



MINUTES

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAURENTIAN VALLEY

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
LAURENTIAN VALLEY
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
October 7th, 2008

I CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- A. Attendance Mayor Jack Wilson (arrived at 7:15 PM)
Cllr Steve Bennett
Cllr Ken Brown
Cllr Dennis Gauthier
Cllr George Hodgkinson
Cllr Debbie Robinson
Cllr Jim Sheedy

John Baird, CAO/Clerk

S Sgt Joe Girard, Detachment Commander, Pembroke
Karen Davies, Dean of Algonquin College
Jamie Bramburger, Manager of Communications

Interested Public and Media

B. Motion to Open

The CAO called the meeting to order under provision of the *Municipal Act* 2001 due to the absence of the Mayor.

RM-10-001 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Gauthier
That the regular Council meeting of October 7th, 2008 be
called to order at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

RM-10-002 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Bennett
That Cllr Robinson assumes the Chair pending the arrival of
Mayor Wilson.

CARRIED

C. Motion to Excuse

None required.

D. Adopt Agenda

RM-10-003 Moved by Cllr Gauthier, seconded by Cllr Brown
That the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of be
approved as presented.

CARRIED

II DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. OPP Presentation

S Sgt Joe Girard made presentations to Mr. Blackstein and Mrs. Lemke from the OPP Commissioner for their valuable assistance in a recent investigation and search. S Sgt Girard commended these community minded people on their assistance and commitment to the community. Acting Mayor Robinson added congratulations on behalf of Council.

Acting Mayor Robinson thanked S Sgt Girard for his attendance at the meeting and for his presentation.

2. Algonquin College Presentation

Karen Davies and Jamie Bramburger made a presentation to Council on the proposal for the new Algonquin College Campus. They updated Council on various programs and services available in the college.

Mayor Wilson arrived at 7:15 PM and assumed the chair from Acting Mayor Robinson.

Cllrs asked questions of Ms. Davies and Mr. Bramburger. In answer to one question,, the delegation asked Council to become an advocate for the college, support the capital campaign whenever possible, encourage other municipalities to become involved in the college, and understand the project. In particular, any advocacy at the provincial level, for example with Minister meetings at OGRA, would be helpful.

Mayor Wilson thanked the presenters on behalf of the Council.

III DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

IV MINUTES

A. Minutes of Council Meetings and Public Hearings

RM-10-004 Moved by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Hodgkinson
That the minutes of the regular meeting of September 2nd,
2008 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

RM-10-005 Moved by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Hodgkinson
That the minutes of the regular meeting of September 16th,
2008 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

RM-10-006 Moved by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Hodgkinson
That the minutes of the regular meeting of September 22nd,
2008 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

B. Business Arising

None

V BUSINESS

A. CAO Report

CAO presented his report for the month of September 2008. Cllrs asked some questions of the CAO. Cllr made comments about the need for all members of Council to involve the CAO in any and all meetings that are occurring around the municipality. This is to ensure that the CAO is brought up to speed on municipal issues as quickly as possible.

RM-10-007 Moved by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Gauthier
That the CAO/Clerk's report of September 2008 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

B. Severance Application B156/08(1) - Labron

RM-10-008 Moved by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Hodgkinson
That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley support the approval of Consent Application File No. B156/08(1) – Labron, subject to the conditions outlined in the report dated September 30, 2008 and directs staff to complete and return the municipal report to Renfrew County Planning and Land Division.
CARRIED

C. Severance Application B157/08(2) - Labron

RM-10-009 Moved by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Hodgkinson
That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley support the approval of Consent Application File No. B157/08(2) – Labron, subject to the conditions outlined in the report dated September 30, 2008 and directs staff to complete and return the municipal report to Renfrew County Planning and Land Division.
CARRIED.

D. Fire Chief Compensation

Cllrs discussed the CAO report on the Fire Chief compensation. General consensus was that the travel allowance should be removed from the current motion and remain in abeyance until the Deputy Chief is selected, and the new people have a chance to evaluate what the needs are for mileage reimbursement.

