

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

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## **Minutes June 17, 2015**

Regular COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Call to Order

**6:00 pm**

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

Staff: Clerk Vicky Goertzen-Cooke, RWF: Kelly Belisle Greer

Observers: Jane Oliver, Sharon Hunter, Francois Tregonning, Johanne Tregonning, Robert Langdon, Juanita Langdon, Kelly Belisle-Greer, Shawn Struik

### **Committee of Adjustment:**

1. Notice of Consent Application – 2 applications: Rau, Mark & Vicky -Bussineau Rd.

- Planner/CBO – to notate Seasonal Road on documents; approvals to July mtg.

Consensus of council to move up in the agenda the By-law 22c Re-Zoning application - Maillet

2. Maillet – re-zoning Ledyit Line

- Glenn Tunnock (Tunnock Consulting) [planner] was contacted & put on speaker phone at the meeting to provide input/answer inquires;
- Park model split level trailer; when Mr. Maillet retires he intends to build something more permanent.
- Per G. Tunnock; “Zoning bylaw does set out the differences in dwelling unit and does allow for a park model trailer to be installed.”
- Public may provide input for or against re-zoning; details to follow; if no valid oppositions are received; final approval to come back to the July meeting.

G. Tunnock (call ended 6:20 pm)

**Resln 2015-141      Tasha Strum      Mike Jones**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council gives three readings and approves by-law 2015-22 which is a by-Law to amend the Zoning By-Law 2013-13 to rezone lands on Ledyit Line (year round road serviced area) to permit the redevelopment of a lot for a residential dwelling; pending confirmation of a certificate of approval from Algoma Public Health that the sewer system is adequate for the proposed park model trailer. CD

- Adjourn Committee of Adjustment portion of the meeting.

1. **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA** – not required

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

3. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

a) Sharon Hunter – proposal

- Thanked Twsp for use of hall to paint murals; inquired if the Twsp is interested in purchasing the Mural (\$5,000) through a fundraiser (that she would organize).
- For the fundraiser; requested use of the hall for free to host 2 fundraisers; wouldn't move ahead without consent of the community.
- Mural is located near Mink Point Road on Hwy 17 East; and would be available to re-install in the Twsp in April 2016.
- S. Hunter will provide more details for a future meeting.
- S. Hunter is applying for a Community Workplace Grant in October 2015 to run a Creative Workshop for Elders and Seniors; target area is to work with elders from Thessalon, Bruce Mines, Batchewana, Garden River;
- Requesting the use of the hall as a donation in-kind to run this workshop; it will be free to the participants; estimates a 4 month programs [Feb – May]; once a week class.

- Requests a letter of support from the Twsp for her funding application; S. Hunter to provide the office with the particular requirements of the letter/ background info etc.
  - S. Hunter to provide further details to a future meeting – decisions deferred until then
- \*This portion of the meeting concluded at 6:38 pm

- b) Planet Energy - Shawn Struik presented on behalf of Howie Bowes;
- Looking for a 5 year commitment/contract to locked in energy prices provided via Planet Energy; i.e. power offered (in June) at 4.99 centre per KW; noted that the rates in July are going up; noted potential energy savings for Twsp & personal usage.
  - S. Struik stated that we could re-evaluate the agreement every six months; move from fixed rates to variable;
  - Noted that Algoma power would still be your service provider; but Planet Energy will procure energy using Algoma's energy transmission system and re-sell it to you; the time of use billing would be from Planet Energy not Algoma Power bill;
  - Sample agreement not available,
    - Can we cancel the contract, penalties?
    - If we re-evaluate every six months; do we have to take the higher price?
    - Need a sample of both commercial and residential rates being offered in writing
    - H. Bowes to be contacted for a copy of a sample Agreement/Contract to review.
    - Council members to access Algoma Power – information portal regarding comparison options.
    - No further action at this time
  - S. Struik and the remaining observers left at 7:01 pm

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

**Resln 2015-142      Beth West                  Carl MacKenzie**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council approves the minutes of; May 20, 2015 (Regular); May 26, 2015 (Joint); May 27, 2015 (Special Site Visit & Budget); June 3, 2015 (Special Site Plan & rec Mediation). CD

