

The Corporation of the Township of Plummer Additional

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Minutes November 24, 2015

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Call to Order

5:02 pm

Present: Mayor – Beth West; councilors: Tasha Strum, Mike Jones, Carl MacKenzie

Absent: Boris Koehler

Staff – Clerk: Vicky Goertzen-Cooke

Observers: Allan Beilhartz, Cathy Bonnett, Betty Mills, Kathy Lang, Gina Marie Wilson

1. **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA:**

ResIn 2015-279

Mike Jones

Beth West

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Addendum to Agenda as follows: a) Town email (Nov 24/15) re Library Levy. CARRIED

Per the minutes of the Library Board:

- The CAO of the Library Crystal (Burch) Reader has been terminated per advice of Wishart & Partners Law Firm.
- The OPP has been called in to do an investigation.

ResIn 2015-280

Carl MacKenzie

Tasha Strum

WHEREAS the Library Board has taken steps to resolve the issues at the library regarding the 2014 Financials;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council releases the 4th Quarter Levy. CARRIED

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** none-noted

BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

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

a) Algoma Industrial – duct cleaning – on hold for furnace room repairs.

- Uninstallation of the furnace in the spring is required to do the installation of the fire rated drywall per Fire Inspection Order #10.
- M. Jones noted that the Bruce Mines Fire Chief Lee Lamoureux is checking into the option of installing tin around the furnace as an allowable option; if this is allowed the removal and re-installation may not be required.

DEFER decision until we hear back from the Fire Chief – carry forward to Joint Meeting November 30/15.

b) Furnace Room issues; R. Romberg email (Nov 17); **DEFER** to Joint Meeting

c) Memo from Town of Bruce Mines (Oct 27/15)

i. Recommending to List the arena for sale (Real Estate Appraisal).

Town of Bruce Mines has contacted a commercial realtor to inspect the building on Nov 24th for potential sale listing.

Twsp is not moving forward with an appraisal at this time.

DEFER any further decisions to Joint Meeting.

ii. Storage(\$10/ft. per linear foot per season)

1. Town – in favour

Resln 2015-281

Carl MacKenzie

Beth West

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves a storage fee of \$10/linear foot for the winter season. CARRIED

- Staff to advertise two move in dates; staff to be on hand for assistance.
- People are to get their own content insurance.

iii. Outdoor rink

1. Town – in favour of investigating costs of outdoor rink
2. Twsp – not in favour of indoor ice or outdoor ice rink at this time.
3. Other options:
 - a. Approach school board regarding rink interest on their property in the new green space?
 - b. Other suggestions?

No consensus between councils.

iv. Zamboni – if not planning on doing ice anytime in the future, keep the zamboni or sell it?
Twsp recommends keeping the Zamboni for the time being.

v. Fitness Centre

1. Town recommends close until the spring; reassess at that time.

- It's been noted that complaints regarding the air quality of the Fitness Centre is a deterrent to users; a brighter atmosphere would be beneficial; this can be accomplished with the equipment being moved into the boardroom where there are windows that could be opened;
- Twsp would like to keep this service available to the public, hopefully generate some potential revenue this winter to offset the heating costs of the building.

RESLN 2015-282

Mike Jones

Tasha Strum

WHEREAS the Twsp has recommended that the Fitness equipment be re-located to the Arena Boardroom for a brighter atmosphere, and;

WHEREAS the Town of Bruce Mines is not in agreement and has expressed an interest in closing the Fitness Centre, and;

WHEREAS we have to keep the heat on [in the building] this winter, and;

WHEREAS the Twsp has stated that at least 10 fitness memberships by Jan 15/16 need to be sold;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves the Fitness Centre equipment to be moved into the Boardroom as previously discussed with a volunteer work bee to be scheduled for November 28/15 at 10 am; new location of the fitness centre to be advertised. CARRIED

- Mike Jones will coordinate the move; volunteers [trucks, tools, trollies, strong backs] to contact him 705-206-3763.

d) Resln from Town of Bruce Mines (Nov 5/15)

- i. Town offered the Arena Building to Twsp due to non-agreement on various items.
- ii. Twsp – not in favour of taking over building.

