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Minutes March 16, 2016

Regular COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Call to Order

6:00 pm

Present: Acting Mayor: Carl MacKenzie; Councilors: Mike Jones; Boris Koehler, Tasha Strum

Staff: Deputy Clerk: Gina Marie Wilson, Roads Working Foreman: Kelly Belisle-Greer

Presenter: Darlene Walsh – Bruce Mines Agricultural Society

Guests: Pat Kerr, Dan Kerr

1. ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

Resolution 2016-63

Mike Jones

Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Addendum to Agenda as follows:

- a) Amended spread sheet for the 2016 Gravel Tender (proposed) and quote from Karhi Construction for Crystal Cove to be considered [under item 5g];
- b) Health Centre Financials (March 14, 2016) [under 21a];
- c) Healthy Kids: as per Steering Committee Meeting Wednesday March 16, 2016 @ 2 pm – Resolution authorizing GM Wilson to vote on behalf of Township until new agreement is signed [under item 12g]. **CARRIED**

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - none noted

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: 6:30 pm

- a) Darlene Walsh – Agriculture (began presentation @ 6:51 p.m.)

- Ms. Walsh noted that while the AG Society is 75% on the way to having a business plan they do not have the funds to pay for the utilities: would the Township consider assisting for a few years? Utilities are the largest stumbling block in the budget for the AG Society. This information is important to have for the next AG meeting on April 5th 2016

- B. Koehler asked if the Town would be waiving water fees. D. Walsh to confirm with the Town if they would do this

- Councilor B. Koehler stated that it will be important for the AG Society to be still in the community as a strong and self-reliant entity

D. Walsh left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

- b) 6:45 pm Jennifer Stanton Smith (CFO) and Connie Lee (CNO)

- unable to attend this meeting; to be rescheduled for April 20th, 2016

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

- a) Feb 17, 2016 (Regular)

Resolution 2016-64

Tasha Strum

Carl MacKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the minutes of February 17, 2016 Regular Meeting.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

MUNICIPAL STAFF REPORTS ~ 6:00 pm

5. Roads Working Foreman (RWF) ~ (K. Belisle-Greer) @ 6:05 p.m.

- a) RWF report Feb 13th – Mar 11th

- Discussion about culverts

- To be confirmed: through the CAFC Beaver Management workshop there may be an opportunity to have a trapezoid culvert cover installed as an experiment to test their efficacy with managing beavers in our Township

- Algoma Power will be removing the canopy of the trees that could affect the power line on East Line Road; Township staff can then safely remove the trunks
- RWF is arranging for Stewardship students to work in Township; a request for some extra time to have them assist with Cemeteries has been made
- ½ loads are on

b) Rural Road Maintenance Course April 19-20; Parry Sound; registration \$595.00 + HST

Resolution 2016-65

Tasha Strum

Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED that this council approves having the Roads Working Foreman attend the Rural Road Maintenance course in Parry Sound, April 19th & 20th for \$595.00 (+ HST). **CARRIED**

c) Brushing quotes

Resolution 2016-66

Mike Jones

Tasha Strum

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves the Brushing Quote by Steve Konka for Finlayson Road for \$3,960.00 (+HST) and West Road for \$6,290.00 (+HST); pending budget approval, to have Steve Konka do Centerline Road (\$14,025.00 + HST) and Plummer Road (\$8,745.00 + HST) as per quote received. **CARRIED**

d) FYI - Sucker Creek Culvert Replacement Final Report

e) Guardian Electric – quote for lighting

Resolution 2016-67

Boris Koehler

Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves the estimate of Guardian Electric to install 3 new LED fixtures on the exterior of the municipal office/garage for \$779.70 (taxes included). **CARRIED**

f) North Entry door – Hollow Metal Door quote

Resolution 2016-68

Tasha Strum

Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves the estimate of Hollow Metal to completely replace the North Entry Door to the garage for \$2,282.78 (+ HST). **CARRIED**

g) Gravel Tender – proposed roads

Resolution 2016-69

Boris Koehler

Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves staff to tender out as per priority list & Asset Management Plan as supplies the Road Working Foreperson for the Gravel Contract for Sections #: Duff Road (Section #520), East Line Road (Section #415 & 425), West Road (Section #333) (to be placed on the road - approximately 3,425.00 cubic meters). To be stockpiled: 400 cubic meters of 2" minus; 500 cubic meters of 5/8 minus. **CARRIED**

