

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 420 LESLIE AVENUE, THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO AT THE HOUR OF 5:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT: Donna Blunt, Acting Reeve
Councillor Alana Bishop
Councillor Ab Covello

ALSO PRESENT: Wendy Hamlin, Clerk
Rick Inman, Senior Project Manager,
Ministry of Transportation
Kevin Briggs, and Dale Wiersema Project Engineers
with ENL Engineering Northwest Ltd.

ABSENT: Reeve Maria Harding, with regrets
Councillor Ron Giardetti, with regrets

Resolution to Appoint Acting Reeve

Resolution No.: 1030/09

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ab Covello

THAT Donna Blunt be appointed a Acting Reeve for this meeting and further as Chair of the Committee of the Whole of Council for the month of March 2009.

CARRIED

1. CALL TO ORDER

Resolution No.: 1031/09

Moved By: Ab Covello
Seconded By: Alana Bishop

THAT this meeting of Council is hereby called to order at 5:00 pm.

CARRIED

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest from any member of Council on any item listed on the Agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No.: 1032/09

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ab Covello

THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. CLOSED SESSION

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a) Minutes of the previous Meeting of Council held February 9, 2009

The Acting Reeve noted that the Clerk will make two minor corrections in the minutes.

Resolution No.: 1033/09

Moved By: Alana Bishop

Seconded By: Ab Covello

THAT the Minutes of the Forty-sixth Regular Meeting of Council held February 9, 2009 be adopted as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.

CARRIED

- b) Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a) Rick Inman, Senior Project Manager Ministry of Transportation

Rick Inman, Senior Project Manager, Ministry of Transportation; Kevin Briggs, and Dale Wiersema Project Engineers with ENL Engineering Northwest Ltd. were present to complete a presentation on the design of the future four laning of Highway 11/17.

Mr. Wiersema explained that the design is for a four-lane divided highway facility including 12 km of new alignment. He explained that there is a need to address safety and operational issues associated with high speed traffic with school buses and local traffic; to reduce delay times caused by turning vehicles; and to meet the needs of travel demand on the Highway 11/17 corridor. The new 4 Lane Highway will allow for a parallel route system in the event of roadway accidents and/or natural disasters.

The Ministry is currently reviewing access concerns with impacted businesses; property owners and will work with affected stakeholders to address concerns. Mr. Wiersema updated Council on the status of work with respect to property acquisition, field investigations and environmental assessments.

There was discussion of concerns with the hill located on Mackenzie Station Road; Mr. Wiersema stated it will be looked into.

There is no a construction date set as yet; however the design date has a deadline of the summer of 2010, pending on access and Federal funding to acquire properties.

There will be two Public Information Centres (PIC's) scheduled throughout the study, one near completion of the Preliminary Design and the other near completion of the Detail Design. Notices will be forwarded to the Municipality and published in the local paper prior to each PIC.

Any transfer of the existing portion of highway would be discussed between MTO and the Municipality. This portion of highway is scheduled for resurfacing 2011/2012. There was a general discussion on the existing bridge.

All property owners have been sent offers to purchase and discussions with the property owners are taking place with respect to solutions of access concerns resulting from the Ministry acquiring a portion of their lands. Property owners can discuss the value of the sale with the Ministry's property department; who will review any options.

With respect to maintenance of Highway 11/17; Mr. Inman undertook to bring forward the Reeve's questions to Mr. Lambert

Council brought forward its beliefs with respect to the new portion of highway that will bypass the businesses in Shuniah; which is basically the core; proper signage needs to be placed along the new highway to indicate these businesses; and further an additional public access off the new highway would better serve the businesses if it were located closer to the Crystal Beach area.

7. REPORTS & MINUTES FROM OTHER BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- a) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting held February 9, 2009

Resolution No.: 1034/09	
Moved By:	Ab Covello
Seconded By:	Alana Bishop
THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting held February 9, 2009 be adopted as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.	
CARRIED	

- b) Committee of Adjustment request for pre-budget approval to attend seminar in Waterloo Ontario May 31st to June 3rd

Resolution No.: 1035/09	
Moved By:	Ab Covello
Seconded By:	Alana Bishop
THAT Committee of Adjustment request for pre-budget approval so that the Secretary may attend the seminar in Waterloo Ontario May 31 st to June 3 rd and that her expenses be paid according to policy be approved.	
CARRIED	

