

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WHITESTONE

-MINUTES-

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

6:30 p.m., at the Community Centre in Dunchurch

Present: Chris Armstrong, Mayor
Bill Church, Councillor
Alan Ladd, Councillor
Joe Lamb, Councillor
Morley Moore, Councilor

Staff: Liliane Nolan, CAO-Clerk

Visitors: 12

Mayor Chris Armstrong called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof:

- Mayor Chris Armstrong declared a Pecuniary Interest on: **7. Reports/Minutes from Committee/Boards and Municipal Officers** for item #7.11 for Conflict of Interest as this issue pertains to himself.
- Mayor Chris Armstrong declared a Pecuniary Interest on: **12. Announcements and Inquires by Members of Council** for item regarding Conflict of Interest as this issue pertains to himself.
- Mayor Chris Armstrong declared a Pecuniary Interest on: **14. Closed Session** for item #14.1 for Conflict of Interest as this issue pertains to himself.

Adoption of the Agenda

2009-148 Moved by Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ladd
That the Council Agenda for this meeting be adopted as printed and circulated;

Mayor Chris Armstrong declared Pecuniary Interest at this point of the meeting; Deputy Mayor Morley Moore resumed the Chair position.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ladd

That the Council Agenda for this meeting be amended as follows:

Reports/Minutes from Committee/boards and Municipal Officers

7.11 Conflict of Interest;

And Further that the Council Agenda for this meeting be adopted as amended and circulated.

Amendment:

Carried

Resolution:

Carried

Mayor Chris Armstrong resumes as Chair at this point of the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes for the Regular Council

2009-149 Moved by Councillor Alan Ladd

Seconded by Councillor Morley Moore

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 16, 2009 be adopted as presented and circulated.

Carried

Adoption of Minutes for the Special Council Meeting

2009-150 Moved by Councillor Bill Church

Seconded by Councillor Joe Lamb

That the minutes of the Special Council meeting of March 30, 2009 be adopted as presented and circulated.

Carried

Future of Old Fire Hall (Grange)

2009-151 Moved by Councillor Alan Ladd

Seconded by Councillor Morley Moore

That Council hereby acknowledges letter dated Mach 26, 2009 from Carter Brear;

And Further for CAO-Clerk to provide a list of Council and Committee meeting dates and invites Mr. Brear to make a presentation to Council.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Alan Ladd

Seconded by Councillor Morley Moore

And Further amend to provide a list of dates after receiving correspondence from the Historical Society

Amendment:

Carried

Resolution:

Carried

Approval of Accounts Payable

2009-152 Moved by Councillor Bill Church
Seconded by Councillor Morley Moore
That the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$214,091.94 and payroll in the amount of \$15,994.92 be approved. (Full report for viewing can be seen at the municipal office) **Carried**

Purchase of Composting Units

2009-153 Moved by Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by Councillor Morley Moore
That the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby purchases an additional 30 composters and 30 kitchen composters in which the cost breakdown is as follows: 1/3 Hagerman Ratepayers Association, 1/3 Municipality of Whitestone and 1/3 Resident;

And Further this to be expensed to the compaction budget. **Carried**

2009 Contribution for Regional Tourism Promotion - Ontario's Near North

2009-154 Moved by Councillor Alan Ladd
Seconded by Councillor Bill Church
That the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby supports Ontario's Near North regional tourism promotion in the amount of \$164.80 for Year 2009. **Carried**

Acceptance of Facilities Manager's Report dated April 7, 2009

2009-155 Moved by Councillor Bill Church
Seconded by Councillor Morley Moore
That Council hereby accepts the Facilities Manager Staff Report dated April 7, 2009 regarding the hiring of summer students under the Ministry of Northern Development & Mines – Summer Jobs Service;

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Bill Church
Seconded by Councillor Morley Moore

And Further that the application be submitted and further information to Council regarding whether there are any cost savings or additional specified benefits to the Municipality by taking advantage of this program and the possibility of one (1) position verses two (2) positions.

Amendment: **Carried**
Resolution: **Carried**

Adoption of Minutes for Community Development Committee

2009- 156 Moved by Councillor Morley Moore
Seconded by Councillor Bill Church
That the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of March 4, 2009 be adopted as presented and circulated.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Morley Moore
Seconded by Councillor Bill Church

And Further that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone authorizes payment of membership with discovery Routes Trails Organization in the amount of \$250.00.