Resolution 2016-70

Boris Koehler

Tasha Strum

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves the quote by Karhi Construction to provide 400 cubic meters of gravel on Crystal Cove Road for \$1,864.50 (tax included). **CARRIED**

h) Ditching Tender – proposed roads

Resolution 2016-71

Mike Jones

Tasha Strum

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves staff to tender out as per priority list and Asset Management Plan as supplied by the Road Working Foreperson for Ditching on: East Line Road (Section #415, 425, 430);

Braniff Road (Section #525); Finlayson Road (Section #255); Old Mill Beach Road (Section 370), pending budget approval. **CARRIED**

i) Roadside Grass Cutting – discussion: rental or tractor purchase

The following resolution was read and DEFERRED:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves the request of the Roads Working Foreman to rent a tractor from North Shore Tractor for the period of ____ month(s) (*staff recommendation: 2 months*) for a maximum of \$3,000.00 / month (+ HST) and to schedule Roads staff (Labourer) to complete roadside grass cutting with the brush hog.

- Council directed staff to research the various options and related costs for purchasing a tractor for grass cutting
 - RWF surveyed council regarding interest in a Roads Tour: to be arranged as soon as possible for council to observe spring conditions
- RWF – Kelly Belisle-Greer left the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

6. Planning & By-law Enforcement (R. LeBlanc)

- a) Building permit summary (Feb 9th)
- b) Zoning Amendment: discussion re: allowance for garages to be between the house and roadway on waterfront properties & other amendments.
- Council requested to have Glenn Tunnock available at the April 20th meeting by phone to assist with a few questions

7. Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector ~ (V. Goertzen-Cooke)

- a) FYI- Audit week of March 29th
- b) AMCTO Spring Zone 7 Conference May 4th - 6th; Sundridge, ON

Resolution 2016-72 **Tasha Strum** **Boris Koehler**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves the Clerk to attend the AMCTO Zone 7 Spring Workshop (May 4 – 6, 2016) in Sundridge for \$95.00. **CARRIED**

- c) FYI - Province expanding OCIF funding
- d) FYI - FONOM Announcements on Ontario Budget & Bear Hunt
- e) Livestock Valuer (resln appointing)

Resolution 2016-73 **Mike Jones** **Tasha Strum**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves Michael Nadjiwon as the Township Weed Inspector and Livestock Valuer. **CARRIED**

- f) FYI - Municipal Officer Expense

8. Community Fire Safety Officer:

- a) FYI – CFSO: posting closes March 31st

9. Community Emergency Management Program ~ (C. MacKenzie)

- a) OFMEM – Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection & Emergency Management; \$20 registration; June 13th; 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Bruce Mines Hall (RSVP required)

Resolution 2016-74 **Tasha Strum** **Boris Koehler**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves the following members of council & staff attend the Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection & Emergency Management workshop on June 13th, 2016 in Bruce Mines at a cost of \$20.00 per attendee: Carl MacKenzie, Gina Marie Wilson, CFSO (yet to be appointed), Mike Jones, Graham Gordon; pending availability. **CARRIED**

10. Animal Control: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11. Health & Health Centre ~ (B. Koehler)

- a) Minutes -February 25th
- b) FYI – 2014: Maverick & Son Exterior inspection fee and roof repair quote
- Councilor B. Koehler identified an area of concern: that as landlords, we do not have a set of keys for the whole building
- c) Invitation to Mayors to attend Algoma Public Health Institute on Governance mtg; March 31 @

1pm; Sault Ste. Marie

- No one is available to attend

12. Recreation ~ (T. Strum & B. Koehler)

- a) FYI - Arena Manager Report (March 9)
- b) Request from Town to move Defibrillator from Arena to Health Centre

