



**MINUTES
AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OCTOBER 26, 2009 AT 4:30 P.M
IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 3560 COUNTY ROAD 26, MAYNARD**

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

Staff Present: Richard Bennett, Kevin Hart and Linda Robinson

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Press: Prescott Journal and Brockville Recorder & Times

- a) **CALL TO ORDER**
Reeve Campbell called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.
- b) **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** – None
- c) **DELEGATIONS** - None

MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council move to a Committee of the Whole to deal with Roads and Administration. Carried

ROADS

Councillor Banning Chaired the Road Committee Meeting.

d) **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Public Works Report

Councillor Banning noted that effective today no hand held devices are allowed in vehicles and staff should be reminded. Council directed Mr. Hart to look into purchasing hands free devices for the phones ASAP.

e) **ACTION ITEMS** - None

f) **OTHER BUSINESS** - None

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Councillor Pakeman Chaired the Administration and Finance Meeting.

g) **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Prescott Fire Department re: Donation for the 2009 "Light up the Night" Christmas Parade. Council agreed to give a donation of \$100.00.

2. Report from Sandy Hay re: New Severance Process

Reeve Campbell advised that the process in place right now is unique in the province of Ontario and is a trial that was initiated at the county. So far the response has been excellent.

Councillor Banning wondered at what point is the municipality advised on which process will be used for a severance.

Reeve Campbell advised that 80% of the applications are dealt with by the Planner. Only complicated issues and subdivisions are dealt with by the Committee.

Councillor Banning wondered who attends if an application goes to the OMB. Reeve Campbell advised that he believes that the County Planner would attend on behalf of the municipality.

h) **ACTION ITEMS – ADMIN**

1. Fencing By-law

Mrs. Robinson advised that Mr. Leroux sent an email to all Members looking for comments on the by-law. To-date we have not received any comments and she asked Council how they would like to proceed.

Reeve Campbell felt that there are issues with the by-law and Council should review it before it goes forward. Council requested that the CBO and By-law Enforcement Officer be present at the next Committee of the Whole.

2. Election

Mr. Bennett advised that we need to get set up and rolling for the 2010 election. There is a presentation by Intelivote at North Grenville this Thursday. He noted that due to the AODA Customer Service effective January 2010 it will change the way elections are done. He noted that North Grenville did traditional voting and is looking at alternatives for the upcoming election.

Mrs. Robinson advised that Kevin Spencer from the United Counties will be providing accessibility training for the Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Council and the Clerk has invited

our Council to join them. All Members and Richard advised they would attend the training.

3. Tendering process

Councillor Pakeman advised that he brought to the floor the idea of supporting small businesses within the township up to and including allowing a 5% consideration in the tendering process. He noted that it was suggested that this may preclude contractors from outside the municipality from quoting as they would feel there is an unfair competitive advantage. Also it was mentioned that there are residents in Augusta that work for these businesses outside the municipality. Another suggestion was that we support the businesses up to a certain dollar amount.

Councillor Banning advised that if other municipalities did the same it would be detrimental to our businesses. She felt that open tenders are more competitive. She felt that we would be putting ourselves at risk. She felt that local companies have an advantage as they don't have the traveling costs that outside companies would have, etc.

Deputy Reeve Barton stated that newspapers report on how people view the American Protectionism and how we do not think it is in the best interest of everyone. He felt that this is a form of protectionism and it could be detrimental to the township. He agreed with comments of Councillor Banning.

Reeve Campbell felt that if tenders come in identical and one is from Augusta then it should be given preference.

Councillor Stephenson felt that the tendering process should be open and the lowest tender should be accepted. She agreed that local contractors should have an advantage due to traveling costs.

Councillor Pakeman agreed with everyone's comments.

4. Joint meeting with Library Board

Council agreed to meet with the library board at 6:00 p.m. on November 30th. The GCC rezoning meeting will be held the same day at 7:00 p.m.

i) **OTHER BUSINESS** – None

MOVE TO REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council move to a Regular Meeting of Council. Carried

j) **RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Carol Stephenson and Seconded by Douglas Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council award the tender for Contract No. 09-11 – Pulverizing the 4th Concession Road and Skakum Road to Cruickshank Construction for a total tender price of \$97,648.00 plus GST. Carried

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Carol Stephenson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council award the tender for Contract No. 09-12 – North Augusta Ball Diamond & Landscaping to Elmer's Construction for a total tender price of

\$11,462.58 plus GST. Carried

k) **BY-LAWS**

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 first and second time short and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council. Carried

Moved Douglas Barton and Seconded by Carol Stephenson

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 2795 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 authorize the Reeve and CAO to execute an agreement with Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation 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 authorize the Reeve and CAO to execute an agreement with Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation be read a third time, passed and numbered 2796 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

l) **BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**

Moved Douglas Barton and Seconded by Carol Stephenson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Numbered 2797 to confirm the proceedings of Council at their meeting held October 26, 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 Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council do now adjourn at 5:36 p.m. until November 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., or until the call of the Reeve subject to need. Carried

REEVE

CLERK