



**MINUTES
AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2009**

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

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

Staff Present: Linda Robinson

Press: Prescott Journal and Brockville Recorder & Times

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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**

Moved by Carol Stephenson and Seconded by Douglas Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on the 13th day of July 2009, the Regular/Committee of the Whole Meeting held on the 27th day of July 2009, and the Special Meeting held on the 30th day of July 2009, as printed and distributed to all Members. Carried

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

f) **DELEGATIONS** - None

g) **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Health Unit re: Communication and the H1N1 pandemic.

2. Community Schools Alliance re: Accommodation Review Committee.
3. Township of Front of Yonge resolution re: Upper Canada Village.
4. Township of Front of Yonge re: St. Lawrence Islands National Park.
5. Correspondence from Premier McGuinty to Tax Recovery Group re: New tax system.

h) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Agriculture & Planning – No report.

Admin and Finance – Councillor Pakeman advised that Council met with Steve Fournier on July 30th where he presented his report. This report will be available soon. Job descriptions will be brought to Council for approval as soon as the committee has had time to review them. He thanked everyone who participated and stated that it was a positive experience for all.

Waste Management – Deputy Reeve Barton advised that the next meeting is a week from tomorrow. The Committee will be looking at the contract with Fast Eddie's and hopefully preparing a recommendation for Council. He asked Reeve Campbell to give the committee an update on the meeting regarding moving the entrance to the Maynard site, at the next meeting.

Economic Development – Councillor Stephenson advised that the Committee met on July 27th. The Committee discussed EODP funding. A resolution has been prepared for this evening for two applications, one for an illuminated sign for the front of the municipal office and an internship for computer assistance. Bob Cheetham and Ann Weir will be attending the August 24th meeting. The Committee discussed the October Opportunity Knocks seminar along with next year's trade fair. They also discussed having a seminar regarding assessment to be held in conjunction with the mailing of the tax bills. Wendy Onstein reported that 2 Augusta students were chosen for the small business summer program and both are doing well.

Roads – Councillor Banning advised that the 6th Concession is now complete and under budget. She advised that if we can move forward paving more roads it will save on such costs as calcium and grading. Councillor Banning requested that a meeting be set up with Council and the Road Superintendent.

Council agreed to meet Wednesday August 26th at 4:30 p.m. with Kevin and Darryl. Councillor Banning will advise staff on items for the agenda.

Library – Councillor Banning advised that the Library Board does not meet during July and August unless required. She advised that the library has just received their grant funds. She requested that the next year the payment be issued to the library after the budget is passed.

Police Service Board – No report.

Recreation – Councillor Pakeman thanked Council, staff and Maynard recreation for the fun time at the ball game. Work is proceeding on the refurbishing of the tennis courts. They are looking at charging a small fee for people to use the courts.

Work on the small diamond in North Augusta will commence with the construction of the fire hall.

He advised that he and Councillor Stephenson will be in North Augusta tomorrow night to present a cheque for \$500.00 for the Labour Day Festival from the Prescott and District Chamber of Commerce. Ball is starting to wind down in Augusta.

Reeve Campbell advised that the tree on County Road 15 has been removed by the county. The new canteen has been erected at the soccer field and it looks great.

Deputy Reeve Barton wondered if an opening has been created between the new and old fencing on County Road 15. He felt that if an opening is not created people will not walk around and the fence will deteriorate. Councillor Pakeman advised that he was not aware but will look into it.

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

Councillor Banning wondered if any feedback has been received from the letters to residents on Church Street. She was advised that we have only received a couple so far. Councillor Banning advised that County Road 15 looks great however the railway crossing is terrible. Reeve Campbell advised that it is a CNR issue. He advised that they will have to close the road for a day and it is the municipality's responsibility to notify residents, emergency services, police, the plants etc. He will raise the question again at counties on Thursday.

Councillor Pakeman suggested that MPAC should give a year moratorium on taxes, unless a house is built before, on new subdivisions to help developers. Reeve Campbell thought it was a great suggestion and they can raise the issue with MPAC representatives at AMO. Councillor Banning felt that tax payers shouldn't cover the costs for developers.

Deputy Reeve Barton advised that his employer will be donating excess computers to charitable organizations. Councillor Pakeman advised that he will mention this at the Prescott and District Chamber of Commerce meeting and the recreation meeting in North Augusta tomorrow evening.

j) **RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Carol Stephenson

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 approve the payment of Cheque Numbers 13612 to 13681 and online payments to August 7, 2009 in the total amount of \$904,073.38. Carried

Moved by Carol Stephenson and Seconded by Douglas Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council, on recommendation of the Economic Development

Committee, submit the following applications for funding under the EODP:

1. Computer/Website intern position
2. Illuminated sign for the Township Office

Carried

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Carol Stephenson

WHEREAS communities across Ontario are concerned with the Accommodation Review Committee process and the impact this flawed process has on the socio-economic fabric of our municipalities;

AND WHEREAS many schools are the hubs of their communities, a better accommodation review system is needed to address the educational facility needs of our residents;

AND WHEREAS a system to address the educational facility needs in Ontario must ensure that school boards and municipal councils partner on decisions regarding educational infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS greater accountability for school board decisions is needed;

AND WHEREAS a thorough review of the governance model for school accommodation decisions must include an opportunity to appeal these decisions;

AND WHEREAS the accommodation review process should respect and value the input of students, parents, the community and municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario be petitioned to implement a "smart moratorium" on disputed school closings to provide the opportunity for the Ministry of Education, school boards and municipalities to work together to develop policies addressing such issues as planning for declining enrolments, a mutually agreed upon Accommodation Review Committee process, a review of funding to rural and small community schools, and transparency and accountability between municipalities and school boards. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council retain the services of Steven Menard as legal counsel for the next round of union negotiations. Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council award the Plow Truck tender for Contract No. 09-07, to Brockville Truck Centre for a total tender price of \$118,854.08, including both taxes. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council award the Snow Plow Equipment tender for Contract No. 09-08, to Larochele Equipment for a maximum tender price of \$92,405.75, including both taxes. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council authorize Genivar to complete the detailed design, specifications and contract for the tender for the 2nd Concession project at a total cost of \$35,000. Carried

k) **BY-LAWS**

Moved by Carol Stephenson and Seconded by Douglas Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a By-law to prescribe a tariff of fees for processing applications in

respect of planning matters 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 prescribe a tariff of fees for processing applications in respect of planning matters be read a third time, passed and numbered 2781 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 Carol Stephenson and Seconded by Douglas Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a By-law to establish a code of conduct for building officials 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 establish a code of conduct for building officials be read a third time, passed and numbered 2782 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 the execution of a site plan control agreement 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 Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a By-law to authorize the execution of a site plan control agreement be read a third time, passed and numbered 2783 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 Douglas Barton and Seconded by Carol Stephenson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a By-law Numbered 2784 to confirm the proceedings of Council at their meeting held August 10, 2009 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 Carol Stephenson and Seconded by Douglas Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council do now adjourn at 9:15 p.m., until August 24, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., or until the call of the Reeve subject to need. Carried

REEVE

CLERK