#### REPORTS:

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

5. Roads Working Foreman (RWF) ~ (K. Belisle-Greer)
- a) RWF Report April 11 – June 5/14
  - b) Treated Sand order (1000 Tonnes) – Transfield

**Resln 2015-143      Carl MacKenzie      Boris Koehler**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves staff to order 1000 Tonnes of treated salt/sand for the 2015/2016 winter season. CD

- c) Booth Bridge (A. Olar [Tulloch Engineering] report

**Resln 2015-144      Carl MacKenzie      Boris Koehler**

**WHEREAS** per recent Engineering Inspection Booth Bridge (south end) has shifted since the last bridge inspection in 2014 and is in need of repairs in 2015, and;

**WHEREAS** a cost savings can be recognized if the required borehole drilling with geotechnical reports is done in conjunction when the equipment has been mobilized to the area for another project, and;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves Tulloch Engineering to do the design drawings for the repair, arrange for the required borehole drilling with geotechnical reports, prepare the bid packages and supervise the required repairs. CD

d) Centre Line Road Improvements;

**Resln 2015-145 Boris Koehler Carl MacKenzie**

**WHEREAS** two bids were received for Engineering on Centre Line Road Improvement project;

- a) Tulloch Engineering \$13,750 + HST
- b) Kresin Engineering \$15,000 + HST
- c) AECOM – unable to bid at this time

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves Tulloch Engineering to complete the field review including rock assessments, utility contacts, environmental reviews and consultations, design drawings and details, quotation document, rock and survey calculations, bidding process sufficient for bidders to submit bids for this work; construction project proceeding pending approval in the 2015 budget. CD

- Resurfacing by the railroad track on Centre Line– under flooding ODRAP model? RWF to confirm with Deputy Clerk.

e) Drainage on Copper Bay Road (follow up info if received)

Various options discussed; upon recommendation of OMAFRA;

- Staff to send a letter to D. Foster and S. Mills inquiring if they are interested in pursuing an Official Municipal Drain.

f) M. Jones noted that Stan Hornett is prepared to start litigation regarding the front of his property on (Civic 1196) Plummer Road; stating he thinks ½ of the ditch is on his property; noted that his property stakes are in the ditch; he states that this changed when the flood took out part of his corner lot in 2013.

- RWF believes this area was surveyed during the prior realignment; the ditch has not moved.
- Rather than speculate; Council will address this issue at a future meeting upon receiving written request, details, & back up supporting information etc. from Mr. Hornett.

Kelly Belisle-Greer left the meeting at 7:40 pm

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

- a) Building permit summary (June 1) – reviewed; noted that various fees are in the Building Fee by-law.

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

- a) CANADA 150 Community Infrastructure Program – ongoing applications – no action at this time
- Fitness centre; hall – wifi, sound system, bigger kitchen, update wiring, more outlets on the west wall; update bathrooms; front garden; aluminum siding replacement; adding to the library; need space they want to re-do the parking and do a proper layout; parks upgrades– playground equipment (ongoing inspections required)
- Copy funding model to Agriculture; contact contractor to get an estimate on hall work and estimates on playgrounds.

b) G. Tunnock update zoning-mapping & amendment updates

**Resln 2015-146 Boris Koehler Carl MacKenzie**

**WHEREAS** the Zoning map and Zoning by-law require some updating, and;

**WHEREAS** G. Tunnock Consulting estimates that to update the mapping and zoning by-law it would cost under \$1,000 (Jan 22/15);

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves Glenn Tunnock Consulting to update the mapping and zoning by-law. CD

c) Council Table – quote to re-do the edging (B. Gunn)

