

**The Corporation of The Township of Plummer Additional**

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**Minutes August 20, 2014**

Regular COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Call to Order

**6:00 pm**

Present: Mayor Beth West; Councilors: Ken Warwick, Peter Spik, Carl MacKenzie, Angela Hornett

Staff: Gina Marie Wilson

Observers: Mike Jones, Dan Kerr, Pat Kerr

1. **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

**Resln 2014-213      Angela Hornett      Carl MacKenzie**

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

- a) Quote from Pennock Consulting for Maintenance at the Township Office [under section 7h]
- b) That the supplementary documents under Section 12d) be accepted as requested by the HR committee. CD

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** – none noted

3. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:** n/a

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Resln 2014-214      Ken Warwick      Peter Spik**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council approves the minutes of a) July 23, 2014 and b) July 29, 2014. CD

**REPORTS:**

**MUNICIPAL STAFF REPORTS ~ 6:00 pm**

5. Roads Working Foreman (RWF) ~ Kelly Belisle-Greer

- a) RWF – report
- b) BIE Holdings – request to split culvert installation costs
  - Discussion by council acknowledged that it is the obligation ratepayers to pay for culverts
  - The following motion was tabled but defeated

**Moved by: Ken Warwick      Seconded by: Peter Spik**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council accepts the request of BIE Holding to split culvert installation costs by half, with \$54.41 to be paid by council and \$54.41 to be paid by BIE Holdings for a total cost of \$108.82. DEFEATED

- c) D. Strum property –\$1,500 quote for ditching on his property for drainage
  - after attending a site visit on July 23. 2014, council felt the ratepayer’s drainage issue was not a municipal concern
  - The following motion was tabled but defeated

**Moved by: Ken Warwick      Seconded by: Peter Spik**

WHEREAS Doug & Tasha Strum have proposed that the Township share the cost of a ditching project (\$1,500) to drain their property and have offered to allow the water to drain from Cloudslee Road via this ditching project where it would exit the Strum property and deposit onto the Huron Central Railway right of way, and;

WHEREAS there are various options available to the Township;

1. Berm up the perpendicular ditch(s) that are attached to Cloudslee Road from the Strum property.
2. Enter into a multi-joint agreement (to be registered on title) for drainage; sharing the cost for ditching as proposed above by Mr. & Mrs. Strum.
3. Enter into an Engineered Municipal Drain agreement with all parties that contribute and benefit from the drainage project and:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council (*N.B. nothing filled in here by council*) DEFEATED

- d) Rescind – Memorandum of Understanding (resln 2014-167) per R. Bonnett project not going ahead as originally planned.

**Resln 2014-215      Angela Hornett      Ken Warwick**

**WHEREAS** Ron Bonnett has advised that Terry Bonnett is not moving ahead with his proposed culvert project under Cloudslee Road;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council rescinds the Memorandum of Understanding (Res. #2014-167) as this project is not moving forward. CD

- e) Salt Sand 1000 tonnes (resln)

**Resln 2014-216      Angela Hornett      Peter Spik**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves 1000 tonnes of salt sand to be ordered. CD

- f) ODRAP Repair quotes for:

- a) Finlayson Road & Plow Turnaround
- b) Centre Line Road & Crystal Cove
- c) Centre Line Road - grindings
- d) Plummer Road
- e) Black Road - culverts
- f) McPhail Road – culverts

- At the time of council meeting, only one quote was available for the Black Road culverts; deferred for further information

**Resln 2014-217      Angela Hornett      Peter Spik**

**WHEREAS** repairs are still pending from the Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 rain storm;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves J. Bean Construction to do the required repairs as listed;

- a) Finlayson Road & Plow Turnaround b) Centre Line Road & Crystal Cove c) Centre Line Road – grindings  
d) Plummer Road e) McPhail Road – culverts CD

- g) Closed Session – Identifiable to go under item #25 approved by council at 6:29 p.m.