Resolution 2016-75

Boris Koehler

Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves moving the defibrillator from the Centennial Arena to the Central Algoma Health Center. **CARRIED**

- c) FYI - Healthy Kids; update report (Feb 9th) & notice that ADSSAB (Mar 4th) taking over Administration (mtg on Feb 17th to be rescheduled)
- d) FYI - Trillium Compressor; email from Metal Air (Mar 4)
- e) FYI - Lake Huron North Channel Waterfront Bike Trail
- f) Johnson Twsp – support for Recreation

Resolution 2016-76

Tasha Strum

Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves paying the Township of Johnson a \$300.00 donation for field and equipment upkeep and \$5.00 / registrant for administration costs for the 2016 Soccer & Baseball Season. **CARRIED**

- g) Potential purchaser for the Arena (under Closed Session).
- h) Healthy Kids: Steering Committee Meeting Wednesday March 16, 2016

Resolution 2016-77

Mike Jones

Tasha Strum

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves Gina Marie Wilson as the voting delegate for the Wednesday, March 16, 2016 Steering Committee meeting of the Healthy Kids Community Challenge Program. **CARRIED**

13. Tri-Neighbours & Waste Management ~ (C. MacKenzie)

- a) FYI - Recycling & Refuse totals - Year-end Report for 2015
- Councilor C. MacKenzie noted that there has not yet been a meeting this month because of staff scheduling challenges

14. Cemetery ~ (T. Strum)

- a) Next meeting March 22nd

15. Library, Parks & Hall ~ (B. Koehler)

Library:

- a) FYI - Cindy Chisholm has stepped down as Chair (Feb 18)
- b) FYI - Anne Cranston – has volunteered to be on the Library Board
- Council has directed staff to write to A. Cranston accepting her offer pending resolution of outstanding items of concern for the Library Board
- c) FYI - Library/Town email (Mar 8) re: financials
- d) FYI - Minutes Jan 14, 2016
- e) Fire Plan, Maps, Fire Extinguishers (discussion)
- Councilor B. Koehler (Chair, Library Board) indicated that the library CEO has identified and is addressing items to update the Library Fire Plan

Bruce Station Hall:

- f) Bruce Station Hall – Hollow Metal Doors – quote to fix front door

Resolution 2016-78

Tasha Strum

Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves the quote of HOLLOW METAL for \$873.00 (+ HST)

to repair the door at the Bruce Station Hall.

CARRIED

Rydal Bank Hall

g) Hall rooftop & front of the Hall repairs/replacement – Trillium application

Resolution 2016-79

Mike Jones

Tasha Strum

WHEREAS the Rydal Bank Historical Society is applying to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for funding that will include replacing cedar shingles at the Rydal Bank Hall in a manner sensitive to its heritage designation;

WHEREAS the Chief Building Official does not have any objections with the planned re-roofing & repairs of the Rydal Bank Hall;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council has no opposition to the proposed repairs.

CARRIED

16. Health and Safety ~ (M. Jones)

a) FYI - Minutes March 2nd

17. Personnel

18. Other:

a) FYI - Elk Advisory Meeting: March 23rd @ Laird Hall from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

b) FYI - North Shore Information & Funder's Forum; April 16th @ ADSAB Conference Room [Little Rapids] 10 am – 3 pm; Ontario programs and Government grants.

c) FYI - Regional Economic Development Conference; June 15-16th; Elliot Lake (more details to follow later)

d) Canada Post – Funding opportunity

• Councilor T. Strum expressed an interest in exploring the possibility of re-establishing special events such as the Copper Country Christmas in the Township

19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

20. **NEW BUSINESS:**

• Councilor M. Jones requested that the position of deputy mayor be rotated as per Township policy be put on the agenda for April 20th, 2016.

21. **DISBURSEMENTS:**

a) Expenditures Feb 1-29, 2016

Resolution 2016-80

Tasha Strum

Carl MacKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council authorizes payment of the following expenditures: for February 2016: General - \$84,376.25; Recreation - \$6,864.68; Health Center (March 14, 2016) - \$2,950.19.

