

**MINUTES
AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2008**

7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Office 3560 County Road 26

Present: Reeve Campbell
Councillor Banning
Councillor Pakeman
Councillor Swan

Regrets: Deputy Reeve Barton

Staff Present: Richard Bennett
Linda Robinson
Marcel Lavigne
John Simcock

Press: Prescott Journal
Brockville Recorder & Times

Gallery: 4

- a) **CALL TO ORDER**
Reeve Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- b) **REEVE'S OPENING REMARKS** are attached to these minutes.
- c) **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** – None
- d) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held December 10, 2007.**
Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning
BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on the 10th day of December 2007, as printed and distributed to all Members. Carried
- e) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** – None
- f) **DELEGATIONS**
Shelley Wing of the Upper Canada District School Coalition attended to request funding for the Save Our Schools Campaign. She advised that the committee has put questionnaires out to the community and the results show that they are against the boundary 20/20 proposals.

She requested a donation of \$500.00 to help cover the cost to create flyers, signs and other expenses.

Council agreed to give an in-kind donation for photocopying etc for the time being and agreed to put the financial request on the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting on the 28th.

g) **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The Regional Municipality of Durham is seeking support of a resolution requesting the Federal Government to revamp the criteria for Employment Insurance.
2. Township of West Lincoln is seeking support regarding concerns to the proposed changes to the Regulatory Framework for Non-Agricultural Source Materials.
3. Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Heart & Stroke Foundation has requested that February be proclaimed Heart and Stroke Month in the Township of Augusta.
4. The City of Waterloo is seeking support of a resolution petitioning the Provincial and Federal Governments to re-examine infrastructure funding.
5. The City of Waterloo is seeking support of a resolution requesting the Provincial Government to fully exempt municipalities from paying PST.
6. North Grenville is seeking support of a resolution requesting that the Province commit 1/8 of the current 8% Provincial Sales Tax to Municipalities to fund infrastructure projects.
7. The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville has forwarded a copy of a resolution advising the Health Unit that they will not accept any increase above 5% over its 2007 municipal levy.
8. The Palliative Care Services Telethon Committee has requested that January be proclaimed Palliative Care Services Telethon Month.
9. Minutes of the November 21st Prescott and District Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting have been received.
10. Minutes of the December 4th Augusta Township Public Library Board Meeting have been received.
11. Minutes of the Doors Open 2007 Inaugural Meeting have been received together with a registration form.
12. AMO ALERT – Province Announces Community Go Green Fund for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Projects
13. AMO ALERT – Province Consulting on a New Incident Management System for Ontario
14. AMO ALERT – Ontario's Fall Economic Statement Provides Much Needed Funding for Municipal Infrastructure and Transit

15. AMO ALERT – House of Commons Motion calls for Permanent Federal Gas Tax Funding for Municipalities
16. AMO ALERT – Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) – Stable Funding Guarantee for 2008
17. AMO ALERT – Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative
18. Ontario News Release – McGuinty Government Actions Benefit Ontario Municipalities

h) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Waste Management - Councillor Banning advised that the contractor has taken over the Maynard Transfer Station and North Augusta Waste Disposal Site. Mr. Como attended the December meeting to answer any questions the committee might have. Councillor Banning thanked Glenn Mackey, Glen Kirkland, Duaine McKinley and Mary Daw for their recommendations and hard work. She also thanked the Reeve and CAO for attending the meetings on a regular basis.

Library Board – Councillor Banning advised that the Library Board Meeting has been changed to January 22nd.

Boundary 20/20 – Councillor Swan advised that she attended the first ARC meeting last Thursday and will forward minutes when they are available. She stated that only comments that were received on the preprinted forms from the binder were being considered along with any emails directed to David Coombs. She advised that if anyone has sent an email to Joan Hodge they should resend it and send a copy Mr. Coombs.

Council requested staff to invite Joan Hodge to the next regular meeting to update Council on finances, Boundary 20/20 and school conditions.

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

Mr. Bennett advised that the letters have gone out regarding the Domville Subdivision and some of the residents are looking for further information. He suggested that we hold a public meeting. He suggested the first week of February. Council agreed to Thursday February 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Bennett noted that the new road superintendent has created a Municipal Safety Manual that is available for review here at the office.

He also advised that the road crew have erected stop signs at the Algonquin Road and Glenmore Road. He noted that the signs are bagged until the by-law is passed.

