

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2010 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 420 LESLIE AVENUE, THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO AT THE HOUR OF 4:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT: Reeve Maria Harding
Councillor Alana Bishop
Councillor Donna Blunt
Councillor Ab Covello

ALSO PRESENT: Wendy Hamlin, Clerk
Eric Collingwood, CAO, Treasurer
Don Manahan, Manahan Planning
Joe Drcar, Deputy Fire Chief
Three persons in audience

ABSENT: Councillor Ron Giardetti, with regrets

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to review the Draft Official Plan with Manahan Planning and to deal with such other items needed; due to timeline of next regular meeting of March 8, 2010.

1. Call To Order - Declare meeting open to public

Resolution No.: 1562/10	
Moved By:	Donna Blunt
Seconded By:	Ab Covello
THAT this Special Meeting of Council is open to the public and is hereby called to order at 4:00 pm.	
CARRIED	

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest by any member of Council on any item listed on the agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No.: 1563/10	
Moved By:	Alana Bishop
Seconded By:	Donna Blunt
THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.	
CARRIED	

4. Items of Business

4.1 Resolution petitioning the Minister of Transportation to review the design of the proposed Birch Beach T-Intersection

Resolution No.: 1564/10

Moved By: Ab Covello
Seconded By: Alana Bishop

WHEREAS as part of the four lane project, the Ministry of Transportation has provided details regarding the proposed connection from the existing Highway 11/17 to the new four-lane facility in the vicinity of Birch Beach Road in the Municipality of Shuniah;

AND WHEREAS representatives from the local Ministry of Transportation attended a public meeting held by Council on January 13, 2010 to review the proposed design;

AND WHEREAS approximately 60 property owners were in attendance at the public meeting;

AND WHEREAS at the above noted meeting the public brought forward the following concerns with respect to the proposed design of the Birch Beach Intersection:

- resulting in an increase in traffic volume on the existing Birch Beach Road, which traverses south of the existing highway, and
- the configuration and location of the proposed design of the T-intersection to be located north of the existing highway.

AND WHEREAS Council strongly agrees with the residents' concerns as stated above;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation's responses do not appear to be addressing the concerns of the property owners;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah does hereby petition the Minister of Transportation to retain the services of an independent engineering firm to review the design of the vehicular connection from the proposed new four lane Highway 11/17 to the existing Highway 11/17 at the Birch Beach intersection;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Larry Lambert, Ministry of Transportation and to Michael Gravelle, MPP.

CARRIED

The Reeve undertook to present the Minister of Transportation a copy of the resolution during the OGRA/ROMA Conference in February 2010.

4.2 Fire Chief's request to attend EMO Regional Session March 4, 2010

Resolution No.: 1565/10

Moved By: Ab Covello
Seconded By: Donna Blunt

THAT the Fire Chief is hereby authorized to attend the Emergency Measures Organization's Regional Session being held March 4, 2010 in North Bay, and that his expenses be paid according to policy.

CARRIED

4.3 A by-law to authorize the Reeve and CAO to execute all necessary documents to purchase certain lands within the Municipality

Resolution No.: 1566/10

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ab Covello

THAT a by-law to authorize the Reeve and CAO to execute all necessary documents to purchase certain lands within the Municipality be read a First and Second Time this Eighteenth Day of February 2010;

AND THAT same be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

Councillor Bishop requested that due to the nature of the by-law that Council complete third and final reading.

Resolution No.: 1567/10

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ab Covello

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to authorize the Reeve and CAO to execute all necessary documents to purchase certain lands within the Municipality be received and deemed to have been read a third time and numbered 2451/10;

AND THAT the said by-law be engrossed in the By-law Book.

CARRIED

4.3 Official Plan Review

Don Manahan, of Manahan Planning presented Council with draft map scheduled for the draft Official Plan. He then completed an executive overview of the draft plan.

Don Manahan will forward tentative dates for a planning workshop where Council will review it item by item.

Resolution No.: 1568/10

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ab Covello

THAT Council receives the Draft Official Plan as prepared by Manahan Planning and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

CARRIED

6. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution No.: 1569/10

Moved By: Donna Blunt
Seconded By: Ab Covello

THAT a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read a First, Second, and Third time Eighteenth Day of February 2010 and Numbered 2452/10;

AND THAT the said By-law be engrossed in the By-law Book.

CARRIED

7. Adjourn

Resolution No.: 1570/10	
Moved By:	Alana Bishop
Seconded By:	Donna Blunt
THAT the hour of 5:31 pm having arrived the meeting adjourn.	
CARRIED	

CONFIRMED AND ADOPTED THIS

DAY OF

2010

Reeve

Clerk