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

- a) Building Permit Summary – July 2014
- b) MMAH – Planning – authority OPA [Bridgett Schulte info if available]

7. Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector ~ Vicky Goertzen-Cooke

- a) Reminder: Sept 12, 2014 @ 2:00 pm is the deadline to submit Nomination Papers to run for council.
- b) Town (email Aug 13) response follow up to July mtg
  - No discussion
- c) FYI: Ernie Hardemann – Official opposition critic for Municipal Affairs
- d) AMO – OPP Policy update – OPP Billing Model Announcement
  - Mayor West indicated that ADMA will be addressing this issue at their September 20<sup>th</sup> 2014 meeting and that ADMA is our best representation for opposing this model which will prove very expensive to our municipality
- e) 911-Central Emergency Reporting Bureau (CERB) contract expires Oct 2014;

**Resln 2014-218      Peter Spik      Angela Hornett**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves the renewal of the 911 Central Emergency Reporting Bureau contract. CD

- f) Ministry of Energy – Mun. Energy Plan Program
- g) Accessibility Directorate – (website update)
- h) Office Maintenance – Pennock quote (as per addendum)

**Resln 2014-219 Peter Spik Angela Hornett**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves the repairs to Township Office windows by Pennock Contracting for \$1,945.00 plus HST. CD

8. Community Fire Safety Officer:
  - a) Burning By-Law Review: (owned/leased land, 15' from property line) P. Spik
    - The bylaw as it stands addresses Councilor Spik's concerns
    - Councilor MacKenzie noted that everything that can be burned in an incinerator is recyclable, which is the preferred method of disposing items
    - Council requested that staff amend the user fee bylaw to reflect a \$12 burning permit rate for all permits issued and eliminate the \$8 fee
    - Council also directed staff to review the need for ratepayers to call in their intention to burn; it was noted that this may require an amendment to the burning bylaw as it stands
  - b) Secondary Fire Agreement with Huron Shores – no discussion
9. Community Emergency Management Program ~ C. MacKenzie
  - a) CEMC Training Exercise – Sept 30<sup>th</sup> @ Town of Bruce Mines
    - All of council confirmed their availability for this exercise; time is still to be announced
  - b) Emergency Plan – updates/revisions for consideration – no further updates noted.
10. Animal Control: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11. Health Centre ~ Ken Warwick

- a) Rental fees (Town)

**Resln 2014-220 Ken Warwick Peter Spik**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this council approves the rental rates for the Health Centre as \$2.00 per square foot for the pharmacist. CD

- b) Roof repair quote (Town)

**Resln 2014-221 Ken Warwick Angela Hornett**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves the roof repairs as quoted from Maverick & Son Exteriors Inc. in the amount of \$ 2,990 plus HST for the Health Centre. CD

- c) Health Centre Audited Statements (DRAFT)

- d) Nurse Practitioner – Satellite Office – information not available from the Town

12. Recreation ~ Peter Spik

- a) No quorum for July meeting – rescheduled to Aug 28<sup>th</sup>
- b) Beach Bash (Recreation or non recreation event); budget & purchasing procedures

**Resln 2014-222 Peter Spik Carl MacKenzie**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council approves the payment of the outstanding amount of the Walmart invoice of \$195.27 to a volunteer on the understanding that all future purchases will follow proper purchasing procedures. CD

