

The Corporation of The Township of Plummer Additional

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Minutes Sept 17, 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: RWF; Kelly Belisle-Greer, Clerk; Vicky Goertzen-Cooke

Observers: Mike Jones

1. **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

Resln 2014-235 Angela Hornett Carl MacKenzie

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

- a) Healthy Kids Community Challenge Grant
- b) ALS ICE Bucket Challenge
- c) Community Fire Safety Officer
- d) Town of Bruce Mines responses (Sept 17). CD

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** n/a

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

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

Resln 2014-236 Ken Warwick Peter Spik

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the minutes of August 20, 2014. CD

REPORTS:

MUNICIPAL STAFF REPORTS ~ 6:00 pm

5. Roads Working Foreman (RWF) ~ Kelly Belisle-Greer
 - a) RWF – report – no issues
 - b) Black Road

Resln 2014-237 Angela Hornett Peter Spik

WHEREAS two quotes were received;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves the quote from J.Bean Construction to repair Black Road under the ODRAP Funding model in the amount of \$6,780.00 (incl. Taxes). CD

c) Gas Tanks – Electrical Work – defer to next meeting – waiting on quote

d) 3 week extension – Road Operator

*RWF noted that there is a lot of work still remaining to complete prior to the snow fall; still working on ODRAP issues plus our regular construction/maintenance projects;

Resln 2014-238 Peter Spik Carl MacKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves a three week temporary Road Operator to assist with the fall projects as listed. CD

Council consensus to go into the Closed Session at this time:

- Mike Jones left the council chambers:

CLOSED SESSION: (identifiable)

Resln 2014-239 Ken Warwick

Carl MacKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceeds into Closed Session at 6:30 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; CD

Kelly Belisle-Greer – left the closed meeting at 6:36 pm

Resln 2014-240 Angela Hornett Peter Spik

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council returns to open meeting at 7:05 pm. CD

Mike Jones returned to the meeting:

Recreation Administration:

In response to the Town of Bruce Mines Letter (Aug 25/14) and previous complaints regarding Plummer Additional's strict Administration of Recreation; and in addition to the fact that Plummer Additional has been administering the Recreation books for 16+ years; council noted that it's time for a change and for the Town to take over this [Recreation] Committee's Administration:

Resln 2014-241 Carl MacKenzie Angela Hornett

WHEREAS the Town of Bruce Mines has voiced their repeated displeasure with how Plummer Township Administers Recreation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council gives notice to the Town that we will no longer be responsible for the Recreation books as of Dec. 31/2014 excepting the administration of the employee for the duration of the contract. CD

Recorded Vote: Angela Hornett-Yes; Carl MacKenzie-Yes, Peter Spik-Yes; Ken Warwick-Yes; Beth West-Yes.

6. Planning & By-law Enforcement (R. LeBlanc)
 - a) Building Permit Summary – July 2014
7. Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector ~ Vicky Goertzen-Cooke
 - a) Assoc. of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – highlights from AMO Conference-Minister Mtgs.
 - b) Drainage – Legal drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Township and Ron Bonnett (agent for Terry Bonnett) regarding his proposal to place a culvert under Cloudslee Road resulting in a direct benefit of drainage from T. Bonnett's property. R. Bonnett did not proceed with this proposal and indicated he will not be paying the legal fees to draft the MOU. Legal fees were incurred and charged to the Township on Mr. Bonnett's behalf with no benefit to the ratepayers as a whole; therefore staff is instructed to re-send the legal invoice to Mr. Bonnett with a copy of the pertaining section of the User Fees & Service Charges by-law.
 - c) FONOM – Safer Northern Highways – studded tires are now allowed from Sept 1 – May 31st
 - d) AMO- Accountability Act – Ombudsman acts as integrity commissioner for the Township.

e) Health Plan – Long Term Disability

Resln 2014-242 Carl MacKenzie Peter Spik

WHEREAS there is an option for the participating Municipalities in the Group Insurance Plan to be eligible for an increase in their Long Term Disability (LTD) Non Evidence Maximum from \$2000 to \$2500 for an additional \$498.96 per year and;