RM-10-010 Moved by Cllr Gauthier, seconded by Cllr Bennett
That Council approves the Fire Chief Compensation Package as follows:

Administrative Salary	\$1,119.95 per month
Emergency Calls	\$2,400.00 per year honorarium (paid monthly)

CARRIED

E. Transfer Funds to Reserve - Sewer System

RM-10-011 Moved by Cllr Gauthier, seconded by Cllr Bennett
That the Council of the Township of Laurentian Valley
transfer an additional \$139,000 to the reserve for sewer
system in 2008.

CARRIED.

F. Request for Refund of Fees

RM-10-012 Moved by Cllr Hodgkinson, seconded by Cllr Robinson
That Council removes the Craig Bucholtz issue from the
table to be discussed at the October 7th, 2008 meeting.

CARRIED.

RM-10-013 Moved by Cllr Hodgkinson, seconded by Cllr Robinson
That Council refuses the request from Craig Bucholtz for a
refund of his application fee for the Zoning By-Law
Amendment because the one foot reserve was a County of
Renfrew condition of consent approval added after the
County had circulated the municipality for comments on the
application for consent.

CARRIED.

Cllrs directed staff to prepare a letter for Mr. Bucholtz supporting his
application for a refund with the County of Renfrew.

G. Water Agreement - Bludd

RM-10-014 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Hodgkinson
That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the
Water Agreement with Sandra Bludd, dated September 15th,
2008, for provision of water at the property owned by Sandra
Bludd.

CARRIED.

H. Waste Reduction Week

RM-10-015 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Brown
That Council proclaims October 19th to 25th, 2008 as Waste
Reduction Week in Laurentian Valley and authorizes the
Mayor to sign a Proclamation to that effect.

CARRIED.

I. Recognition Awards

RM-10-016 Moved by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Robinson
That Council recognizes Cathy Wren at the annual
Christmas Party for 30 years of service to the municipality.

CARRIED.

J. Agreement to Connect to Storm Drain

RM-10-017 Moved by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Sheedy
That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the
Agreement to Connect to Storm Drain prepared for Shawn
and Gail Peever and further that this agreement be
registered on title.

CARRIED.

K. Township of Greater Madawaska Resolution

Cllrs commented on the resolution. Cllr indicated that he could not support the resolution due to the proposed method of assessment. Cllr indicated support for the resolution as he felt the municipality should support resolutions of other County municipalities. The CAO gave a brief explanation of the development of the resolutions, as the CAO was responsible for drafting the resolution before leaving Greater Madawaska.

RM-10-018 Moved by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Bennett
That Council supports the resolution from the Township of Greater Madawaska regarding Property Assessment and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.
DEFEATED.

L. Rental of Speed Sign

Cllrs commented that some rental fee must be charged for the speed sign as the machine cost the municipality money to purchase and maintain.

RM-10-019 Moved by Cllr Gauthier, seconded by Cllr Bennett
That Council sets a fee of \$100.00 per week for the rental of the Speed Sign to other municipalities.
CARRIED.

M. Tour of N VIRO Systems

Cllr indicated that the visit would be a brief one, flying down one afternoon, meeting with the required people and touring the facility, then returning the next day.

RM-10-020 Moved by Cllr Hodgkinson, seconded by Cllr Brown
That Council authorizes Mayor Wilson and Cllr Hodgkinson to visit the N VIRO Systems Plant in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
CARRIED.

N. Rivercrest Drive Drainage

RM-10-021 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Brown
That Council authorizes municipal staff to engage Neil Caldwell of JP2G Consultants INC to examine drainage issues on Rivercrest Drive with a view to providing recommended changes for inclusion in the 2009 Capital Works program.
CARRIED.

VI INFORMATIONA. OVWRC Inter Municipal Agreement

The CAO requested that Council review the memo and agreement on the OVWRC and provide written comments by October 17th to be sent in to OVWRC. He also indicated that there will be a meeting on October 30th from 2:30 Pm to 4:30 PM for the partners to meet and finalize the agreement.

