

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

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**Minutes January 20, 2021**

Regular Council

Electronic Meeting

Electronic Zoom Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

Present: Mayor~Beth West, Councillors: Keith Hoback, Mike Jones, Boris Koehler, Kelly Warwick

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

1. **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA** n/a
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** none noted
3. **Municipal Staff Report – Roads**
  - a) Roads Working Foreperson Report (RWF)
    - i. Nov 25, 2020 – Jan 8, 2021 – reviewed
  - RWF working with Kresin Engineering to complete the Road Study/Plan
  - Regarding MTO replacing Rydal Bank Bridge – staff to contact Town of Bruce Mines Fire Department regarding routes & load limits on Booth Bridge.

b) Surplus – Plow & Wing blades, skid shoes

- RWF noted that these items don't fit our new trucks.

Resln 2021-03

Keith Hoback

Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council declares the following surplus to the needs of the Township and offers them for sale as is where is and on a first come basis;

- a) 12 - Surplus Blades: 11'(L) X 8" (W) X 5/8", steel blades, with 8" (center to center) bolt holes X 5/8" square bolt holes. @ \$ 227.86 each / blade.
  - These blades have a flat edge on one end of the blade and tapered on the other end of the blade.
- b) 6 - Surplus Blades: 11' (L) Hi wear, wing block blades. @ \$482.04/ each
- c) 5 - Surplus Blades: 11'( L ) X 8" (W) X 1/2", steel blades, with 8" (center to center) bolt holes, with 5/8" square bolt holes. @ \$ 152.28 each.
  - These blades have a flat edge on each end of the blade)
- d) 18 - Surplus Skid Shoes - (G-7085) 23" Long. @ \$58.56/each.
- e) 6-Nose points @ \$44.59

All taxes are included in prices. CARRIED

c) Amalgamated Tender – items

Resln 2021-04

Mike Jones

Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Road Working Foreperson to submit the attached supply/service list to the East Algoma Road Superintendent's Association via the office of Huron Shores for consideration in the Amalgamated Tender. CARRIED

d) ATV-ORV Ministry update for Jan 1, 2020 legislation.

As listed on the Provincial information sheet, tracks are not allowed on the ORV's. K. Hoback requested clarification on tracks on all vehicles.

e) Clark's Bridge Survey – (seasonal road section)- discussion regarding potential survey to the public:

- Collate and provide information regarding estimates for costs to rehab, replace or remove; noted that the remaining work on the bridge will have to be contracted out.
- How much use does it get?
- Do the Fire Department Volunteers use it?
- How much do ratepayers want to spend on it, do they consider it a priority? Do they want it kept open?
- It was noted as an important link in the trails maintained by the Sno Glyders

- Councillors to draft up questions for possible survey.
  - Zoom meeting with ratepayers & Sno Glyders to be scheduled later in the year.
- f) Road Plan – bridges – level of service on certain roads:
- Class 6 roads (low traffic, dirt) need a decision on the level of service:
  - Do you want consideration in the Road Plan a replacement for Booth Bridge; re it's not wide enough for some farm equipment to cross and the load limit restricts crossing with certain Township equipment when fully loaded.
  - Noted that a detailed Engineering Study to assess what it would take to increase the load limit was in area of \$13,000 – no further action of council at the time of the quote.
  - Above items deferred to budget deliberations.

g) RWF replacement in 2021– level of employment/training/timing – defer to the Human Resources Meeting after February 8<sup>th</sup>.

K. Belisle-Greer left the meeting at 6:54 pm

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS n/a

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resln 2021-05 Boris Koehler Keith Hoback

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council approves the Minutes of;

- a) November 29, 2020 (Special)
- b) November 30, 2020 (Special)
- c) December 2, 2020 (Regular)
- d) December 10, 2020 (Special)
- e) December 23, 2020 (Special)
- f) January 11, 2021 (Special). CARRIED

**REPORTS:**

**MUNICIPAL STAFF REPORT'S continued:**

6. Planning & By-law Enforcement (K. Morris)

- a. Building Permit Summary – no changes from last report

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

- a. MAH- Update Phase 2 Re-Start Agreement Municipal Funding; \$20,000
- b. MPAC 2021 Levy \$22,423.92

Resln 2021-06 Kelly Warwick Boris Koehler

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves the 2021 MPAC Levy of \$22,423.92. CARRIED