**Resln 2015-147 Boris Koehler Carl MacKenzie**

**WHEREAS** the council table edging is splitting off and is in need of repair;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves Bill Gunn’s quote of \$300.00 to smooth out and re-edge the Council Table and re-inforce the table as required. CD

d) Northeast Municipal Treasurer’s Forum Nov 4&5; Sudbury ~ \$700

**Resln 2015-148 Boris Koehler Carl MacKenzie**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves Gina Marie Wilson to attend the 2015 Northeast Municipal Treasurers Forum Session in Sudbury Nov 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>; cost approximately \$700. CD

e) FIT Energy – Rooftop rental – defer to a future meeting – more information coming

f) AMO update – Key Legislation from Municipalities

g) FONOM – updates

8. Community Fire Safety Officer:

a) Working on Annual Fire Report for Province; re-send to Town:

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

a) Sector Meeting June 16<sup>th</sup> – update

b) Carl – Municipal Profile due at end of Month – Fire report

c) Art Booth is replacing Roger Lord as our EMO contact. EMO and OFM have combined services and is now under one unit.

d) 211 services may be available to the Twsp to post information about municipal services; i.e. notification of road closures in the Twsp; C. Mackenzie will follow up with the details.

e) More training is required this year; EMO has not posted all courses yet;

10. Animal Control: n/a

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11. Health Centre ~ (B. Koehler)

a) Budget Draft (revised May 26, 2015) – defer to joint (various questions to forward to Town for clarification).

b) Follow up on signage (not available from Town)

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

a) 2014 Audited Statements (previously distributed) - reviewed

b) Arena Manager Report (Apr 29 – June 2)

- Council request to revise Arena Manager’s monthly reports; noting daily activities similar to the last report submitted.

- Mold issues to deal with

- i. Rope off grass area (spring) – defer to joint

- ii. Canteen upgrades – defer to joint  
Sign (see item 12f): Town & Twsp does not agree on purchasing the same sign –defer to joint.
- iii. Moving items (tractor) – where to store the stage in the winter?

**Resln 2015-149 Carl MacKenzie Boris Koehler**

**WHEREAS** Agriculture is tearing down the Horse Barn in 2015

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council request that the Town of Bruce Mines move the stage from the horse barn to the arena with their tractor. CD

- Town of Bruce Mines calling for various inspections; Staff to set up a joint meeting to deal with all joint budgets and recreation issues, mediation etc.
- c) Recreation Summer Student

**Resln 2015-150 Mike Jones Tasha Strum**

**WHEREAS** Taylor Jaehlering has declined the position;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves Emily Bean as the Recreation Summer Student. CD

- Below Recreation topics – defer to joint meeting;
  - d) Grass Cutting – Agriculture (email June 8)
  - e) Grass Cutting – equipment discussion (M. Jones)
  - f) Roadside Sign (M.Jones)
  - g) FYI - North Channel Minor Hockey; Registration 2015-2016 13 children from Plummer/Bruce Mines so far.
  - h) Next Joint Recreation Meeting? Mediation – Town seeking legal (email June 5)
  - i) Metal Air – confirmation that they are able to service ammonia plant (email May 28) – on joint mtg.
  - j) MacDonald Twsp – further information regarding Natural Ice Operations (June 3)
  - k) MOL Inspection – calibration & updates for natural vs ammonia

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

- a) Elementa Presentation (waste disposal/collection); June 18th at 7 pm Echo Bay Hall; C. MacKenzie and M. Jones will attend. Noted our contract with MWRC runs to 2019. C. MacKenzie to contact P. Watson of the Tri-Neighbours Board to verify any other potential issues.

14. Cemetery ~ (T. Strum)

- a) Budget Draft #4 (May 27, 2015) 2015 Levy = \$6,671.30

**Resln 2015-151 Boris Koehler Mike Jones**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves the 2015 Cemetery Budget #4 in the amount of \$6,671.30  
CD

- Cemetery Committee has submitted for consideration programming and mapping companies (\$3,000) in the budget for this.
  - Concerns over the care of the cemeteries; brush in graves; sunken graves; headstones left where they fell; piles of sand; the weeds have grown into twigs & into the chain link fence – to remove and spray with weed killer;
  - Issues noted with Caretaker having access to transportation to the Cemeteries to do the work required.
  - Noted that the maps have names written in pencil indicating that the lot has been purchased; and the names that are in pen mean that an actual burial has taken place.
  - RWF to have Jr. Rangers work at the cemetery (if able) to assist with the clean up.
- b) Minutes May 26 – not available;

