



MINUTES

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAURENTIAN VALLEY

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAURENTIAN VALLEY

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD at MUNICIPAL OFFICE
FEBRUARY 1st, 2011**

I CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- A. Attendance Mayor Jack Wilson
Cllr Steve Bennett
Cllr Jim Sheedy
Cllr George Hodgkinson
Cllr Allan Wren
Cllr Jen Gauthier

John Baird, Chief Administrative Officer
Lauree Armstrong, Municipal Planner

Terry Gibeau, Chair TPR Committee
James Allen, President, JDA Consulting
Brittney Morin

Excused Cllr Debbie Robinson

B. Motion to Open

SM11-01-001 Moved by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Sheedy
That the Special Council Meeting of February 1st, 2011 be called
to order at 4:45 PM.
CARRIED

C. Motion to Excuse

SM11-01-002 Moved by Cllr Wren, seconded by Cllr Bennett
That Cllr Robinson be excused from the Special Council Meeting
of February 1st, 2011
CARRIED

II DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA

SM11-01-003 Moved by Cllr Wren, seconded by Cllr Sheedy
That Council deems that the required notice for the February 1st,
2011 Special Council Meeting has been given and that the
agenda be approved as follows:

- Proposed acquisition of land (In Camera)

CARRIED

IV IN CAMERA

- SM11-01-004 Moved by Cllr Hodgkinson, seconded by Cllr Gauthier
That the Special Council Meeting of February 1st, 2011 move into a closed session chaired by Mayor Wilson according to the Municipal Act, 2001 s239(2) and s239(3.1) in order to address a matter pertaining to:
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposal of land by the municipality or local board (s239(2)(c))

CARRIED

V RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- SM11-01-005 Moved by Cllr Hodgkinson, seconded by Cllr Gauthier
That the Special Council Meeting of February 1st, 2011 move back into open session

CARRIED

1. TPR Resolution

- SM11-01-006 Moved by Cllr Hodgkinson, seconded by Cllr Gauthier
WHEREAS the saving and operating of the Beachburg Subdivision railway is critical to the amelioration and improvement of economic conditions through economic development and growth of our municipality and surrounding area,

AND WHEREAS the development of a reliable rail transportation network for freight is important for job creation and to encourage enterprises to expand and move their operations to our municipality and surrounding area,

AND WHEREAS the development of a reliable passenger rail service will encourage more families and individuals to take up residence locally and thus further stimulate economic activity in our municipality,

AND WHEREAS the development of a reliable freight and passenger rail service will reduce traffic on highways and thus help to preserve the conditions of highway infrastructure in our municipality,

AND WHEREAS all of these positive effects will provide benefits to our communities and residents as a whole, and that any surplus revenues from the operation of the rail services will be utilized by the not-for-profit corporation Transport Pontiac-Renfrew for the benefit of the communities and residents,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley undertakes to receive the donation from CN of rail assets and right-of-way land located within the territorial limits of the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley,

AND FURTHER THAT the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley undertakes to issue a tax receipt based on the evaluation report by the Altus Group, with the approval of an advanced ruling from the Canada Revenue Agency,

AND FURTHER THAT the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley undertakes to transfer the rail assets and right-of-way land immediately to Transport Pontiac-Renfrew for the purpose of utilizing those assets and land to operate freight and passenger services in a not-for-profit fashion for the benefit of the communities as a whole to further the objectives listed above,

PROVIDED THAT the transfer of the donated rail assets and the right-of-way land Transport Pontiac-Renfrew not-for-profit corporation be supported by a legal opinion to be consistent with the governing provincial municipal legislation,

AND FURTHER PROVIDED THAT the resulting agreement to effect the donation, issuance of tax receipt and transfer of the rail assets and the right-of-way land provides that Transport Pontiac-Renfrew will release the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley of any liability whatsoever, as well as indemnify and save it harmless concerning any liability regarding the operation of freight and passenger rail services,

AND FINALLY THAT the solicitor acting on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley will participate in the preparation and review of documents and agreements effecting the donation, the issuance of the tax receipt and the transfer of rail assets and right-of-way land as specified in this resolution.

CARRIED

VI ADJOURNMENT

SM11-01-007 Moved by Cllr Hodgkinson, seconded by Cllr Gauthier
That the Special Council meeting of February 1st, 2011 be adjourned at 5:40 PM

CARRIED

ADOPTED AS PRESENTED THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011

Jack Wilson, Mayor

John Baird, Chief Administrative Officer