- c) Minutes of the Police Services Board (SPSB) meeting held January 19, 2009

Resolution No.: 1036/09	
Moved By:	Alana Bishop
Seconded By:	Ab Covello
THAT the Minutes of the Police Services Board meeting held January 19, 2009 be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.	
CARRIED	

- d) SPSB request for pre-budget approval to attend Ontario Association of Police Services Board's annual conference in Cornwall Ontario April 30th to May 2nd 2009

Resolution No.: 1037/09

Moved By: Ab Covello
Seconded By: Alana Bishop

THAT the Shuniah Police Services Board request for pre-budget approval for members to attend the annual conference in Cornwall Ontario April 30th to May 2nd be approved.

CARRIED

e) OPP Monthly report for January 2009

Resolution No.: 1038/09

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ab Covello

THAT the OPP Monthly report for January 2009 be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.

CARRIED

f) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) 2008 Annual Report

Resolution No.: 1039/09

Moved By: Ab Covello
Seconded By: Alana Bishop

THAT the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority 2008 Annual Report be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.

CARRIED

g) LRCA Minutes of the Meeting held December 10, 2008

Administration to bring forward an update re property transfer of the property owned by the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority located by Silver Harbour Road.

Resolution No.: 1040/09

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ab Covello

THAT the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting held December 10, 2008 be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.

CARRIED

h) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) 2009 Annual General Meeting April 15-18 2009 in Fort Frances

It was noted that if anyone is aware of any community events to inform the Northwestern Ontario Municipalities Association.

Resolution No.: 1041/09

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ab Covello

THAT the following persons are hereby authorized to attend the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association's Annual General Meeting scheduled for April 15th to 18th 2009 in Fort Frances and that their expenses be paid according to policy;

Members to be confirmed.

CARRIED

8. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- a) By-law Enforcement
- b) Building and Planning
- c) Public Works
- d) Fire Department
- e) Administration
- f) Finance Department

9. REPORTS OF REEVE AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Bishop informed Council that she had attended a meeting with residents who have formed a Committee and will attend the March 23rd, 2009 Council meeting to discuss recreation use of the municipal property on Road No. 5. for baseball and skating.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) General {res}

Resolution No.: 1042/09

Moved By: Ab Covello
Seconded By: Alana Bishop

THAT the following items of General Correspondence be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office:

- i. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Municipal support of Earth Hour
- ii. AMO Municipal action on bottled water
- iii. Letter from Hon. Michael Gravelle re: "current value" system under the Assessment Act
- iv. Copy of the letter from Larry Lambert MTO to Hon. Michael Gravelle re: reflective markers
- v. Letter from Hon. Jim Bradley to Hon. Michael Gravelle re: CNR Kinghorn subdivision.
- vi. Letter from Ministry of Community Safety and correctional Services re: Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act 2008.
- vii. Invitation to attend "Growing Forward" conference in Red Rock.
- viii. Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs re: Municipal Politicians Seminar Firefighting 101, Sunday May 3 and 4 in Toronto
- ix. AMO Report to member on Jan 2009 Board Meeting

CARRIED

b) Referred

11. BY-LAWS

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request for support Town of Marathon re: Distance Markers for Highways 11 and 17

Resolution No.: 1043/09

Moved By: Ab Covello
Seconded By: Alana Bishop

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah hereby supports the Town of Marathon in its request to the Minister of Transportation to expedite the installation of distance markers along Highways 11 and 17 so as to offer a more definable method of establishing an accidents location, and thereby ensuring a timely response to those travellers in need;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of Transportation and to the Honourable Michael Gravelle, M.P.P.

CARRIED

b) Notice of lottery licence for Canadian Red Cross Society

Resolution No.: 1044/09

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ab Covello

THAT Council receives, as circulated, a copy of the Red Cross Society's notice of approval to conduct a province-wide lottery under Lottery Licence No. 1529 and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

CARRIED

14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution No.: 1045/09

Moved By: Ab Covello
Seconded By: Alana Bishop

THAT a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read a First, Second and Third time on this Twenty-third Day of February 2009 and Numbered 2379-09;

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

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No.: 1046/09

Moved By: Ab Covello
Seconded By: Alana Bishop

THAT the hour of 6:13 pm having arrived the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

CONFIRMED AND ADOPTED THIS

DAY OF

2009

Reeve

Clerk