

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY 2010 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 420 LESLIE AVENUE, THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO AT THE HOUR OF 5:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Wendy Hamlin, Clerk
Eric Collingwood, CAO, Treasurer
Craig Baumann, Manager of Operations
Blair Arthur, Fire Chief
Joe Drcar, Deputy Fire Chief

at 5 pm Rick Inman, Senior Project Manager for the Ministry of Transportation
Dale Wiersema, Engineering North Ltd.
Approximately 40 persons in the audience

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss 2010 capital expenditures and to receive a presentation from the Ministry of Transportation on the Proposed Highway Connection for Birch Beach Road.

1. Call To Order - Declare meeting open to public

Resolution No.: 1503/10	
Moved By:	Ron Giardetti
Seconded By:	Donna Blunt
THAT this Special Meeting of Council is open to the public and is hereby called to order at 3:35 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.: 1504/10	
Moved By:	Donna Blunt
Seconded By:	Ab Covello
THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.	
CARRIED	

4. Items of Business

- 4.1 2010 Capital Expenditures
i) Fire Department

Administration was directed to prepare a resolution for pre budget authorization to purchase a chassis for the fire truck and to bring forward at budget sessions a discussion on the distribution of fire revenue.

Resolution No.: 1504/10

Moved By: Ron Giardetti
Seconded By: Donna Blunt

THAT the Fire Department's 2010 5-year Capital Budget Projection be received as presented and that it be referred to the 2010 Budget session for further discussion.

CARRIED

ii) Public Works

Resolution No.: 1506/10

Moved By: Ab Covello
Seconded By: Donna Blunt

THAT the Public Works proposed 2010 Capital Project Budget be received as presented and that it be referred to the 2010 Budget session for further discussion.

CARRIED

4.2 At 5 pm - Ministry of Transportation's presentation on the Proposed Highway 11/17 East Connection – Birch Beach Road

Rick Inman and Dale Wiersema completed a presentation with respect to the proposed connection for Birch Beach Road from the proposed 4 lane highway to the existing Highway 11/17.

There were many responses received from the audience who had concerns with the proposed design. The main concern was that it would cause more traffic on its way to Eldorado or Nelson Roads to detour down Birch Beach Road by the cottages; with more traffic is the concern for the safety of the children; and further more traffic would result in an increase in maintenance of the existing road. Other concerns raised were, for the businesses along the existing highway; the residents having to double back to get to their mail boxes at Crystal Beach, which is also a community centre where people gather, and how it would affect school bus routes.

Mr. Inman stated that the highway redesign project was set and funding received with a 3-year timeline and though the project needs to continue as scheduled he undertook to review and see if any of the concerns raised could be factored in.

6. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution No.: 1507/10

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 on this Thirteenth Day of January 2010 and numbered 2340/10;

AND THAT the said by-law be engrossed in the by-law book.

CARRIED