Councillor Swan stated that last year we asked communities if they would host a Council Meeting. She wondered if the regular meeting in February could be held in North Augusta at the Community Hall. Council had no objection and agreed to advertise the next meeting at the North Augusta Community Hall.

Councillor Swan wondered what the Township is going to do regarding Family Day. She noted that the County will recognize it as a stat holiday as well as the school board and there will be no school that day. Reeve Campbell felt that Council should not be in a hurry to act on it as there is a lot of controversy over the issue.

j) **RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Lisa Swan and Seconded by Darlene Banning

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

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council supports the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville in their resolution advising the Health Unit that they will not accept any increase above 5% over its 2007 municipal levy. Carried

Moved by Lisa Swan and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council authorize that our regular February Council meeting, on February 11th be held at the Community Hall in North Augusta. Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

WHEREAS the Upper Canada District School Board, through the 20/20 initiative, is presently reviewing options for the future of Education within their jurisdiction, and in particular, the South Grenville family of schools;

AND WHEREAS one proposal transfers grade seven and eight from various schools, including Maynard Public School;

AND WHEREAS with the transfer of students, the proposed future of Algonquin Public School is closure;

AND WHEREAS the Algonquin Public School has provided a place of Education in addition to contributing to the social fabric of the Village of Algonquin and area;

AND WHEREAS the closure of Algonquin Public School would contribute to loss of incentive for future development, particularly for families with young children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Augusta does not support the removal of grade seven and eight from Elementary Schools. Carried

Moved by Lisa Swan and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council supports the resolution from the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry requesting the Provincial government seek to develop a program that will provide a rebate for the tire disposal, either a new program or an enhancement to the current Stewardship Ontario Program. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council, on recommendation of the Planning Department, approve severance application B-171-07, Estate of I. Stephenson, Lot 7, Concession 5, with the following conditions:

1. Road widening be deeded to the Township for the length of the existing and severed parcel.

Carried

Moved by Lisa Swan and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council authorize the attendance of John Simcock, at the 2008 Pavement Rehabilitation & Preservation Workshop to be held in Mississauga January 29-30, 2008 at a cost of \$397.50, plus expenses incurred as per the municipal by-laws. Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council authorize the attendance of Tom Shorey, at the 2008 Pavement Rehabilitation & Preservation Workshop to be held in Mississauga January 29-30, 2008 at a cost of \$397.50, plus expenses incurred as per the municipal by-laws. Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council authorize the attendance of Marcel Lavigne at the Ontario WETT Course to be held in Kingston February 18-20, 2008 at a cost of \$414.75 plus expenses incurred as per the municipal by-laws. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approves the extra 5% levy to South Nation Conservation to cover well decommissioning for the entire township. Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council accept the tender from A W Heating & Cooling Ltd. to supply and install an oil furnace at the township garage for a total tendered price of \$7,640.99. Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council direct staff to draft a Code of Conduct. Tabled

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council acknowledges that they will receive a 2.4% cost of living increase in remuneration as per By-law 2629, effective January 1, 2008. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approve the payment of Cheque Numbers 12397 to 12524 in the total amount of \$ 721,118.51. Carried

k) **BY-LAWS**

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that a **By-law to name a local municipal road in the Township of Augusta** be read a third time, **passed and numbered 2692** 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 appoint a Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Augusta 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 Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that a **By-law to appoint a Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Augusta** be read a third time, **passed and numbered 2695** 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 appoint Township Officers for the year 2008 and set their remuneration be read a first and second time short and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that a **By-law to appoint Township Officers for the year 2008 and set their remuneration** be read a third time, **passed and numbered 2696** 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 amend By-law 1818 as amended be read a first and second time short and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council. Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that a **By-law to amend By-law 1818 as amended (Clarke Rezoning)** be read a third time, **passed and numbered 2697** 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 authorize an interim levy in advance of the adoption of the estimates for 2008 be read a first and second time short and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that a **By-law to authorize an interim levy in advance of the adoption of the estimates for 2008** be read a third time, **passed and numbered 2698** 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 enter into an agreement with Bell Mobility be read a first and second time short and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that a **By-law to enter into an agreement with Bell Mobility** be read a third time, **passed and numbered 2699** 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**

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council move to a closed meeting as per the Municipal Act c 25, S.O. 2001 section 239 (2) to discuss b) personal matters about an identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees; c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or board; e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; g) a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act 2001, c.25 s.239(2). Carried

Moved by Lisa Swan and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council rise and report. Carried

Councillor Banning requested a recorded vote prior to the reading of the following resolution:

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Lisa Swan

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approve the recommendation of the Road Superintendent to create a position of Lead Hand as per the union contract.

