

**MINUTES
AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2008
6:30 P.M. at the North Augusta Community Hall**

Present: Reeve Campbell
 Deputy Reeve Barton
 Councillor Banning
 Councillor Pakeman
 Councillor Swan

Staff Present: Richard Bennett
 Linda Robinson
 Marcel Lavigne

Press: Prescott Journal
 Brockville Recorder & Times
 Brock News
 EMC

Gallery: 24

a) **CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council move to a closed meeting at 6:30 p.m. as per the Municipal Act c 25, S.O. 2001 section 239 (2) to discuss:

1. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and
2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council rise and report at 7:00 p.m. Carried

b) **REEVE'S OPENING REMARKS** are attached to these minutes.

Proclamation:

WHEREAS one in three Canadian deaths are due to heart disease and stroke every year, making it the leading cause of death in the country;

AND WHEREAS The Heart and Stroke Foundation protects the lives of all Canadians by funding world class scientific research which results in medical advancements, social change and education to prevent and reduce death and disability from heart disease and stroke;

AND WHEREAS February is Heart Month in Canada, during which the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario Person-to-Person Campaign takes place to support on-going heart and stroke research and programs;

AND WHEREAS we applaud and commend the thousands of volunteers, staff and researchers of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario for their dedication and commitment and wish them continued success;

I, THEREFORE proclaim that the month of February be observed as "Heart Month" in the Township of Augusta. I further urge all citizens to co-operate in the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario Person-to-Person Campaign, and all civic, social and fraternal organizations and business establishments to give this campaign the greatest possible support. Put your heart into it and make a difference!

c) **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** – None

d) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on the 14th day of January 2008 and the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on the 28th day of January 2008, as printed and distributed to all Members. Carried

e) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** – None

f) **DELEGATIONS**

Larry Lockyer attended to request Council create by-laws to permit and regulate the operation of ATV's on municipal roads. He advised that he sold his snowmobile and purchased an ATV and thought that ATV fell under the same by-laws as snowmobiles. He felt that ATV's should have the same rules as snowmobiles.

Reeve Campbell thanked Mr. Lockyer and advised him that Council would review his request and get back to him.

g) **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Riopelle's Video and Convenience Store has requested permission to sell liquor and beer products on the Family Day Statutory Holiday.
2. The City of Port Colborne is seeking support of a resolution regarding the FCM Report.
3. The City of Waterloo is seeking support of a resolution regarding the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

4. The Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley has forwarded a resolution regarding Boundary 2020.
5. The Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey is seeking support of a resolution to ban the ownership of handguns.
6. The Township of Greater Madawaska is seeking support of a resolution regarding logging on Crown Lands.
7. Jane Cuthbert has sent comments regarding Walker House.
8. Fran Decross has sent comments regarding Walker House.
9. Ultramar has forwarded a historical truck traffic summary for the Maitland Terminal.
10. Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Region has sent information and a questionnaire regarding the *Drinking Water Source Protection -Terms of Reference*.
11. Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region has sent information and a questionnaire regarding the *Drinking Water Source Protection -Terms of Reference*.
12. AMO ALERT – AMO Supports FCM’s Call for Intergovernmental Action on Housing and Homelessness
13. AMO ALERT – AMO Report to Members on January 2008 Board Meeting

h) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Library Board – Darlene advised that the Library Board will meet tomorrow night at 7:15 p.m.

Boundary 2020 – Councillor Swan advised that the St. Lawrence Region of ARC is still going through the process. The Committee was told that they could only use feedback that was provided. The feed back so far is unanimous that they keep 7 and 8’s out of the high school which means that without removing the 7 and 8’s there is no need to close rural schools. In doing this there is no room in Prescott to put the children from Central Public School. The Board has come back to the committee and told them that they can “think outside the box”. She felt that this would help the committee to make recommendations at their meeting tomorrow night. She felt that it was very positive that our rural schools will remain open. She thanked everyone for their help in standing up for their communities. She advised that the next St. Lawrence Region meeting will be Monday, February 25th at SGDHD at 7:00 pm. The ARC report will be made public at this meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday March 4th at BCI in Brockville.

Councillor Swan stated that on Family Day, February 18th the Upper Canada District School Coalition will be erecting a large 4 X 8 sign in Algonquin at 10:00 a.m. The coalition has requested permission from the School Board and if they refuse she has asked permission from the Library Board to erect the sign on their property. MPP Randy Hillier will be attending and Steve Clark from Bob Runciman’s office has been invited but has not yet confirmed. She invited everyone out to show there support.

i) **NEW AND/OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Councillor Banning advised that Merrickville will be holding a session on Species at Risk at Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys School tomorrow night.

j) **RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council receive the correspondence as copied and distributed to all Members. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approve the payment of Cheque Numbers 12526 to 12646 in the total amount of \$ 277,681.00 Carried

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee approve severance application B-1-08, owner: Sauve Heating, Lot 3, Concessions 3 & 4, with the following conditions:

1. That the unopened road allowance through the property be closed by the applicant.
2. Cash in lieu of parkland in the amount of \$250.00 be paid to the municipality.

Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, approve severance application B-2-08, owner: Margaret Weir, Lot 29 Concession 4. Carried

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, approve severance application B-3-08, owners Peter and Marilyn White, Lot 6, Concession 1, with the following condition:

1. Cash in lieu of parkland in the amount of \$250.00 be paid to the municipality.

Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council authorize WESA to do work at the Maynard Transfer Station regarding the delineation of the leachate plume. This work will include a drilling program, survey, groundwater monitoring and reporting. The total cost of the project is \$15,365. plus applicable taxes. Carried

Councillor Pakeman requested a recorder vote.

Moved by Lisa Swan and Seconded by Douglas Barton

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council has no objection to Riopelle's Video & Convenience selling liquor and beer products on the Family Day statutory holiday.

Yeas 2	Reeve Campbell	Nays 3	Councillor Banning
	Deputy Reeve Barton		Councillor Pakeman
			Councillor Swan

Defeated

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council accepts and approves the recommendation of the CAO in the Confidential Report to Council dated February 11, 2008. Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council authorize WESA to complete the 2007 Environmental Program Annual report for the Maynard Transfer Station at the cost of \$4,980.00 plus applicable taxes. Carried

Moved by Lisa Swan and Seconded by Douglas Barton

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council authorize WESA to complete the 2007 Environmental Program Annual report for the North Augusta Disposal Site at the cost of \$5,243.00 plus applicable taxes. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council authorize the attendance of Ray Running and Gary Hogeveen at the Core Certification Training in Peterborough at a cost of \$ 450.00 plus GST per person, plus expenses incurred as per the municipal by-laws. Carried

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council supports the resolution from the Municipality of Durham petitioning the Federal Government to revamp the criteria for Employment Insurance to ensure Employment Insurance acts as it was designed to be which is an insurance program to assist during periods of unemployment, and that the Premier of Ontario be called upon to advocate on behalf of Ontario and municipalities of Ontario to ensure that Ontario workers are eligible for benefits under the Employment Insurance Program. Carried

k) **BY-LAWS**

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that a By-law to provide for the erection of stop signs at an intersection be read a first and second time short and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council. Carried

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that a **By-law to provide for the erection of stop signs at an intersection** be read a third time, **passed and numbered 2701** and that the said By-law be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and entered into the By-law Book. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that a By-law to adopt a subdivision agreement be read a first and second time short and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council. Carried

Moved by Douglas Barton Swan and Seconded by Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that a **By-law to adopt a subdivision agreement** be read a third time, **passed and numbered 2702** and that the said By-law be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and entered into the By-law Book. Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that a By-law to authorize the submission of an application to the Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation ("OIPC") for funding from the municipal infrastructure investment initiative for a new eligible capital project of the Corporation of the Township of Augusta and to approve the expenditure of funds on said eligible capital project be read a first and second time short and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council. Carried

Moved by Lisa Swan and Seconded by Douglas Barton

BE IT RESOLVED that a **By-law to authorize the submission of an application to the Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation ("OIPC") for funding from the municipal infrastructure investment initiative for a new eligible capital project of the Corporation of the Township of Augusta and to approve the expenditure of funds on said eligible capital project** be read a third time, **passed and numbered 2703** and that the said By-law be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and entered into the By-law Book. Carried

m) **CLOSED SESSION** – Not required

n) **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law Number 2704 to confirm the proceedings of Council at their meeting held February 11, 2008 be read a first, second and third time, passed and sealed with the seal of the Corporation, signed by the Reeve and Clerk and entered into the By-law Book. Carried

o) **ADJOURNMENT**

Council agreed to hold the next committee of the Whole on March 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Lisa Swan

That this Council does now adjourn at 8:40 p.m., until March 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., or upon the call of the Reeve, subject to need. Carried



REEVE



CLERK

REEVE'S OPENING REMARKS FEBRUARY 11, 2008

1. It is a distinct privilege for myself & Council to hold this historic Regular Council meeting in North Augusta. To the best of my knowledge this is the first opportunity this Council has taken to actively bring the current business of the municipality to your community. We sincerely appreciate the invitation and experience. Your attendance is very important to Council as is the presence of the press – Including the Recorder & Times, Prescott Journal and EMC.
2. Since our January /08 Council meeting, a number of interesting meetings and issues have occurred.
 - a) Councillor Banning, Pakeman and myself attended an OFA sponsored meeting in Spencerville re: Planning. Our municipality intends to address the update of Augusta's Official Plan and accompanying Zoning By-law; and our staff and members of Council will be very involved in this public process and report on the progress.
 - b) Our CAO Mr. Bennett and myself have had several meetings with the M.P.A.C. reps who are responsible for the assessment role and property valuation. It is my belief that this rapport will give our Township better cooperation on assessment issues.
 - c) No doubt you are aware of my role as the Counties rep on the Health Unit. Mr. Kinsella, who is the other Counties rep, and myself continue to put forward unequivocally the Counties position as it relates to the 5% cap on their budget. The Health Unit Budget discussions continue. Meanwhile our Township will be making representation at the ROMA conference in Toronto at the end of February, regarding Health Unit funding.
 - d) I was invited to a meeting of the Brockville Kiwanis Club on Jan 17th to present my views on Volunteering in Augusta. Simply put, my position is that volunteers in our municipality are PRICELESS!!
 - e) On Jan 29th our Council held a joint meeting with the entire Elizabethtown-Kitley Council. This 2hr session covered many topics of mutual concern such as boundary roads, recreation, fire services, development fees, and Boundary 2020 regarding school closures. I believe this was a worthwhile exercise and anticipate further co-operation and exchange of views.
Incidentally Augusta Council will be meeting with Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Council on Wed Feb 13th, to expand our contacts and follow-ups on previous meetings.
 - f) Your Council held a preliminary budget meeting last Monday. Finals figures for 2007 are not complete as yet, although I am optimistic the results will be positive. I would add however, that staff and Council will be challenged to control costs particularly as they relate to our roads