15. Library, Parks & Hall ~ (B. Koehler)  
 a) Minutes May 14, 2015  
 b) Revised Budget if available (\$900 out); before the joint meeting;
16. Health and Safety ~ (M. Jones)  
 a) Minutes May 27 (next mtg July 8 @ 8:15 am)
17. Personnel – n/a
18. Other:  
 a) LCBO (C. Wing) request for Twsp pins for Conference (resln)

**Resln 2015-152 Tasha Strum Boris Koehler**

**WHEREAS** Cathy Wing of the LCBO has requested pins for a presentation she is giving to their organization this fall which will include the history of our area;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves the 30 pins requested CD

- b) FONOM – Electoral Reform Legislation  
 c) ON Federation of Anglers & Hunters – Spring Bear Hunt

**Resln 2015-153 Mike Jones Tasha Strum**

**WHEREAS** the Spring Bear Hunt has injected \$40 million per year into Ontario's economy, and;

**WHEREAS** the MNRF will be assessing the success of the 2 year Spring Bear Hunt pilot project as well conferring with police and municipal partners regarding nuisance bear encounters;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council supports the return of the Spring Bear Hunt as a local safety measure and as a management tool for the Ontario Black Bear population. CD

- d) FYI - Min. of Transportation – ATV's - use allowance changes – July 1st

19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

20. **NEW BUSINESS:**

21. **DISBURSEMENTS:**

- a) Expenditures May 1- 31, 2015  
 b) Financial Statement(s)

**Resln 2015-154 Tasha Strum Carl MacKenzie**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council authorizes payment of the following expenditures for May 2015; General \$150,896.10; Recreation \$54,985.86; Cemetery \$374.23 CD

22. **BY-LAWS:**

- a) CERB 911 Contract

**Resln 2015-155 Tasha Strum Mike Jones**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council gives three readings and approves the by-law 2015-23 which is a by-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Public Safety and Security on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police for the provision of 9-1-1 Central Emergency Reporting Bureau services. CD

- b) Janitorial

**Resln 2015-156 Mike Jones Boris Koehler**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council gives three readings and approves by-law 2015-24 which is a by-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Joelle Morehouse for the 2015 Janitorial Contract in the amount of \$500.00[per month]. CD

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

## a. Canada Post – elimination of jobs in rural areas

- Mike Jones declared a conflict of interest & left the room 9:23 pm

**Resln 2015-157      Beth West                      Carl MacKenzie**

**WHEREAS** it has been reported by the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA) that since 2006, Canada Post has closed 229 rural post offices and installed 73 new franchises; and;

**WHEREAS** the CPAA has noted that our public post offices have had their hours of service drastically reduced and citizens of rural Canada are concerned by the potential loss of their federally run public post office and has also stated that there is a reported \$299 million dollar profit for 2014 for the Canada Post Corporation;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council objects to Canada Post eliminating door to door delivery, the reduction of positions and the abolition of decent paying jobs in rural areas. CD

- Mike Jones came back into the meeting.

## b. Hydro One - rate increase opposition

**Resln 2015-158      Tasha Strum                      Beth West**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council requests that Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario give serious consideration to preventing further hydro rate increases, and further pursue the lowering of hydro rates expeditiously due to the negative impact on the residents and business in Ontario. CD

## c. Hydro One – privatization

**Resln 2015-159      Tasha Strum                      Mike Jones**

**Whereas** the public electricity system in Ontario is a critical asset to the economy and vital to the living standard and well-being of all Ontarians;

**And Whereas** it is essential that Ontarians maintain public control and public decision-making with respect to electricity;

**And Whereas** experience in other jurisdictions shows that privatization typically means consumers pay more for electricity;

**And Whereas** privatized Hydro One will no longer be subject to scrutiny by the Auditor General, the Ombudsman, the Financial Accountability Officer or the Integrity Commissioner, and will no longer be required to provide information or services to citizens under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, or the French Language Services Act;