Yeas 3 Reeve Campbell Nays 1 Councillor Banning

Councillor Pakeman

Councillor Swan

Carried

Moved by Lisa Swan and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council authorize a bursary payment of \$250.00 to our co-op student Melissa Hughes to assist her with her further education. Defeated

n) **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

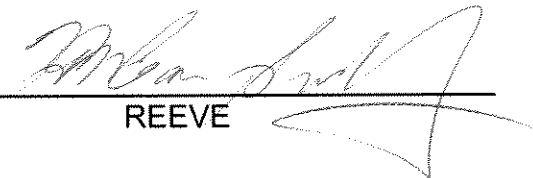
Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law Number 2700 to confirm the proceedings of Council at their meeting held January 14, 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**

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

That this Council does now adjourn at 9:10 p.m., until February 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., or upon the call of the Reeve, subject to need. Carried



REEVE



CLERK

Reeve's Comments for January 14, 2008

1. Firstly, welcome to council, staff, public gallery and especially members of the press. Happy New Year to all at our 1st Council Meeting of 2008. As busy as 2007 was for each of us, we will be facing new challenges in 2008 and I am sure this Council is up to the task, supported by staff and volunteers alike and we thank each of you for that.
2. The whole school issue in Augusta as the Boundary 20/20 discussions take place involves many aspects of life and the future of Augusta. Councillor Swan is doing an excellent job of attending the meetings, seeking info and having impact on the proceedings and we thank her for that. Because of the major impact that these proposed changes will subject many of our residents too, our children and future development in Augusta, it is my recommendation Council pass a resolution directed to the UCDSB opposing the timetable, methodology and requesting a report confirming savings to be generated by this radical proposal.
3. The UCLG has passed a resolution requesting the Health Unit to keep any 2008 municipal levy within the 5% cap. It is my belief that our Council should direct a similar resolution to the Health Unit with a copy directed to the UCLG
4. As noted in a resolution prepared for this meeting, following discussions at our Committee of the Whole meeting on January 7, the 2008 version of standing and ad-hoc committees have been established and will be confirmed with Council's approval. A number of citizens have come forward to offer their energy and ideas to improve our municipality and we thank them for that.
5. Further to the Committee list is the expected update to the Augusta OP and the accompanying zoning by-law. A number of volunteers have agreed to sit on this ad hoc committee to have input into Augusta planning future. Additionally I am recommending to Council that we immediately request staff to prepare an RFP for planning services and the updating of the OP and zoning by law.
6. Letters have been sent to residents in the Domville subdivision as well as Kemp subdivision regarding the future of the recreation facilities in those areas. I expect from the feedback received so far, that our CAO will recommend Council hold a public meeting to receive input from each community and I concur.
7. Since the arrival of our Road Superintendent., Mr. Simcock has been very busy – firstly the enormous snowfall, next the thaw and in between, has developed in concert with staff, a new safety Committee of inside and outside employees. This is vitally important and I am sure very much

supported by WSIB. The safety and health of all our staff is likewise very important to me and I support this endeavor.

8. This afternoon I had the opportunity of attending a pre-budget meeting in Cornwall which was hosted by the Ontario Minister of Finance, Mr. Dwight Duncan. It was an experience to express our concerns re the lack of Provincial support for municipal infrastructure particularly as it relates to roads, bridges and municipal buildings. Augusta Council is sending Councillors Banning and Swan to Toronto to the ROMA – Good Roads Conference. I will also be present representing Augusta with the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville team. A number of sessions with several ministries are being promoted and we will keep you posted on further details.
9. For the information of staff and the public, I would like to explain my remuneration at the UCLG. As per my statement issued by UCLG, the monies which I have received in total for the year 2007 amount to \$20,655.24. The approved by-law will permit me to receive \$20,500.00 for the year 2008. Not only is this less than I received in 2007, but is contrary to any newspaper report suggesting a 400% increase. I am releasing these numbers so the ratepayers of Augusta know the facts.
10. The new committee structure at UCLG is now operational with a few hiccups as we all adjust to the magnitude of the agenda and the subjects to be included. Our neighbour Mayor Pickard of Elizabethtown-Kitley Township is now the new Warden, Mayor Larry Dishaw the 2008 Chair of UCLG Admin & Finance and yours truly as the 2008 Chair of Public Works. Alongside the remaining 7 members of Counties, I believe we have an excellent team working together.