and the assessment of the current roads status as outlined in our Roads study. That draft study has been presented to Council however the engineering firm will speak to Council shortly with the final version of the study and subsequent recommendations.

g) On Mon Feb 18th the second stage of budget discussion will take place in the Council chambers at Maynard.

3. Last Thursday evening, your Council met with concerned citizens from the Domville area regarding the future of the recreation facilities in that area. Staff is assisting Council in consulting with the area residents as to the disposition of a parcel of property in the original Kelso Subdivision which was designated as parkland. Further to their input, staff is investigating all possibilities and will be relaying our findings to all concerned.
4. In view of the shocking increase costs of supplies (particularly oil-based products) and the impact it is having on the maintenance of roads, the County Engineer, Les Shepherd has agreed to appear at a convenient Township Committee Meeting, to explain the Counties roads system and upkeep program. As we have several kms of county roads, which run through Augusta, I am looking forward to his appearance at our meeting.
5. The Broadband initiative in Leeds and Grenville is continuing. I expect an improvement on high speed internet service to be available in Augusta. Mr. Brian Huels, the Counties MIS Manager has agreed to appear before Augusta Council to discuss this effort and answer our questions. As soon as the contracts are signed we can arrange his attendance. We will keep the public informed.
6. Augusta Council has received the support of UCLG when addressing the MTO in Toronto at the Ontario Good Roads Convention. Councillors Banning, Swan and myself will speak to the Minister regarding our request for an interchange at the Blue Church Road and 401. It is our contention that a great deal of traffic would be diverted from County Road 15 and that this proposal would be a win win for residents of our township.
7. Subsequently, I was able to further Augusta's request to the UCLG to examine what improvements are necessary on County Road 26 in the area of the Maynard Landfill Site. Such improvements as a left turn lane, new signage and extended speed zone will be investigated.
8. The suggestion to Council is for our staff to pursue the request of a report and costs relating to streetlights in North Augusta plus intersections such as 26 & 18. If not exorbitant, these improvements should be included in the 2008 budget.

9. Compliments to our office staff for supporting Council on many meetings we have undertaken this past month. Also our roads crew for the diligent manner in which they are keeping up with the challenges of this winter. Thank-you to all.
10. Mrs. Joan Hodge, our trustee from the UCDSB has emailed the township indicating she is unable to attend tonight's meeting. She also phoned me with the same response. It seems to me that Council should seek a public meeting with the UCDSB at a mutually acceptable time and location, in order to support Councillor Swan's position on the ARC Committee as well as explain the reasons behind our opposition to school closures in Augusta and the impact such a decision would have on our township.
11. For you information, our staff has introduced a new debit service in the office at Maynard. Our staff will now accept your debit card to pay for municipal services. The cost to the Township is minimal however the cost of accepting VISA or Mastercard, and the fees associated with those cards, are too expensive for the municipality to absorb at this time.

Supplementary Comments - February 11, 2008

1. Special recognition of the Internet News Service being reported this evening by Mr. & Mrs. Elliott from BrockNews.ca website. Incidentally, these folks reside in Augusta and we wish them well in their endeavour.
2. As previously reported, our Township Roads Superintendent has been instrumental in establishing an Augusta Health & Safety Committee for all employees. John Simcock has been directing this venture and developed a Health & Safety manual. The support of all employees is crucial to the success of this program and I am encouraged by their participation. It goes well for the safety of staff and subsequently our organization and residents.
3. The Township office recently received notification from the Meteorological Service of Canada that a new weather radio service will be installed along the seaway this summer. This is a free service with access to weather reports 24/7 for all of our residents. The broadcast is on VHF and available on many types of radios and will be especially important in Emergency situations. It is expected this service will be available in May 08 at which time council may have further remarks.
4. For the past several months, our Township has benefited from the Co-op student project in co-operation with the SGDHS and teacher Mrs. Jill Montgomery. This student, Melissa Hughes, has worked directly under the guidance of Mrs. Kelly Shipclark in our Maynard office and this has proven to

be a very successful undertaking. As this semester is now complete, we thank Melissa for her interest in our municipality and Kelly for her supervision. Congratulations to both of you. I believe our CAO, with the encouragement of Council; is looking forward to continuing this opportunity as a joint effort with South Grenville High School.