**And whereas** our public electricity system currently generates hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue for the provincial government every year to help pay for public services we all depend on;

**And Whereas** the sale of shares in Hydro One will provide a short-term financial gain for the province in exchange for a much larger long-term financial loss;

**And Whereas** the provincial government has no mandate from voters to sell any part of Hydro One;

**And Whereas** opinion polls show Ontarians opposes the privatization of Hydro One by a significant margin in every part of the province;

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Township of Plummer Additional call on the provincial government to:

- a) Halt the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One as a public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians;
- b) Strengthen Hydro One by investing in the next generation of workers and upgrading our electricity transmission infrastructure;
- c) Respect the autonomy and local decision-making powers of local distribution companies by not forcing these companies into mergers or sales;

**And be it further resolved** that the Township of Plummer Additional communicate this resolution to the Premier, with copies to the Minister of Finance the Minister of Energy, area MPPs and the association of Municipalities of Ontario, and FONOM. CD

d. Tarbutt – Permitted uses in Ontario’s Prime Agricultural Areas

**Resln 2015-160 Tasha Strum Mike Jones**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council supports Tarbutt& Tarbutt Additional’s comments/concerns with section 2.3.3 in regards to the proposed Guidelines for Permitted Uses in Ontario’s Prime Agricultural land area and requests consideration of the below: CD

*Section 2.3.3 of the guideline identifies “institutional uses (churches, schools, cemeteries)” as examples of uses which would not meet the definition of an on-farm diversified use. However, Figure 3 lists “daycare”, “classes” or “workshops” as examples of uses that would meet the definition. Given that the Township has recently experienced an in-migration of Amish/Mennonite residents we believe it would be appropriate and respectful to accommodate on-farm churches or schools in these communities as part of a farm cluster given such a use would be virtually the same as “daycare, classes or workshops”.*

e. Chicken flocks – limitation on size

**Resln 2015-161 Boris Koehler Carl MacKenzie**

**WHEREAS** Plummer Additional Council expresses support for the Chicken Farmers of Ontario to allow an increase in the exempt flock limit from 300 broiler birds to 4,000 broiler birds;

**AND WHEREAS** it is our understanding that the Provincial consultation process for flock limits was considered to be “public” and was supported with public tax dollars;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Plummer Additional supports the Township of Gillies in their efforts to urge the Province to ensure that any reports (including recommendations) arising out of the consultation process be made available, in full, to the public. CD

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

25. **CLOSED SESSION:** not required

**Resln 2015- 162 Mike Jones Boris Koehler**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council approves the closed minutes of May 20, 2015. CD

26. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**Resln 2015-163 Boris Koehler Tasha Strum**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council Passes By-Law No. 2015-25, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting held prior to and on June 17, 2015. CD

27. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resln 2015-164 Carl MacKenzie Boris Koehler**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council adjourns the Meeting at 9:35 pm to meet again on July 15, 2015 or at the call of the Mayor. CD

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Mayor: Beth West

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Clerk: Vicky Goertzen-Cooke  
(See page 9 – Acronyms list)



Acronyms:

@ = at

ADSAB – Algoma District Social Services Administration Board

ATV – All Terrain Vehicles

CBO – Chief Building Official

CD - Carried

CERB – Central Emergency reporting Bureau

CF- Carry Forward

CFSO- Community Fire Safety Officer

CUPE - Canadian Union of Public Employees

EMO – Emergency Management Ontario

FYI – for your information

Fed Nor – Federal Economic Development for Northern Ontario

FONOM – Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

Frd – forwarded from prior meeting

OCIF – Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

OFM – Ontario Fire Marshall

OMAFRA – Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs

OTF – Ontario Trillium Foundation

MNR - Ministry of Natural Resources

MMAH – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

MPAC – Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

MP – Member of Parliament

MPP – Member of Provincial Parliament

Mtg - Meeting

MWRC – Municipal Waste & Recycling

N/A – not applicable

Rep – Representative

Resln - Resolution

RWF – Road Working Foreperson

SSM – Sault Ste. Marie

TSSA – Technical Standards and Safety Authority

TWSP – Township