- Councilor Spik provided the background to this matter: that the event known as “The Beach Bash” was scheduled to occur at Rock Lake; it was an independent event and not an official Recreation Program Committee function. When weather predictions looked like the event might need to be cancelled, arrangements were made with the Arena Manager to hold it at the arena. Staff expressed concern over the \$420.25 of unauthorized expenses submitted by the volunteer for payment and forwarded the information to joint councils to review.
  - c) Recreation Budget - no discussion
  - d) Projects left to do in 2014: R. Romberg & GM Wilson provided a summary of basic building maintenance projects, costs and time. All projects listed were within the approved budget for maintenance expenses and staff time. Council did request that the Arena Manager refrain from upgrading the hockey nets as listed, at an estimated cost of \$1,000.00 until further notice.
  - e) Arena Manager Monthly report (Aug 13) – no discussion
13. Tri-Neighbours & Waste Management ~ C. MacKenzie
- a) Tri-Neighbours 2014 Levy \$4,178.50
    - Council Warwick noted that the new dumpsters at Center Line & Finlayson Road are locked only at one spot and need to be locked at two; items are being disposed that should not be
    - Council has directed staff to contact MWRC about this matter
14. Cemetery ~ Angela Hornett
- a) Tree removal: Cloudslee & Rock Lake
    - The only quote that staff was able to obtain was from Ouimette’s Tree Service
- Resln 2014-223 Ken Warwick Carl MacKenzie**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves the quote from Ouimette’s Tree Service in the amount of \$2,200.00 plus HST for the removal of trees at the cemeteries. CD
15. Library, Parks & Hall ~ C. MacKenzie
- Councilor MacKenzie was requested to confirm status of the library budget and 2013 audit with the Library Board
  - Staff explained that Provincial funds are withheld from the Township until the FIR & MPMP reports are submitted. Plummer Township has completed their part, but are waiting on the Joint Library & Tri-Neighbours Financials complete the FIR & MPMP
16. Health and Safety ~ Angela Hornet
17. Personnel
18. Other:
- a) Economic Development (P. Spik)
    - Council discussed P. Spik’s idea to survey the five municipalities that participated in the Strategic Economic Development Plan to consider subsidizing a form of public transit as an enticement to live in rural Algoma and commute to Sault Ste. Marie for employment.
    - Councilor Spik will draft a form letter to survey the interest of the five communities in this idea; staff to assist where necessary.
19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
20. **NEW BUSINESS:**
21. **DISBURSEMENTS:**
- a) Expenditures July 1 - 31, 2014
- Resln 2014-224 Peter Spik Angela Hornett**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council authorizes payment of the following expenditures for July 2014: a) General \$136,886.01 b) Recreation \$ 13,515.25 C) Cemetery \$ 993.62 d) Health Center \$4,224.87 CD

22. **BY-LAWS:** n/a

23. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS – resln** looking for support

a) Tarbutt – TSSA inspections, regulations on local gas stations

**Resln 2014-225 Ken Warwick Carl MacKenzie**

**WHEREAS** this council shares the concerns of the Council of Tarbutt & Tarbutt Additional (as stated in their letter to Mike Mantha, of August 4, 2014) regarding the recent closure of local gas stations as the result of an intensive TSSA blitz on local businesses;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council strongly supports the request for an investigation in to the practices of TSSA to establish if the Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District was targeted or treated in an equitable manner as other districts across the Province; and to clarify whether or not there is conflict of interest with the funding of TSSA, the charges and costs they issue to small gas stations. CD

24. **MEMBERS REPORT(on items other than listed above): (COUNCIL MEMBERS) - n/a**

25. **CLOSED SESSION:** (identifiable – under section #5)

a) Minutes: June 23, 2014

**Resln 2014-226 Ken Warwick Carl MacKenzie**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council proceeds into Closed Session at 8:10 pm 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; e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; CD

**Resln 2014-227 Angela Hornett Peter Spik**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council returns to open meeting at 8:20 pm. CD

**Resln 2014-228 Angela Hornett Carl MacKenzie**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council approves the closed minutes of June 23, 2014 CD

**Resln 2014-229 Ken Warwick Peter Spik**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council approves the time off request of Ben Cranston for October 13 – October 17, 2014. CD

26. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**Relsn 2014-230 Carl MacKenzie Ken Warwick**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council Passes By-Law 201-34, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting held prior to and on Aug 20, 2014. CD

27. **ADJOURNMENT :**

Next Regular Council Mtg – September 17, 2014 @ 6:00 pm @ Council Chambers

**Relsn 2014-231 Peter Spik Carl MacKenzie**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** THIS Council adjourns the Meeting at 8:35 pm to meet again on September 17,

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Mayor: Beth West

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Deputy Clerk Treasurer: Gina Marie Wilson