

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF MARCH 2009 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

ALSO PRESENT: Eric Collingwood, C.A.O.
Nadene Hunley, Assistant Deputy Clerk
Blair Arthur, Fire Chief, By-law Enforcement Officer
Craig Baumann, Manager of Operations
Alan Cooke, Chief Building Official
Joe Drcar, Deputy Fire Chief
Mr. Stacey Thompson
Mr. Robert Zanette
Approximately 20 McTavish Ward Residents

ABSENT: Councillor Ron Giardetti, with regrets

1. CALL TO ORDER

Resolution No.: 1047/09	
Moved By:	Ab Covello
Seconded By:	Donna Blunt
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.: 1048/09	
Moved By:	Donna Blunt
Seconded By:	Ab Covello
THAT the agenda be accepted as presented with the following addition: Item 8 f) ii) Fire Expenditures for February 2009.	
CARRIED	

4. CLOSED SESSION

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a) Minutes of the previous Meeting of Council held February 23, 2009 {res}

Councillor Blunt noted that Resolution No. 1035/09 of the February 23rd minutes did not identify that it was the Secretary who would be attending the seminar. The Assistant Deputy Clerk undertook to correct the omission.

Resolution No.: 1049/09

Moved By: Ab Covello
Seconded By: Donna Blunt

THAT the Minutes of the Forty-seventh Regular Meeting of council held February 23, 2009 be adopted as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office. And filed in the Clerk's Office.

CARRIED

b) Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Stacey Thompson- re: McTavish Recreation Centre

Mr. Thompson introduced himself and stated that he was a part of the newly formed McTavish Recreation Committee which is comprised of local residents in the Pearl area. He gave a brief history of the area and explained that many of the children who had grown up in the area had moved away but were now back in the Community with their families. He explained that there has been a growing number of youth to the area and the parents were eager to give them the opportunity to utilize the Recreation Centre however it was in need of repairs.

He listed some items which he was hoping to have in the near future. He stated that they would like to see a proper skating rink with boards as they have currently been flooding the area with difficulty. He went on to say that they would like a small heated shelter for the children to put their skates on as well as a structure to store the equipment such as a snow blower. He said the children have been using the field to play soccer however they would like to have 2 soccer nets. He further asked that the baseball field be repaired to include a proper diamond and a back stop. He said the parents would oversee the upkeep of the area and equipment.

Mr. Thompson stated that currently there were approximately 20 kids that use the current facilities mostly from Pearl and that he did not have the numbers of children from areas like Loon Lake, Bass Lake, Pass Lake or Superior Shores.

The Reeve assured Mr. Thompson that Council would seriously look at his requests and thanked him and the all the children for coming in to speak to Council.

b) Robert Zanette- Plan of Subdivision Lakeshore Drive

Mr. Zanette presented a copy of the 1st phase of a plan of subdivision which he explained was proposed to be developed on Lakeshore Drive. He stated that he purchased the 50 acre lot one and a half years ago and was proposing a plan of condominium for the lot.

He described the process to date in which he had been to Shuniah, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of the Environment, Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, Canadian National Railways and the City of Thunder Bay.

Mr. Zanette said that he had considered a number of factors. He explained that he had done developments such as these in a variety of other places and was currently gathering information which would help him decide in which direction to take on this particular development. He sighted a few matters and issues going forward,

He stated that he had forwarded a draft zoning amendment to the office for review which was intended to rezone the lot to allow for an increase to the number of units. He explained that the density was considered low by other Municipal standards at 2 units per acre which in this case would equate to approximately 100 units. However he was planning a 4 phase plan the first being a 22 units on a 12 ½ acre parcel.

Mr. Zanette pointed out that the proposed style of architecture would be aesthetically pleasing and the development would be sensitive to the shoreline and abutting neighbours.

Mr. Zanette said he was working with Engineering Northwest regarding a Servicing Options Studying which included talks with the City of Thunder Bay for the potential of hooking on to City services and asked if Council had ever thought of extending those services into Shuniah.

Councillor Blunt asked Mr. Zanette if he was aware of the nesting bald eagle on the property.

Mr. Zanette explained that he had already consulted with MNR on this matter. He stated that he would be working within any limits set by the authorities regarding this.