WHEREAS all 13 participating municipalities must agree in order for this to be changed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council **does not** agree to increase the Non Evidence Maximum to \$2,500.
CD

f) ALS Ice Bucket Challenge:

It was noted that there are many worthy life threatening causes out there in need of support; Council consensus indicated that a donation would be more beneficial but would leave that up to individual councillors as to where they direct their personal donations at this time.

g) Item 12e Contact North - moved up in the agenda:

Town of Bruce Mines has indicated to Contact North that they are unable to host their site:

Resln 2014-243 Peter Spik Angela Hornett

WHEREAS Contact North is located in the Arena and;

WHEREAS the Arena is closed until further notice;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council offers the Bruce Station Hall as an option with Contact North being responsible for all necessary modification costs i.e.; internet, storage. CD

h) Item 12f Town email (Sept 3): arena improvements resln & Sno Glyders Staging area – moved up in the agenda:

Due to the closure of the Arena structure until funding for repairs can be secured; as a cost saving incentive it is anticipated that winter maintenance of the parking lot will only be to enable emergency vehicles to access the arena.

Resln 2014-244 Peter Spik Angela Hornett

WHEREAS the Sno Glyders have requested to utilize the arena parking lot as a staging area for snowmobiles this winter; and

WHEREAS the building is closed until repairs are feasible with minimal snow removal planned this winter.
And

WHEREAS the Twsp has a disproportional amount of km of roads to snow plow in the winter vs the # of km roads in the Town of Bruce Mines;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council recommends that the Town of Bruce Mines; 1) plows out the parking lot for emergency access & charges [back] Recreation and 2) Plows out a staging area; all costs to be forwarded to the Snow Glyders. CD

*it is recommended that if a snowmobile staging area is to be established that a marked parking area would be required; anyone parking outside of the designated area without authorization from the Arena Manager will be towed at their own expense.

8. Community Fire Safety Officer: Jason Kern – declined contract

Resln 2014-245 Angela Hornett Carl MacKenzie

WHEREAS Jason Kern has declined the position of Community Safety Fire Officer;

BE IT RESOLVED that this council contacts the next candidate to verify if they are interested in the position [still]. CD

9. Community Emergency Management Program ~ C. MacKenzie

a) CEMC Training Exercise – Sept 30th @ Town of Bruce Mines: 1-4 pm

b) Emergency Plan – updates/revisions for consideration (Previously copied) – any further updates?

- c) Sector Meeting – Sault Ste Marie; Nov 6th @ 9:00 am [Committee members to contact organizer directly to register].

10. Animal Control: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11. Health Centre ~ Ken Warwick

- a) Pharmacist Rental Inquiry & restructuring building proposal (Town) – move to Sept 24th Special Meeting – waiting on Town’s Lawyer to amend agreement.
- b) Nurse Practitioner Clinic Grand Opening – October 9th – Thessalon
- c) Rental Rates re;Doctors section of the building: council inquired if the rate charged is the going rate charged in other establishments; Mayor West would like to contact the Ministry of Health and inquiry about the rules surrounding rental fees.

12. Recreation ~ Peter Spik

- a) Arena Manager Report (Sept 8): Hours (resln)

The Arena Manager’s report has recommended that “*we close the facility to the public; we currently have one paid customer for the gym and no bookings for the boardroom.*” This would enable him to work on the jobs at hand without interruption.

Township supports the recommendation of the Arena Manager (also refund the customer for time remaining in their membership) and suggests to “winterize” the arena but to be kept warm enough to keep the pipes from freezing.

The Town of Bruce Mines is not in agreement

Staff to clarify with the Town of Bruce Mines as to what their reasoning is.

Re: Arena Manager’s request for assistance for snow removal as the Recreation Tractor non-operational for the winter:

Resln 2014-246 Angela Hornett Carl MacKenzie

WHEREAS the arena requires assistance for snow removal at the entrances due to the tractor being non-operational;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council recommends that the Town assist with the removal and charge back Recreation. CD

- b) Rec HR Minutes Aug 13, 2014 - reviewed
- c) Rec HR Minutes August 19, 2014 - reviewed
- d) Rec Minutes August 25, 2014 - reviewed
- e) Resignation of Recreation Chair (under closed session #5)
- f) Healthy Kid Community Program– Joint project with multiple municipalities participating including Plummer Additional; funding has been awarded for 4 years; Thessalon will oversee project; they will resume activities/recruitment regarding this funding model after the election.