CARRIED

b) Financial Statement(s)

22. **BY-LAWS:**

a) Appointment By-Law (amendment – Library, Weed Inspector)

Resolution 2016-81

Boris Koehler

Tasha Strum

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council gives three readings and approves By-law 2016-11 which is a by-law to amend By-law 2016-04 which appoints persons to Boards and Committees for 2016. CARRIED

b) Listing Agreement – Royal LePage – Arena

The following Resolution was read and DEFERRED:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council gives three readings and approves by-law 2016-____ which is a by-law to authorize the Mayor & Clerk to execute an agreement for the Sale of the Arena building and grounds on behalf of the Township of Plummer Additional and Royal LePage Northern Advantage.

DEFERRED23. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS – resolutions looking for support**

a) Bluewater – Physician Recruitment Incentives in Rural Ontario

Resolution 2016-82**Mike Jones****Boris Koehler**

Whereas Ontario's growing and aging population is putting an increasing strain on our publicly-funded health care system;

And Whereas since February 2015, the Ontario government has made an almost 7% unilateral cut to physician services expenditures which cover all the care doctors provide to patients – including cuts to programs which are specifically designed to act as incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas:

And Whereas the decisions Ontario makes today will impact patients' access to quality care in the years to come and these cuts will threaten access to the quality, patient-focused care Ontarians need and expect:

And Whereas Ontario is experiencing a growing rural population as retirees move to the countryside;

And Whereas many rural municipalities in Ontario have formed physician recruitment and retention committees and strategies to deal with the reality of physician retirements and shortages;

And Whereas rural areas in Ontario are already at a distinct disadvantage in recruiting family physicians due to a number of factors;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of Plummer Additional hereby supports the Municipality of Bluewater's requests to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario, and that the minister return to the table with Ontario's doctors and work together through mediation-arbitration to reach a fair deal that protects the quality, patient-focused care Ontario families deserve;

And Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the federal and provincial Ministers of Health, the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons. **CARRIED**

b) Twsp of Southgate – Provincial Budget

Resolution 2016-83**Boris Koehler****Mike Jones**

Whereas a private member's Bill 36, being an Act to amend the Trespass to Property Act has received first and second reading in the legislature and has now been referred to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy; and

Whereas the amendments to the Act in Bill 36 include amending fines ranging from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 under Section 2(1) b) and increasing fines to \$25,000.00 under Section 12 (1) of the Act;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Plummer Additional hereby supports the Township of Wellington North's Resolution 2016-033 and requests that the Minister of the Attorney General support the provisions in Bill 36 to discourage trespassing on private property; and

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy, the Minister of the Attorney General, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Ontario Federation of Angler's and Hunters. **CARRIED**

c) Autism Ontario – proclaim April 2nd as World Autism Day**Resolution 2016-84****Tasha Strum****Carl MacKenzie**

WHEREAS World Autism Day is April 2, 2016;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council supports Autism Ontario in their efforts to increase public awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder and therefore proclaims **April 2, 2016** as World Autism Day in Plummer Additional Township.

d) Minden Hills – OPP Billing Model

Resolution 2016-85**Boris Koehler****Tasha Strum**

Whereas the new OPP billing model was implemented in 2015 and will be phased in over a four (4) year period;

And Whereas the Township of Plummer Additional's 2015 OPP Services invoice was **\$81,108**, an increase of **\$13,656** over 2014;

And Whereas the 2016 OPP invoice for the Township of Plummer Additional increases another **\$34,659** to a total of **\$115,767**;

Be it resolved that the Township of Plummer Additional requests that the Minister of Community Safety and

Correctional Services:

- a) Review and reconsider the new OPP Billing model;
- b) Reconsider assuming a larger portion of the overall OPP budget for all Ontario municipalities serviced by the OPP;
- c) Perform an in-depth review of the current expenditures in order to reduce the cost per household.

And further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Yasir Naqi, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; The Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance; AMO; and to all municipalities serviced by the OPP.