He finished his presentation and asked if Council would consider supporting this development.

The Reeve indicated that she would like a resolution brought forward at the next meeting of Council to support the project in principle.

7. REPORTS & MINUTES FROM OTHER BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- a) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting held February 23, 2009

Resolution No.: 1050/09	
Moved By:	Alana Bishop
Seconded By:	Ab Covello
THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting held February 23, 2009 be adopted as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office. And filed in the Clerk's Office.	
CARRIED	

- b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Media and Communications Training Program

Resolution No.: 1051/09	
Moved By:	Ab Covello
Seconded By:	Donna Blunt
THAT the following persons are hereby authorized to attend the General Media Relations ,Communications and Presentation Skills Program hosted by AMO, being held in Thunder Bay July 13 th , 2009 and their expenses be paid according to policy. Donna Blunt, Alana Bishop and Reeve Harding and staff to be determined.	
CARRIED	

- c) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Source Protection schedule of Public Events

Resolution No.: 1052/09	
Moved By:	Donna Blunt
Seconded By:	Ab Covello
THAT Council receives the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Source Protection Committee Schedule of public events and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.	
CARRIED	

- d) Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment Hearings held November 4, 2008 and February 17, 2009

Resolution No.: 1053/09	
Moved By:	Alana Bishop
Seconded By:	Donna Blunt
THAT Council receives a copy of the Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment Hearing held November 4, 2008 and February 17, 2009 and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.	
CARRIED	

- e) Copies of the decisions from the Committee of Adjustment made February 18, 2009 and March 17, 2009

Resolution No.: 1054/09	
Moved By:	Alana Bishop
Seconded By:	Donna Blunt
THAT Council receives a copy of the decisions from the Committee of Adjustment made February 18, 2009 and March 17, 2009 and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.	
CARRIED	

- f) Minutes of the Police Services Board (SPSB) meeting held January 17, 2009

Resolution No.: 1055/09	
Moved By:	Donna Blunt
Seconded By:	Ab Covello
THAT Council receives a copy of the Minutes of the Police Services Board (SPSB) meeting held January 17, 2009	
CARRIED	

- g) OPP Monthly report for February 2009

Resolution No.: 1056/09	
Moved By:	Alana Bishop
Seconded By:	Donna Blunt
THAT Council receives the OPP Monthly report for February 2009 a copy and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.	
CARRIED	

- h) Copy of the Letter from SPSB to Superintendent Ron Van Straalen

Resolution No.: 1057/09	
Moved By:	Donna Blunt
Seconded By:	Alana Bishop
THAT Council receives the Letter from Shuniah Police Services Board to Superintendent Ron Van Straalen and a copy of same be filed in the Clerk's Office.	
CARRIED	

- i) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) Minutes of the Annual Meeting held January 28, 2009

Resolution No.: 1058/09

Moved By: Donna Blunt

Seconded By: Ab Covello

THAT Council receives the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) Minutes of the Annual Meeting held January 28, 2009 and a copy of same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

CARRIED

- j) Minutes from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit Board of Health Annual meeting and Regular Meeting both held January 20, 2009

Resolution No.: 1059/09

Moved By: Donna Blunt

Seconded By: Alana Bishop

THAT Council receives the Minutes from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit Board of Health Annual meeting and Regular Meeting both held January 20, 2009 and a copy of same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

CARRIED

- k) Minutes from the LRCA Source Protection meeting held February 4, 2009

Resolution No.: 1060/09

Moved By: Alana Bishop

Seconded By: Donna Blunt

THAT Council receives the Minutes from the LRCA Source Protection meeting held February 4, 2009 and a copy of same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

CARRIED

- l) Copy of the letter from the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) to the Prime Minister re: Best Start Program.

Resolution No.: 1061/09

Moved By: Alana Bishop

Seconded By: Donna Blunt

THAT Council receives a copy of the letter from the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) to the Prime Minister re: Best Start Program and a copy of same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

CARRIED

Reeve Harding asked that a Resolution of Council be brought forward at the next meeting supporting DSSAB's efforts in retaining funding for this program.