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

- a) Minutes Feb –August 2014
- b) Ministry of Finance Tax Bill for Landfill – Tri-Neighbours will follow up with the Ministry and report back.
- c) 2013 Audited Financial Statements (Sept. 12)

14. Cemetery ~ Angela Hornett

- a) Next meeting Sept 23rd @ 10 am

15. Library, Parks & Hall ~ C. MacKenzie

- a) Library Minutes June 18th

- b) Library Budget (@ Aug 18/14)
- c) Bruce Station Hall – Chairs

Resln 2014-248 Carl Mackenzie Peter Spik

WHEREAS previous quotes received for chairs resulted in an order of 100 chairs being awarded to Canada Chair Company and;

WHEREAS it is desirable to get matching chairs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council authorizes the purchase of additional chairs up to the budgeted amount of \$2,500 from Canada Chair Company. CD

16. Health and Safety ~ Angela Hornett

17. Personnel

18. Other:

19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

20. **NEW BUSINESS:**

21. **DISBURSEMENTS:**

Resln 2014-249 Peter Spik Angela Hornett

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council authorizes payment of the following expenditures for August 2014: General \$176,500.78; Recreation \$7,186.83; Cemetery \$459.01 CD

- b) Financial Statement(s) – reviewed

22. **BY-LAWS:**

- a) Election Compliance Audit Committee

Resln 2014-250 Peter Spik Angela Hornett

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council gives three readings and passes By-Law 2014-35 being a by-law to authorize the appointment of an election Compliance Audit Joint Committee for Central Algoma Area Municipalities. CD

*Presently one vacancy still existing – by-law will be amended upon filling vacancy.

- b) Open Air Burning (amends 2011-47)

Resln 2014-251 Ken Warwick Peter Spik

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council gives three readings and passes By-Law 2014-36 being a by-law to amend By-law 2011-147 referred to as the Open Air Burning By-Law. CD

- c) Secondary Fire Agreement – defer - not available from Huron Shores
- d) Pharmacist Agreement - defer - not available from Bruce Mines

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

- a) Oct 1st – National Seniors Day – visit seniors.gc.ca for information.

Resln 2014-252 Ken Warwick Carl MacKenzie

WHEREAS we thank Senior Canadians for helping to build our country and celebrate their on-going contributions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council recognizes October 1, 2014 as National Senior's Day and encourages the public to thank and celebrate seniors on this day. CD

- b) CUPE – Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator appreciation Oct 29th;
See: www.childcareontario.org or www.retinkchildcare.ca for more information.

Resln 2014-253 Ken Warwick Carl MacKenzie

Whereas years of research confirms the benefits of high quality child care for young children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development and later life outcomes, and;

Whereas child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of parents, child care workers and the broader community by supporting quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the economic and social life of their community, and;

Whereas many studies show trained and knowledgeable Early Childhood Educators and child care staff are the most important element in quality child care, and that good wages and working conditions are associated with higher job satisfaction and morale, lower staff turnover which leads to high quality education and care;

Therefore Be It Resolved that October 29, 2014 be designated the 14th annual “Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day” in Plummer Additional in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community. CD

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

Mayor West: Noted that a reserve of \$50,000 is set aside with the Huron North West Recruitment Committee; various uses were discussed; concerns noted regarding possible Doctor recruiting requirement for the Central Algoma Health Centre in near future.

25. **CLOSED SESSION:** moved up under item #5 (identifiable)

Resln 2014-254 Angela Hornett Carl MacKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the closed minutes of August 20, 2014. CD

26. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Resln 2014-255 Carl MacKenzie Ken Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS Council Passes By-Law No. 2014-37, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting held prior to and on Sept 17, 2014. CD

27. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resln 2014-256 Peter Spik Carl MacKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the Meeting at 8:48 pm to meet again on October 15, 2014 or at the call of the Mayor. CD

Mayor: Beth West

Clerk Treasurer: Vicky Goertzen-Cooke