

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

**November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006**

Reeve Jack Wilson welcomed all present by inviting them to join in the Lord's Prayer.

The Reeve called the meeting to order with Council present: Steve Bennett, George Hodgkinson and Jim Sheedy. Regrets: Dennis Gauthier and Allan Wren. Absent: Rick O'Brien

Also present was Bruce Lloyd, Deputy CAO and Lauree Armstrong, Planner

MOVED BY: Steve Bennett  
SECONDED BY: George Hodgkinson

To open the General Meeting of Council.  
CARRIED.

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.

MOVED BY: Jim Sheedy  
SECONDED BY: Steve Bennett

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- \* Severance - B194/06 - 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist
- \* Snowmobile Road Crossing - B-Line - put in temporary culvert

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

- \* There was no report on Public Works & Property.
- \* Councillors Jim Sheedy and George Hodgkinson submitted reports on Culture & Recreation.
- \* There was no report on Personnel.
- \* There was no report on Economic Development.
- \* There was no report on Protection to Persons & Property.
- \* Councillor Steve Bennett submitted a report on Waste Management.
- \* Councillor George Hodgkinson submitted a report on Septage.
- \* Councillor George Hodgkinson submitted a report of Library.

## **MOTIONS:**

MOVED BY: George Hodgkinson  
SECONDED BY: Steve Bennett

That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley recommend that the County of Renfrew approve Land Severance Application File No. B194/06 - Ontario Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Church (new lot).  
CARRIED.

MOVED BY: George Hodgkinson  
SECONDED BY: Jim Sheedy

That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley recommend that the County of Renfrew approve Land Severance Application File No.s B157/06 and B158/06 - new lots, Sufi.  
CARRIED.

MOVED BY: Steve Bennett  
SECONDED BY: Jim Sheedy

WHEREAS Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. has filed an Application with the Ontario Energy Board under Section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, SO. C.15, Sched. B, as amended, for an Order or Orders of the Board approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas, effective January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. has proposed a change to its delivery rates which, if approved by the Board, would result in an increase of about Eighty-Five Dollars annually (approximately 14% increase in the delivery portion of the annual bill or approximately 5% in the total annual bill) on a typical residential customer's annual bill that would take effect on January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley feel that utility customers in Ontario have had a tremendous burden placed on them resulting from a number of increases in the cost of essential services delivered to them by the various utility companies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE THAT the Council of the Township of Laurentian Valley hereby request that the Ontario Energy board decline the Application by Consumers Gas Distribution Inc. to approve or fix just and reasonable rates for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas for its 2007 fiscal year from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 (the "Test Year") or for such other period determined to be appropriate by the Board;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Cheryl Gallant, MP, John Yakabuski, MPP with a copy to the Township of McNab/Braeside indicating our support.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY: George Hodgkinson  
SECONDED BY: Steve Bennett

That the Council of the Township of Laurentian Valley transfer \$19,220.77 from Fire Service Reserve to Revenues One Time Grant Expenditures.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY: Steve Bennett  
SECONDED BY: Jim Sheedy

That the Council of the Township of Laurentian Valley transfer \$7500.00 into the Insurance Reserve.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Jim Sheedy  
SECONDED BY: George Hodgkinson

WHEREAS By-Law Number 06-04-283 being a by-law to regulate the setting of fires within the Township of Laurentian Valley, reads in part;

"5.14 Burning is not permitted sooner than two (2) hours before sunset, and all persons shall extinguish an Open-Air fire no later than two (2) hours after sunrise, unless written approval is received from the Chief Fire Official or designate."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Municipal office staff are designated to authorize "day burning" while there is snow cover on the ground.  
CARRIED.

**BY-LAWS:**

That By-Law Number 06-11-319 being a by-law to amend By-Law Number 900-4-93, as amended, of the (former) Township of Stafford be tabled on a motion by George Hodgkinson and Steve Bennett.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

\* Councillor George Hodgkinson - Complemented Staff for work done on Election

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED BY: George Hodgkinson  
SECONDED BY: Jim Sheedy

To adjourn the meeting.  
CARRIED.

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**REEVE**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**