committee of the Whole Meeting was held. The following presentations were made to council.

- a. Barnet Park - Chair Don Swift presented an outline of the plans for the field house which is a project of the Calabogie Lions Club. A well has been drilled for the field house and council was very appreciative of the efforts of the Calabogie Lions Club and of G. H. Law and Son Well Drilling in completing this task. Mr. Swift indicated the cottage re-furbishing was going to resume later in the spring.
- b. Renfrew Hospice - A presentation was made for the building of the first rural hospice in the Province of Ontario. There are 20 Hospices being built in Province of Ontario and this is the only rural one and it is meant to serve all of Renfrew County. The 4500 square foot, six bed residential Hospice will be constructed this summer and operational by year end. The funding is about 80% in place at this time with no capital funding given to the project by the province. The focus of the service is palliative care for clients with less than three months life expectancy. The service is meant to provide respite for families, nursing care 24 hours per day and a physician. All at no cost to the resident. It is expected 70 - 100 families will be supported annually. The group came to the Municipality to provide information and not to request municipal funds. This is a much needed and worthwhile service to be provided for the families of Renfrew County. Please support it with a donation of time or money.

- c. Ontario Fire Marshall's Office - Presented the results of a Fire Protection Survey conducted in cooperation with the members of the Municipal Fire Department. There were several areas which needed to be addressed and council and the Fire Department have agreed to plan for the areas identified to be addressed in the next few months. The areas of concern do not place residents or Municipal Fire Personal at substantive risk. It was recommended all solid fuel burning appliances be inspected as they were being installed.

On February 01, 2007 I attended all Municipal Standing Committee Meetings:

1. Finance and Administration -
 - i. the statement of development charges was presented indicating the municipality collected \$42,000 in 2006 and the funds were allocated to specific reserves and functions.
 - ii. The statement of council remuneration was presented and it will be published in the near future.
 - iii. MacKillican and Associates was appointed the Municipal Auditor for the period of January 2007 until December 31, 2009 at a cost of \$51,100 plus taxes.
 - iv. The municipal insurance needs were reviewed and the renewal cost was \$63,994 plus taxes for 2007.

There were other issues discussed and moved forward for council's deliberations.
2. Environmental Management -
 - i. Discussions on the review of tenders about municipal landfill equipment and the tender was let to RDI Systems at a cost of \$204,000.
 - ii. Landfill Monitoring and Reporting tender was awarded to Greenview Environmental Management for the period of 2007 - 2011 at a cost of \$237,127 plus taxes.
 - iii. Recycling Depot Services tender was awarded to Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre for a one year period beginning March 01, 2007.

There were other issues discussed and forwarded for council's deliberations.
3. Public Works
 - i. Discussions were conducted on reviewing our relationship as a service provider for the Municipality of North Frontenac
 - ii. Discussions were conducted with regards to establishing a full time municipal custodian and it was recommended a position description be developed.
 - iii. A discussion was held with regards to MNR and the enforcement of the Aggregate Act.

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- iv. A general discussion was had with regards to Wind Farms. There were other issues discussed and forwarded for council's deliberations.
- 4. Planning and Economic Development -
 - i. Various severances, zoning amendments, subdivision and private road agreements were discussed and forwarded to council.
 - ii. A Property Standards By-Law was discussed and forwarded to council for discussion.Other issues were discussed and forwarded to council for further discussion.
- 5. Public Services -
 - i. The Municipal Fire Protection Information Survey was presented and the methodology outlined.
 - ii. Recreation Committee members and a Library Board appointee were approved.

On February 10th I attended the Winter Carnival and was extremely proud of the activities and the volunteers. The breakfast meal was superb and the efforts put forward by staff, volunteers and councillors was very impressive.

During the report period I had some inquiry about the OMB Review Ruling in January 2007. A complaint about road sanding and about not being able to drive a three wheeler on the highways.

I also met with one ratepayer to discuss the strategic plan and its implementation and informed the process would be outlined as part of the budget deliberations.

MEETINGS WITH GREATER MADAWASKA STAFF

I met with the CAO on two occasions to discuss municipal business and to sign cheques and by-laws. I spoke to the Deputy Clerk with regards to the Winter Carnival on two occasions.

Respectfully submitted to council on March 15, 2007.

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