- m) AMO & Ontario Good Roads Alert re: Cosmetic Pesticides Ban

Resolution No.: 1062/09

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Donna Blunt

THAT Council receives the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Ontario Good Roads Alert: re Cosmetic Pesticides Ban and a copy of same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

CARRIED

8. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- a) By-law Enforcement
- b) Building and Planning
- c) Public Works
- d) Fire Department
 - i) Resolution to authorize the Fire Chief's attendance at the Annual Ontario Association of Fire Chief's Conference being held in Toronto May 2nd to 6th 2009.

Resolution No.: 1063/09

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Donna Blunt

THAT the Fire Chief is hereby authorized to attend the Annual Ontario Association of Fire Chief's Conference being held in Toronto May 2nd to 6th 2009 and that his expenses be paid according to policy.

CARRIED

- ii) Resolution to authorize the Deputy Fire Chief's attendance at the one-day session on Critical Incident Group Debriefing held in Thunder Bay on March 27th, 2009

Resolution No.: 1064/09

Moved By: Donna Blunt
Seconded By: Alana Bishop

THAT the Deputy Fire Chief is hereby authorized to attend a one-day session on Critical Incident Group Debriefing (CIGD) being held in Thunder Bay on March 27, 2009 and that his expenses be paid according to policy.

CARRIED

- iii) Resolution to authorize the Fire Chief's attendance at a 1 ½ day session on Cross Border Health and Safety being held March 24th and 25th in Grand Portage Minnesota

Resolution No.: 1065/09

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ab Covello

THAT the Fire Chief is hereby authorized to attend the 1 ½ day session on Cross Border Health and Safety being held March 24th and 25th in Grand Portage Minnesota and that his expenses be paid according to policy.

CARRIED

e) Administration

- i) Memo from Eric Collingwood re: Recreation Committee

Resolution No.: 1066/09	
Moved By:	Ab Covello
Seconded By:	Donna Blunt
THAT the Memo from Eric Collingwood C.A.O. regarding the Recreation Committee be received as presented.	
CARRIED	

The C.A.O. explained that he was unable to complete the Interim Project Report from the Ministry of Health Promotion as there had been no money spent from September 2008 therefore there was no financial information to report. He indicated that the Committee would have to fill out their portion of the Report regarding the success of the program and other such information as there was no way he could know any of those details. He indicated he was looking for direction from Council.

Council directed the C.A.O. to correspond to the Recreation Committee through Councillor Ab Covello, the Council Representative serving on the Committee.

- ii) Memo from Wendy Hamlin re: Property Standards Committee

Resolution No.: 1067/09	
Moved By:	Ab Covello
Seconded By:	Donna Blunt
THAT Donna Mahoney is hereby appointed to sit on the Shuniah Property Standards Committee and relieve Maria Harding as member of the committee.	
CARRIED	

f) Finance Department

- i) Monthly Expenditures for February 2009
ii) Fire Expenditures for February 2009

Resolution No.: 1068/09	
Moved By:	Donna Blunt
Seconded By:	Alana Bishop
THAT the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah hereby authorizes payment of the accounts for the month of February 2009 in the amount of 349,805.86	
CARRIED	

9. REPORTS OF REEVE AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Blunt reported on the presentation from MTO at the Thunder Bay District Municipal League's meeting and said she felt their concerns were heard and answered. MTO assured that during the last big storm nine out of ten standards were met.

Council briefly discussed the request for picture from the Municipality of Shuniah for NOMA and Councillor Bishop said that pictures of our Municipality could be included on the NOSTA website.

Councillor Blunt said that the LRCA Board had drawings for their new office building and are getting estimates and looking at a plan to develop funding opportunities. She reported that Hazelwood Conservation area was changing its name to Hazelwood Lake Nature Centre and would be undergoing some minor renovations as well as attempting to expand the utilization by promoting the venue to facilitate weddings. They have partnered with White Fox to undertake the catering portion.