Cllr indicated that the agreement needs to be reviewed as there are potential new partners in the venture waiting to "buy in" and as such the agreement needs to be brought up to date before an offer is made to the potential new partners.

B. Broadband Working Group

The CAO advised that the municipality will be seeking volunteers to participate in a Broadband Working Group for the development of Broadband services in the municipality. The advertisement will go in the local paper in the near future, with a recommendation regarding appointments coming to Council some time in November.

The CAO stressed that the process is not a short one, and Council should not expect instant results. Other municipalities have been involved in the process upwards of 18 months. While the target might be an application submission by the next deadline of February 2009, the municipality might not be able to submit an application until the next round.

The CAO advised that County of Renfrew has scheduled a meeting for October 21st at 7 PM to discuss the County role in Broadband Services. As this is a Council meeting night, the Planner will be asked to attend the County meeting to report back to the municipality on potential County role in the process.

VII CORRESPONDENCE

A. #9 - Pembroke Alpine Ski Club

Cllr requested that the Alpine Ski Club request for funding be referred to the Recreation Committee for consideration in the 2009 Budget. Cllr further requested that the municipal brochure add this group to the information

RM-10-022 Moved by Cllr Gauthier, seconded by Cllr Bennett
That Council notes and files all correspondence received to October 6th, 2008 unless addressed specifically by a motion.
CARRIED.

VIII ACCOUNTS

RM-10-023 Moved by Cllr Gauthier, seconded by Cllr Bennett
That the Council of the Township of Laurentian Valley approve payment of the September 2008 Accounts in the amount of \$3,281,915.85.
CARRIED.

IX BY-LAWS

A By-Law Approval Motion

CAO advised that commencing this meeting, Council will consider a blanket By-Law motion to pass By-Laws. If a Cllr has an issue with any By-Law included in the Blanket By-Law motion, that Cllr can request that the By-Law be removed and dealt with separately.

RM-10-024 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Hodgkinson
That Council enacts and passes the following By-Laws at the October 7th, 2008 meeting:
By-Law No. 08-10-415 To Assume Hamilton part of Hunts Rd
By-Law No. 08-10-416 To Assume Hunts Rd cul-de-sac
CARRIED.

X IN CAMERA PORTION

None

XI RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

None

XII REPORTS AND INFORMATION

CAO advised that at every meeting from this point forward, Council will pass a Note and File administrative motion. This authorizes administration to file all items not specifically addressed by motion of Council. This means that the items deal with are finished, and can be filed appropriately.

RM-10-025 Moved by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Sheedy
That any item not specifically addressed by motion of Council in the Regular Council Meeting of October 7th, 2008 be noted and filed accordingly.
CARRIED

XIII CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

CAO advised Council that the Confirmatory By-Law is administration's authorization to implement decisions of Council, this By-Law will be passed at every Regular and Special meeting as the last action of the meeting. As the By-law is not circulated as part of Council Package, Parliamentary procedure requires that it be read three times.

RM-10-026 Moved by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Bennett
That the required motion for the introduction of By-Law 08-10-414 is deemed to have been given and that By-Law 08-10-414 be read a first time.
CARRIED.

RM-10-027 Moved by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Bennett
That Confirmatory By-Law No. 08-10-414 be read a second time.
CARRIED.

RM-10-028 Moved by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Bennett
That the rules be suspended to allow Confirmatory By-Law No. 08-10-414 to be read a third time at this meeting and that Confirmatory By-Law No. 08-10-414 be read a third time and passed.
CARRIED.

XIV MOTION TO ADJOURN

RM-10-029 Moved by Cllr Sheedy, seconded by Cllr Hodgkinson
That the regular Council meeting of October 7th, 2008 be adjourned at 9:36 p.m.
CARRIED.

ADOPTED AS PRESENTED THIS TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2008.

Jack Wilson, Mayor

John Baird, CAO/Clerk