CARRIED

- e) Petition to stop planned increase to Senior's drug costs

Resolution 2016-86

Boris Koehler

Tasha Strum

WHEREAS this council is in agreement with MPP Mike Mantha's concerns regarding increases to Drug Costs for Seniors,

BE IT RESOLVED that council directs staff to provide a copy of the petition for residents to sign at the front desk and to forward the online petition to the ratepayers on the Agendas & Minutes list.

CARRIED

- f) St. Joseph – Matthews Memorial Hospital – possible cut to 24 hour emergency service

Resolution 2016-87

Tasha Strum

Boris Koehler

WHEREAS the Matthews Memorial Hospital provides 24-Hours Emergency services to a catchment area from Echo Bay through to Plummer Additional and receives emergency patients from the travelling public and residents across central Algoma, including Sault Ste. Marie, and

WHEREAS over 6,000 year round residents live in the Matthews Memorial Hospital catchment area and this number increases significantly during the summer months, and

WHEREAS the Northeast Local Health Integration Network (Northeast LHIN) placed the Matthews Memorial Hospital and Thessalon Hospital under the umbrella of the Blind River District Health Centre (BRDHC) with the promise that Blind River would better understand and provide for the needs of the rural communities serviced by them, and

WHEREAS it has been rumoured that BRDHC is considering reducing the hours at the Matthews Memorial Hospital site to a 12-hour (daytime) service, and

WHEREAS having 24-hour emergency care at Matthews Memorial Hospital has saved lives, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Plummer Additional demands that the Blind River District Health Centre re-affirm its commitment to maintaining 24-Hour Emergency Care at Matthews Memorial Hospital, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Blind River District Health Centre begin a process to improve their understanding of the health care needs of Central Algoma residents and work with the area communities to develop a comprehensive plan to better meet those needs. **CARRIED**

- g) M. Mantha MPP; Wisconsin plan to divert 10.1 Million gallons daily from Lake Michigan

Resolution 2016-88

Tasha Strum

Boris Koehler

WHEREAS the letter from Mike Mantha MPP Algoma-Manitoulin of February 29, 2016 regarding the plan of the City of Waukesha's (Wisconsin) plan to divert 38.2 million litres daily from Lake Michigan, **BE IT RESOLVED** that this council encourages the Premier to use all her effective strength of office to reserve this essential resource for all current and future Canadians as she works with the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Governors and the Premiers Regional Body. CARRIED

24 **MEMBERS REPORT (on items other than listed above): (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

• Councilor T. Strum noted that over the Christmas holidays there concerns over the cleanliness of the Bruce Station Hall; she also requested that a change table be installed in the washroom

25. **CLOSED SESSION:** [identifiable]

Resolution 2016-89

Tasha Strum

Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceeds into Closed Session at 9:04 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act: S.239 (2) (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; (c) A proposed or pending acquisition/disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes; (e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

Resolution 2016-90

Mike Jones

Carl MacKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council returns to open meeting at 10:05 p.m.

CARRIED

a) Closed Minutes: Feb 17, 2016

Resolution 2016-91

Tasha Strum

Carl MacKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Closed Minutes of February 17, 2016 (Regular).

CARRIED

b) Vacation approval

Resolutions 2016-92

Tasha Strum

Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves the vacation schedule as presented, noting that scheduled weeks may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances. CARRIED

Resolutions 2016-93

Boris Koehler

Tasha Strum

WHEREAS this council would like to provide encouragement to the Agricultural Society to finalize a business plan to take over the Centennial Arena Building,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that this council approves a levy of \$15,000/year for up to five (5) years provided the Agricultural Society provides a finalize business plan by April 30th, 2016.

CARRIED

26. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Resolution 2016-94

Boris Koehler

Tasha Strum

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council Passes By-Law No. 2016-12, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting held prior to and on March 16, 2016. CARRIED

27. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resolution 2016-95

Carl MacKenzie

Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the Meeting at 10:13 pm to meet again on April 20, 2016 or at the call of the Mayor. CARRIED

Acting Mayor: Carl MacKenzie

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Gina Marie Wilson