Potential building options:

- a) Sell?
- b) Lease? (i.e. horse organizations)
- c) Donate to not-for-profit group?
- d) Enter into a Public- Private partnership?
- e) Other Options?

ResIn 2015-283 Mike Jones Tasha Strum

WHEREAS the Town of Bruce Mines has offered the Arena to the Twsp, and;

WHEREAS the Twsp is not interested in taking over the Arena on its own;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council recommends that the Arena be offered to the Agricultural Society subject to them being a qualified Not-for-Profit [organization] under the definitions of the Trillium Foundation, and; With a commitment of financial support, amount to be determined and agreed upon by the Town and Township payable per year from each of the Town and Twsp to help cover utilities/operations for a period of 5 years, beginning in 2016; financial support to be reviewed at the end of the 5th year, and;

FURTHER THAT if the Agricultural Society dissolves or decides to sell the Arena within the next 40 years, that the arena and/or sale proceeds are returned/split to/between the Town and Township. CARRIED

- Agriculture to be contacted to verify interest (if Town in agreement).
- All agreements to be processed by Legal.

iii. Plant Room:

a) To repair:

- Floor \$8,625 + Additional wall issues[Tulloch report] \$4,800 = \$13,425 (10% \$1,342.50/2 mun = \$671.25 each Twsp/Town cost, [Under Trillium Structural] or:

b) To repair and sell: any funds received from Trillium (5 years) considerations, or;

c) If demolishing (per Town email) this portion of the building; estimate of \$4,000 to \$5,000 (not funded).

i. Town ResIn - no further repair to plant room – *demolish this section of the building.*

ii. Twsp - *recommendation?*

ResIn 2015-284 Carl MacKenzie Mike Jones

WHEREAS the plant room repairs are \$13,425 and funded at 90% (\$8,625 + Additional wall issues of \$4,800) with a net cost of approximately \$672 to each Town and Twsp, and;

WHEREAS the Town has recommended that we tear down this portion of the building, and;

WHEREAS the estimate provided to demolish this portion is approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000 (unfunded);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council supports the repairs to the floor in the amount of \$13,425 under the Trillium funding. CARRIED

d) Trillium Summary – what's left in the funding model – no further discussion.

e) Fire Inspection Order Update: work ordered extension to Dec 14/15; depending on the results of the proposed solution for item #10 of the Fire Inspection Work Order, a further extension may be required until the spring for the furnace room.

4. **CLOSED SESSION:** not required

Per Arena Manager's suggestion at the September 29/15 Joint Council Meeting:

ResIn 2015-285 Mike Jones Tasha Strum

WHEREAS due to the lack of ice installation the Arena Manager has recommended a drop in the hours of work from 40 to 25 hours per week all year;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council recommends to the Town of Bruce Mines that the Arena Manager's Contract be amended to reflect 25 hours per week for the remainder of the contract or until the Town and Twsp come to a consensus on the operations and job requirements. CARRIED

Mayor B. West opened up the floor to the public in attendance for comments/suggestions:

- Public questioned the interest from the local businesses in keeping the arena open and usable as a public space; economic benefit to local businesses.
- Public does not want to see it sold to a private individual/firm; prefers an arrangement with Agriculture if possible.
- Is there a potential Recreation Centre option at the Arthur Henderson Public School should it close and be offered for sale in the future?
- Joint Agenda Nov 30th: public would like an open forum session.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:**

ResIn 2015-286

Carl MacKenzie

Beth West

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the Meeting at 6:45 pm to meet again on November 30/15 for the Joint meeting & December 2/15 for the regular council meeting, or at the call of the Mayor.

Mayor: Beth West

Clerk: Vicky Goertzen-Cooke

Joint Mtg – *November 30, 2015 @ 7:00 pm @ Town of Bruce Mines Hall*
Next Regular Council Mtg – *December 2, 2015 @ 6:00 pm @ Council Chambers*