Amendment:

Carried

Resolution:

Carried

Acceptance of Minutes for Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library Board

2009-157 Moved by Councillor Morley Moore
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ladd
That the minutes of the Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library Board meeting of February 24, 2009 be accepted as presented and circulated. **Carried**

Special Council (Committee of the Whole) Council Meeting

2009-158 Moved by Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by Councillor Bill Church
That Council hereby schedules a Special Council (Committee of Whole) Meeting for April 20, 2009 to discuss the 2009 Capital Budget at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Centre in Dunchurch. **Carried**

Acceptance of Road Superintendent's Report dated April 2, 2009

2009-159 Moved by Councillor Morley Moore
Seconded by Councillor Joe Lamb
That Council hereby accepts the Road Superintendent's Staff Report dated April 2, 2009 regarding maintenance on municipally owned unassumed roads;

And Further information be provided to Council via CAO-Clerk and the Road Superintendent for April 20, 2009 Capital Budget meeting. **Carried**

Mayor Chris Armstrong declared Pecuniary Interest at this point of the meeting and left the building; Deputy Mayor Morley Moore resumed the Chair position.

Conflict of Interest

2009-160 Moved by Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ladd

WHEREAS with respect to Chris Armstrong holding the positions of Mayor and the Deputy Fire Chief, we take the following position;

AND WHEREAS we have no problem with Mr. Armstrong holding both positions and indeed thank him for his work on the volunteer fire department;

AND WHEREAS we think it is important to note that Mr. Armstrong's wife and child are also members of the Fire Department and all three have made or are eligible for remuneration in their positions;

AND WHEREAS our understanding is that there may indeed be an exemption in Provincial legislation which allows Mr. Armstrong to not declare a conflict insofar as he holds the position of Deputy Fire Chief and we also understand that it is solely up to Mr. Armstrong to declare a conflict or not. We are not sure that this exemption exists when other members of his family are fire department members;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that having said this we feel Mr. Armstrong as Mayor has a responsibility from both a moral and a public perception standpoint to carefully consider any actions he takes in his position as Mayor and we strongly recommend that he consider refraining from discussion and voting on Fire Department matters.

RECORDED VOTE:

Councillor, Bill Church		Nay	
Councillor, Alan Ladd		Nay	
Councillor, Joe Moore	Yea		
Deputy Mayor, Morley Moore		Nay	Defeated

Mayor Chris Armstrong resumes as Chair at this point of the meeting.

Winter Maintenance Operations – Highway #520 North

2009-161 Moved by Councillor Alan Ladd
Seconded by Councillor Bill Church

That Council hereby acknowledges the letter dated March 11, 2009 from Ministry of Transportation regarding the winter maintenance operations and the Ministry reviewing the present classification/level of service;

And Further that staff contact the Regional Director Keith Bryer in regards to construction project on Hwy. #520 for the year 2009. **Carried**

“Stepping into the Past ...Parry Sound Heritage Festival”

2009-162 Moved by Councillor Morley Moore
Seconded by Councillor Joe Lamb
That Council hereby supports the “Stepping into the Past ...Parry Sound Heritage Festival” and supports the Corporate Sponsorship Program in the amount of \$250. **Defeated**

Proposed Walking Trails – Trail Signage Grant

2009-163 Moved by Councillor Morley Moore
Seconded by Councillor Bill Church
That Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby agrees to pay 10% for the cost of signage for the proposed walking trails purchased by the Discovery Routes Trails Organization including minimal handling fees to maximum cost of \$800.00. **Carried**

Supporting Resolutions

2009-164 Moved by Councillor Alan Ladd
Seconded by Councillor Joe Lamb
That Council hereby supports the resolutions as per Schedule “A”. **Carried**

Schedule “A”

- 1) Resolution No. 2009-48 passed at the duly convened City of the Greater Sudbury meeting of January 28, 2009 requesting the Province of Ontario increase the Northern Communities Grant by \$50 per household, to ensure all Municipalities in the North will receive the necessary “Required Support”;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Dalton McGuinty, Minister of Finance Dwight Duncan, Provincial Leader of the Opposition Bob Runciman, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the City of Greater Sudbury.

- 2) Resolution No. 09-10 passed at the duly convened Town of Mattawa meeting of February 23, 2009 to petition the Federal and Provincial Governments to negotiate a more feasible and accessible cost sharing plan to allow all municipalities, regardless of their financial situation, to participate in all funding for infrastructure;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to M.P. Tony Clement, M.P.P. Norm Miller, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Town of Mattawa.