Reeve Harding discussed her meeting with Minister Bradley and was pleased to announce that the remainder of roads Council was asking to have reflector markers installed was approved.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a) General

Resolution No.: 1069/09	
Moved By:	Alana Bishop
Seconded By:	Ab Covello
THAT the following items of General Correspondence be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office:	
i. Letter from Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Earth Hour	
ii. Letter from Engineering Northwest re: Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transport Facilities	
iii. Appointment of Hearing Ontario Municipal Board-Aggregate Act	
iv. MNR Flooding message from Minister Donna Cansfield	
v. Letter from Larry Lambert Ministry of Transportation re: Ontario Good Roads delegation meeting with Reeve Harding Minister Bradley	
vi. Copy of the letter to Hon. Michael Gravelle from MTO Minister Jim Bradley re: Winter Maintenance of Hwy 11/17	
vii. Letter from the Federal Minister of Transport John Baird re: CN Kinghorn Subdivision	
viii. Letter from W.C. Alexander re: Future use of the CN right-of-way	
ix. Letter from City of Sudbury re: Regulations of Resources to Monitor Retirement Homes	
x. Letter from Town of Mattawa re: request to reconsider Federal and Provincial Funding Formula	
xi. Hydro One 2009 Vegetation Control maintenance Program	
CARRIED	

b) Referred

- i. Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Government Expenditure Restraints

Resolution No.: 1070/09	
Moved By:	Donna Blunt
Seconded By:	Alana Bishop
THAT the letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Government Expenditure Restraints be referred to the budget Committee for further discussion.	
CARRIED	

11. BY-LAWS

- a) A by-law to authorize the Municipality to enter into an agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for funding incurred from flooding

Resolution No.: 1071/09
Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ab Covello
THAT a by-law to authorize the Municipality to enter into an agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for funding incurred from flooding be read a first and second time this Twenty-third day of March 2009;
AND THAT same be referred to the Committee of the Whole of Council
CARRIED

Councillor Bishop requested that due to the nature of the by-law that third and final reading be completed

Resolution No.: 1072/09
Moved By: Donna Blunt
Seconded By: Alana Bishop
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to authorize the Municipality to enter into an agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for funding incurred from flooding be received and deemed to have been read a Third time and numbered 2380-09;
AND THAT the said By-law be engrossed in the By-law Book.
CARRIED

- b) A by-law to declare Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Reference Plan 55R-12822 surplus and authorize the direct sale of the said lands.

Resolution No.: 1073/09
Moved By: Ab Covello
Seconded By: Alana Bishop
THAT a by-law to declare Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Reference Plan 55R-12822 surplus and authorize the direct sale of the said lands be read a first and second time this Twenty-third day of March 2009;
AND THAT same be referred to the Committee of the Whole of Council
CARRIED

Councillor Covello requested that due to the nature of the by-law that third and final reading be completed

Resolution No.: 1074/09
Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ab Covello
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to declare Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Reference Plan 55R-12822 surplus and authorize the direct sale of the said lands be received and deemed to have been read a Third time and numbered 2381-09.
AND THAT the said By-law be engrossed in the By-law Book.
CARRIED

- c) A by-law to authorize the Municipality to enter into an agreement with Ancliffe Timber to transfer lands.

Resolution No.: 1075/09

Moved By: Ab Covello
Seconded By: Alana Bishop

THAT a by-law to authorize the Municipality to enter into an agreement with Ancliffe Timber to transfer lands, be read a First and Second time this twenty-third day of March 2009;
AND THAT same be referred to the Committee of the Whole of Council

CARRIED

Councillor Covello requested that due to the nature of the by-law that third and final reading be completed

Resolution No.: 1076/09

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ab Covello

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to authorize the Municipality to enter into an agreement with Ancliffe Timber to transfer lands be received and deemed to have been read a Third time and numbered 2382-09.
AND THAT the said By-law be engrossed in the By-law Book.

CARRIED

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Minister Responsible for Seniors re: Senior of the Year nominations

Resolution No.: 1077/09

Moved By: Donna Blunt
Seconded By: Alana Bishop

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah hereby nominates **B. Watson** for the 2009 Senior of the Year Award sponsored by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.

CARRIED

14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW {res}

Resolution No.: 1078/09

Moved By: Alana Bishop
Seconded By: Ab Covello

THAT a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read a First, Second and Third time on this Twenty-third day of March 2009 and Numbered 2383-09
AND THAT the said By-law be engrossed in the By-law Book.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT {res}

Resolution No.: 1079/09	
Moved By:	Donna Blunt
Seconded By:	Alana Bishop
THAT the hour of 6:40 having arrived the meeting adjourn.	
CARRIED	

CONFIRMED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF 2009

Reeve

Clerk