MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF COUNCIL HELD ON ELEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 420 LESLIE AVENUE, THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO AT THE HOUR OF 4:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT: Councillor Ab Covello, Chair
Councillor Alana Bishop
Councillor Donna Blunt
Councillor Ron Giardetti
Reeve Maria Harding

ALSO PRESENT: Wendy Hamlin, Clerk
Eric Collingwood, CAO Treasurer
Blair Arthur, Fire Chief, By-law Enforcement Officer
Alan Cooke, Chief Building Official
Tim Lukinuk and Bruce Fallen
Representatives of NOSTA
In Audience – Jo-Anne Hamelin

1. CALL TO ORDER

Resolution No.: 106/08

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Donna Blunt

THAT this meeting of the Committee of the Whole is hereby called to order at 4:00 pm.

CARRIED

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Blunt may have an interest in Item 5) B) ii) re gravel pit. There was no other disclosure of pecuniary interest by any member of the Committee on any other item listed on the agenda.

At this time the CAO informed the Committee that the Reeve be delayed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No.: 107/08

Moved By: Donna Blunt
Seconded By: Alana Bishop

THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) North of Superior Tourism Association (NOSTA) re: Update on Activities and Regional Tourism Industry.

Tim Lukinuk, President of NOSTA introduced himself and Bruce Fallen. He noted that Councillor Alana Bishop was a member of the Board of Directors. He reviewed the history of NOSTA and how it was established and named the various associations and funding agencies involved. He gave examples of the types of events held and the publications prepared to promote the region.

Mr. Fallen reviewed the tourist interests and noted that the circle tour program is one of their biggest programs. He informed the Committee that the Northern Ontario Regional Tourism Association (NORTA) is the common voice on the interest of tourism, which works through NOMA. He explained that NOSTA is looking at having individual memorandums of understanding with the municipalities in which it would be accountable to the municipalities.

There was a question and answer period held, part the discussion was with respect to tourism in Shuniah, some examples given were KOA Campgrounds, Pass Lake Truck Stop, various Amethyst Mines, and gift stores noting that the circle tour runs through Shuniah.

Mr. Fallen explained that they would like a Council Member to sit with and work on a Memorandum of Understanding. The Chair thanked both gentlemen for attending.

At this time the Chair informed those present that the Fire Chief would be delayed.

5. REPORTS OF OPERATING DEPARTMENTS

a) By-law Enforcement

b) Building and Planning

i) Building Inspector's Monthly Report

The Chief Building Official reviewed his monthly report and updated the Committee on various properties. There was a lengthy discussion on a current order to comply, which the property owner is appealing.

ii) Draft Property Standards By-law

The Fire Chief joined the meeting at this time.

There was a lengthy discussion on the draft property standards by-law. The Chief Building Official informed the Committee that he brought the draft by-law forward as an introductory item for Council and undertook to bring a further report.

Reeve Harding joined the meeting at this time.

The time being 5 pm the Chair requested all those in favour of adjourning the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting and to reconvene after Council meeting. The Committee concurred.

At the hour of 6:35 pm the Committee of the Whole of Council reconvened.

The CAO stated that the CBO will bring forward an executive summary on the draft property standards by-law for the Committee's discussion and suggested the meeting be dedicated to this matter only. The Committee agreed. There was a short discussion on the draft by-law.

iii) Request property exchange - Landfill site and gravel pit

At this time Councillor Blunt stated she has a possible conflict with the second property being the land exchange with respect to the gravel pit.

The CAO reviewed his memo dated February 5, 2008. The first request from Leif Grann to allow him the timber rights on various Municipal lands; in exchange he would transfer his property, which abuts the McTavish Landfill Site, to the Municipality. There was a short discussion on this request.

Councillor Blunt left the Council Chambers at this time.

The CAO reviewed the second request as outlined in his memo dated February 05, 2008, which was from Darcy Lehtonen to exchange his gravel pit property for other municipal lands of equal value. There was a short discussion on this request.

After discussion was complete on this matter, Councillor Blunt returned to the table.

c) Public Works
i) Draft Waste Management By-law

Councillors reviewed calls of concern they received from various property owners with respect to the proposed by-law that would put a punch card permit system in place. The CAO answered questions of Council. There was a lengthy discussion on the draft punch card system compared to the current sticker permit system.

Resolution No.: 108/08

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ron Giardetti

THAT the Committee of the Whole of Council recommends Council complete 1st and 2nd reading of the proposed "Waste Management By-law" at its February 11th 2008 meeting and to give consideration to 3rd and final reading at its February 25th, 2008 meeting.

DEFEATED

d) Fire Department
i) Fire Chief's Monthly Report

The Fire Chief reviewed his report dated February 4, 2008. He spoke to Lloyd Jones request to recognize the road names in Longhouse Village to be recognized for E911 purposes. The Committee had no objection to this request. The Fire Chief undertook to begin the process to acknowledge the road names.

e) Administration

f) Finance Department
i) MTO request purchase portion ML 16B McNabbs

The CAO reviewed the report submitted on MTO's request to purchase property from the Municipality for the future expansion of Highway 11/17.

Resolution No.: 109/08

Moved By: Ron Giardetti
Seconded By: Donna Blunt

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends Council approve the sale of land, being a Portion of Mining Location 16B McNabb's Survey, to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) for Highway realignment purposes;

CARRIED

ii) Review Municipality's policy for mileage and per Diem for Council members.

The Committee did not object to paying mileage to Council Members who sit on various boards and committees, which do not cover the costs to attend their meetings. The Clerk was directed to inform the staff of this.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Land Inventory - Municipal Shoreline Properties
i) Requests to purchase shoreline properties

Councillor Blunt informed the Committee that she would like to bring forward a Notice of Motion directing the Land Inventory Binder be received by Council to allow it to be utilized in the request to purchase shoreline properties.

The Chair called for a verbal motion to defer this matter to next meeting so the motions come forward. Carried.

b) Recognition of Employees Policy
i) Redrafted Policy

The Committee discussed various aspects of the draft policy.

Resolution No.: 110/08	
Moved By:	Ron Giardetti
Seconded By:	Alana Bishop
THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends Council put the policy to Recognize Employees: with 25 years of services and those retiring after 10 years of service.	
CARRIED	

7. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No.: 111/08	
Moved By:	Ron Giardetti
Seconded By:	Alana Bishop
THAT the hour of 7:45 having arrived the meeting adjourn.	
CARRIED	

CONFIRMED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF 2008

_____
Reeve

_____
Clerk