- 3) Resolution passed at the duly convened City of Sault Ste. Marie meeting of March 9, 2009 March 9, 2009 supporting the position taken by Mayor Rowswell in a letter dated March 5, 2009 to the Honourable David Caplan, Minister of Health

and Long Term Care regarding the intent of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) and Ministry policies for medical specialists and resulting health care services, ensuring access to full health care services and specialties for the residents of Northern Ontario;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Health and Long Term Care David Caplan, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the city of Sault Ste. Marie.

Fire Department – Probationary Firefighters

2009-165 Moved by Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by Councillor Bill Church
That Council hereby accepts the recommendations in the Whitestone Fire Rescue Department Report dated April 1, 2009 submitted by Fire Chief Bob Whitman to appoint Coty Leavitt to join the Whitestone Fire Rescue Department as Volunteer Firefighter effective April 7, 2009;

And further that the above said Volunteer Firefighter be on probations for one (1) year. **Carried**

By-Law No. 24-2009, to Recover Payment for Repairs to Damaged Roads

2009-166 Moved by Councillor Alan Ladd
Seconded by Councillor Bill Church
That By-Law No. 24-2009, being a by-law to recover payment for repairs to damaged roads within the Municipality of Whitestone be Read a First and Second time this 7th day of April, 2009;

And Further Read a Third time, Passed, properly Signed and Sealed this 7th day of April 2009 and numbered No. 24-2009. **Carried**

Unfinished Business

- Bridge at Hwy. 124 – Site Inspection completed, two rocks to be removed under guidance of Fisheries & Oceans between July 16 to September 31, 2009.
- Webcam
- Review of Road Standards By-Law.
- Whitestone Lake – Lost Bay – signage.

Question Period for the Public

Mayor Chris Armstrong declared Pecuniary Interest at this point of the meeting and left the building because the Conflict of Issue topic was brought up again; Deputy Mayor Morley Moore resumed the Chair position.

Mayor Chris Armstrong resumes as Chair at this point of the meeting.

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In Camera

2009- 167

Moved by Councillor Alan Ladd

Seconded by Councillor Bill Church

That Council proceeds with the meeting in Closed Session at 8:31 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 1) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Administration – Conflict of Interest.

Mayor Chris Armstrong resumes as Chair at this point of the meeting.

- 2) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Administration.
- 3) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Roads Department.
- 4) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Roads Department.
- 5) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Administration.
- 6) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Roads Department.
- 7) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Roads Department.
- 8) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Administration.
- 9) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Administration – Closed Session Minutes.
- 10) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Administration.
- 11) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Roads Department.

- 12) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Roads Department – Performance Review.
- 13) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Roads Department – Performance Review.
- 14) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Administration (Closed Session Minutes).
- 15) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Roads Department. **Carried**

Open Session

2009-168 Moved by Councillor Morley Moore
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ladd
That Council moves out of Closed Session at 10:06 p.m. and continue the Open Council meeting. **Carried**

Curfew Past 3½ Hours for Regular Council Meeting

2009-169 Moved by Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by Councillor Bill Church
That Council hereby continues its Regular Council Meeting past the allotted time of three and a half (3½ hours) and continue for additional one-half (1/2) hour. **Carried**

Equipment Operator Dale MacDonald Performance Review Appraisal

2009-170 Moved by Councillor Morley Moore
Seconded by Councillor Joe Lamb
That Council hereby accepts the performance review appraisal report for Equipment Operator Dale MacDonald prepared by Road Superintendent Nick Thomson;

And Further that all changes or no changes to the current employment agreement and/or pay rate are as per schedule “A” attached;

And Further that the next performance review appraisal be completed by February 2010 or at the discretion of the CAO-Clerk. **Carried**

By-Law No. 25-2009, Confirming By-Law

2009-171 Moved by Councillor Morley Moore
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ladd
That By-Law No. 25-2009, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of
the Regular Council meeting held on April 7, 2009 be Read a First and
Second time this 7th day of April, 2009;

And Further Read a Third time, Passed, properly Signed and Sealed this
7th day of April 2009 and numbered No. 25-2009. **Carried**

Adjournment

2009-172 Moved by Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by Councillor Bill Church
That this Council meeting be adjourned at 10:08 p.m. to meet again on
Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Centre in
Dunchurch or at the call of the Mayor. **Carried**

Chris Armstrong **Mayor**

Liliane Nolan **CAO-Clerk**