- c. MAH – Financial Indicator Review 2019
- d. RED Funding – deadline Feb 1, 2021 – defer for more discussion with Heritage Committee. *[subsequent to the meeting – Heritage Committee is not moving forward with this model- no further action at this time].*
- e. FYI - Min of Children, Community & Social Services – Release of 5 yr. Poverty Reduction Strategy is available online for review.
- f. Solicitor General – Community Safety & Well Being Plan- plan deadline moved to July 2021.
- g. FONOM Annual Conference

Resln 2021-07 Keith Hoback Boris Koehler

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this council approves Beth West, and Keith Hoback to virtually attend the FONOM Annual Conference hosted by Timmins from May 18<sup>th</sup> – 21st; (registration fee \$0). CARRIED

- h. AMO Annual Conference – ONLINE (hosted by London) – Aug 15 – 18 - \$600 registration – no further action

## i. Northern ON Clerk's Forum

Resln 2021-08 Kelly Warwick Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to virtually attend the Clerk's Forum Conference hosted by Sudbury from March 10th – 11th; (registration fee \$0). CARRIED

- j. Scott's Gro for Good Grant – deadline Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - copied to the Horticulture Society - no further action at this time.
- k. Set up Planning Meeting – all departments – week of Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>.

8. Community Fire Safety: n/a

9. Community Emergency Management Program ~ (M. Jones)

- a) Pg. 13 - amendment to Emergency Plan
- b) Province extending lockdown (prev. communicated)
- c) Business Continuity & Safety Plan – update (emailed Jan 18)

Resln 2021-09 Boris Koehler Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the COVID-19 Safety Plan. CARRIED

- Business Continuity Plan - remains unchanged – we are still closed to the public.

10. Animal Control: *See by-laws*COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11. Health &amp; Health Centre ~ (B. Koehler) – n/a

12. Recreation ~ (B. Koehler) – n/a

13. Tri-Neighbours &amp; Waste Management ~ (B. Koehler)

a) Dec 9, 2020 Minutes &amp; their by-law 2020-04 – amend hours of operation:

- Thessalon Transfer Site – if a holiday is on a Friday, the day is forfeited.
- Bruce Mines Transfer Site – if a holiday is on a Monday, the site is closed and will be open on Tuesday.

b) Status of offal disposal from abattoir - acceptance at Tri-Neighbours Waste Site; it was communicated that Penokean Hills will manage their waste on their own physical site in Bruce Mines.

c) Other:

B. Koehler mentioned there was an oversight, and Tri-Neighbours was not billed for insurance for a few years; The Town of Thessalon will be invoicing either Tri-Neighbours or each Municipality for past year(s) insurance billing in 2021.

14. Cemetery ~ (Keith Hoback)

a) Minutes Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

15. Library, Parks &amp; Hall ~ (B. West)

a) Library Minutes 2020 12 10

b) Library Financials Nov. 2020

Mayor B. West noted that curbside pickup continues but will be moving to Thursday evening and Saturday to allow people who are working during the day access.

16. Health and Safety ~ (M. Jones) n/a

17. Personnel:

a) Admin Assistant - additional hours for special projects – deferred to the next Human Resources meeting.

b) Grave Locator – job posting closes Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – deferred to the next Human Resources meeting.

18. Other:

a) Municipal Heritage Committee Minutes Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

b) HNCEA – update Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

c) J. Falk - Huron Shores – Community Owned Broadband – Dec 4th

19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

20. **NEW BUSINESS:**

21. **DISBURSEMENTS & Financials:**

- a) Expenditures
- b) Monthly Financial Statements

Resln 2021-10                      Keith Hoback                      Boris Koehler

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council authorizes payment of the following expenditures for December 1-31, 2020:

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| a) General                                | \$177,052.23        |
| b) Cemetery                               | \$ 677.98           |
| c) Health Centre (Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup> ) | \$1,764.94          |
| d) Health Centre (Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> ) | \$2,492.16. CARRIED |

22. **BY-LAWS:**

Resln 2021-11                      Kelly Warwick                      Mike Jones

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council gives three readings and approves:

- a) by-law 2021-01 being a by-law to provide for Temporary Borrowing with RBC;
- b) by-law 2021-02 being a by-law to levy Interim Taxes (NEW DUE date March 15<sup>th</sup>);
- c) by-law 2021-03 being a by-law to set the Tax Ratios;
- d) by-law 2021-04 being a by-law to amend the Emergency Plan (page 13);
- e) by-law 2021-05 being a by-law extend the Animal Control Officer Contract to Jan 31, 2022. CARRIED

23. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

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

K. Hoback – HNCEA – Power Point presentation (14 pages) discussion.

Excerpts from the slide deck prepared by: Susan George of the Innovation Centre:

- Iron Bridge CENGN Project with Leepfrog Telecom has [been] completed and residents in Iron Bridge now have access to 50/10 service
- Bruce Mines, Johnson, Plummer, Thessalon First Nation (FN), Mississauga FN, SSM Ward 5, and Prince Township are included in Leepfrog Telecom’s Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) application: Rapid Response Stream (RRS) application. RRS projects must be completed by November 2021.
- Many residents within the HNCEA Region are participating in Starlink’s “Better than Nothing Beta Test”
- The UBF Core Infrastructure Project application by Rock Networks, if successful will provide HNCEA and the North Shore with fibre infrastructure that can enable future technology advancements
- Leepfrog Telecom is also submitting a Core Infrastructure Project for the region as a Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP)

ROCK Networks:

- H&M COFI in partnership with ROCK Networks are applying to the Universal Broadband Stream’s Core Infrastructure Fund as well as to ICON funding. They aim to build a fibre backbone through HNCEA communities; Sudbury to Sault Ste. Marie, including Manitoulin Island. ROCK Networks responded to HNCEA’s recent Expression of Interest and was selected as the successful vendor.

K. Hoback noted that:

- Rock network is anticipated to run fibre as far north as Rydal Bank in the Township.
- Leepfrog will not run any cable, but will use towers in Bruce Mines to generate a signal and will decide where the blank spaces are and will backfill the signal. Expects a 50mbps download and 10mbps upload speeds for Plummer, Johnson and Tarbutt; people will have to sign up with Leepfrog to receive this service.
- Municipal approvals for sites, and towers to follow when appropriate.

25. **CLOSED SESSION:**

Resln 2021-12 Boris Koehler Mike Jones

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council proceeds into Closed Session at 7:45 pm to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act. S.239 (2): A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes. CARRIED

Resln 2021-13 Kelly Warwick Keith Hoback

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council returns to open meeting at 7:53 pm. CARRIED

26. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Resln 2021-14 Boris Koehler Kelly Warwick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council gives three readings and approves By-Law No. 2021-06, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting(s) held prior to and on January 20, 2021. CARRIED

27. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resln 2021-15 Mike Jones Keith Hoback

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council adjourns the Meeting at 7:59 pm to meet again on February 17, 2021 for the next regular meeting, or at the call of the Mayor. CARRIED

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 Mayor ~ Beth West

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 Clerk ~ Vicky Goertzen-Cooke
**Acronyms:**

@ = at

ADSSAB – Algoma District Social Services Administration Board

AGM – Annual General Meeting

AHPS – Arthur Henderson Public School

AODA – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

CBO – Chief Building Official

CEMC – Community Emergency Measures Committee

CERB – Central Emergency reporting Bureau

CF- Carry Forward

CFSO- Community Fire Safety Officer

CUPE - Canadian Union of Public Employees

EARS – East Algoma Roads Superintendents

FYI – for your information

Fed Nor – Federal Economic Development for Northern Ontario

FONOM – Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

Frd – forwarded from prior meeting

HNWDRRC - Huron Northwest Doctor Recruitment &amp; Retention Committee

ICIP Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program

OCIF – Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

OGRA – Ontario Good Roads Association

OMB – Ontario Municipal Board

OMAFRA – Ministry of Agriculture, Food &amp; Rural Affairs

OPP – Ontario Provincial Police

Orig. - Original

OTF – Ontario Trillium Foundation

POA – Provincial Offences Act

Min. - Ministry

MNR – Ministry of Natural Resources

MAH – Ministry of Municipal Affairs

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

MPAC – Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Mtg - Meeting

MTO – Ministry of Transportation

MWRC – Municipal Waste &amp; Recycling Consultants

N/A – not applicable

POA – Provincial Offences Act

RBC – Royal Bank of Canada

Reg. - registration

Rep – Representative

Resln – Resolution

RFQ – Request for Quote

ROMA – Rural Ontario Municipal Association

RWF – Road Working Foreperson

SSM – Sault Ste. Marie

TMM – The Managed Municipality

TSSA – Technical Standards and Safety Authority

TWSP - Township