

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUNDAS

COUNCIL MEETING

November 14, 2005

A meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Dundas was held in the Council Chambers in Winchester Village on Monday, November 14, 2005 with Mayor Runnalls in the Chair.

ROLL CALL:

Alvin Runnalls	Mayor	Present
Bill Smirle	Deputy Mayor	Present
Allan Armstrong	Councillor	Absent
Estella Rose	Councillor	Present
Martin Schoones	Councillor	Present

Staff members present included, Chief Administrative Officer, Howard Smith, Treasurer, John Gareau, Director of Recreation & Culture, Mark Guy, Director of Public Works, Arden Carruthers, Director of Planning, Building and By-law Enforcement, Calvin Pol and Chief Building Official, Greg Trizisky Clerk, Jo-Anne McCaslin recorded the minutes.

Mayor Runnalls introduced Sandra and Brian McLaughlin. Sandra was present to view Council proceedings as part of an educational project.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

RES#01-Nov/14

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Estella Rose that the Regular Meeting of Council to be called to order at 7:00 p.m. CARRIED.

2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

RES#02-Nov/14

Moved by Estella Rose and seconded by Bill Smirle that Council accept the agenda as presented. CARRIED.

3) ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RES#03-Nov/14

i) Regular Meeting of Council October 24, 2005:

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Estella Rose that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated October 24, 2005, be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

3b) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

4) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Nil

5) NOTICE OF MOTION:

Nil

6) MOTIONS:

Nil

7) AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS:

RES#04-Nov/14

Moved by Estella Rose and seconded by Bill Smirle that Council authorize the payment of accounts as per the attached Council Report dated November 10, 2005 in the amount of \$375,044.22. CARRIED.

8) DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEES:

A) FINANCE:

RES# 05 Nov/14

i) Report:

Moved by Estella Rose and seconded by Bill Smirle that Council receive and review the Finance Department report dated November 8th, 2005. CARRIED.

RES#06-Nov/14

ii) Amendment to the Budget - MTAS Land Purchase:

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Estella Rose that the acquisition of land on behalf of the Mountain Township Agricultural Society (reference By-law 23-2005) be financed from account number 3-3-2000-9600 "Reserve Fund for Hydro Proceeds" and that every payment be directed to the Hydro Reserve Fund.

CARRIED.

RES#07-Nov/14

iii) Transfer to Surplus:

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Estella Rose that any surplus remaining from the 2005 fiscal year is to be transferred in the current year to the Township of North Dundas General Working Funds Reserve, account number 1-3-2000-8010; and that any deficit resulting from the financial activities of the Township of North Dundas for the 2005 fiscal year is to be financed in the current year by a transfer from the Township of North Dundas General Working Funds Reserve, account number 1-3-2000-8010.

CARRIED.

RES#08-Nov/14

iv) Bill 206 - OMERS:

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Estella Rose Whereas the provincial Standing Committee on General Government is currently debating Bill 206, An Act to revise the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act; and Whereas the OMERS pension fund is currently equal to approximately 8% of Ontario's annual GDP; and Whereas the OMERS pension fund serves approximately 900 employers and 355,000 diverse employee groups including: current and former employees of municipal governments; school boards; libraries; police and fire departments; children's aid societies; and electricity distribution companies; and Whereas Ontario's municipalities and their employees depend on the prudent management of the \$36 Billion plan and to ensure that employees and employers are paying for benefits they can afford; and Whereas OMERS employer and employee members are facing an increase in OMERS contributions in 2006 of approximately 9% as a result of a significant deficit in the OMERS fund; and Whereas the Bill includes significant, potentially costly and unnecessary changes to the governance structure of OMERS including a Sponsors Corporation structured to be governed by arbitration; and Whereas the Bill would permit the creation of expensive supplementary plans to provide optional enhance benefits that will impose new collective bargaining obligations on municipalities, the operating costs of which cannot yet be fully assessed and; Whereas the Province has a responsibility to study the potential impact of the changes it is proposing and to share the results with employers and employee groups; and Whereas AMO and others have urged the government to consider the potential implications of Bill 206 and to ensure the proposed policy changes protect the interests of employers, employees and taxpayers; and Whereas the Government is moving in haste with a Bill, which in its current form raises significant technical, public policy and economic issues; Therefore be it Resolved that the Township of North Dundas does not support Bill 206, and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with Bill 206 in its current form; and Further be it Resolved that the Honourable Jim Brownell, M.P.P, the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario and Association of Municipalities of Ontario be advised that this Council does not support the proposed changes to the OMERS pension fund contained in Bill 206.

CARRIED.

B) PUBLIC WORKS:

RES#09-Nov/14

i) Report:

Moved by Estella Rose and seconded by Bill Smirle that Council receive and review the Public Works Department report dated November 14, 2005.

CARRIED.

RES#10-Nov/14

ii) Amendment to Road Capital Budget:

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Estella Rose that the Council of the Township of North Dundas authorize an amendment to the 2005 Road Capital Budget in the amount of \$35000.00 to facilitate the replacement of the 1987 single axle plow truck (purchase to be financed from funds previously allocated for truck purchase.) CARRIED.

RES#11-Nov/14

iii) Amendment to Fire Capital Budget:

Moved by Estella Rose and seconded by Bill Smirle that the Council of the Township of North Dundas authorize an amendment to the 2005 Fire Capital Budget in the amount of \$7500.00 to facilitate the purchase of (1) one extra SCBA and additional Firefighting equipment/supplies/gloves (purchase to be financed from funds previously allocated for a water canon.) CARRIED.

RES#12-Nov/14

iv) MAAP – Management of Abandoned Aggregate Properties:

Arden Carruthers advised our application to rehabilitate the quarry located at Lot 20 Concession 6 (former Township of Mountain) on County Rd 43 has been turned down. Council requested we seek reconsideration.

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Estella Rose that Council send a letter to the appropriate Minister with a copy to our MPP requesting immediate reconsideration and support for the MAAP program that was recently cancelled.

CARRIED.

C) PLANNING, BUILDING & BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT:

RES#13-Nov/14

i) Report:

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Estella Rose that Council receive and review the Planning, Building & By-law Enforcement Department report dated November 7, 2005. CARRIED.

RES#14-Nov/14

ii) Bill 124 – Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act, 2002:

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Estella Rose that The Township of North Dundas: Strongly objects to the request of architects and engineers for exemption from the code provisions affected by Bill 124, and: Requests that the Building Advisory Council (BAC), to be set up in January 2006, address the following issues regarding liability and accountability recommended by BRRAG (Building Regulatory Reform Advisory Group) but omitted in Bill 124: Improved Code knowledge for builders/contractors, Provisions for builder liability insurance for non-residential builders, and Longer liability insurance periods for designers , and; Request that the BAC review the other recommendations of BRRAG that were omitted in Bill 124, which will create a more equitable building regulatory system in Ontario; And Further that a copy of this motion be sent to Minister John Gerretsen, the Attorney General and MPP Jim Brownell for action. CARRIED.

RES#15-Nov/14

iii) No Parking Zone:

Moved by Estella Rose and seconded by Bill Smirle that Council direct and authorize the Planning, Building & By-law Enforcement Department to re-instate the “No-Parking” zone near the corner of Caleb Street (North side / West end of Caleb beside Mary’s Restaurant) and erect proper signage; and further that the appropriate schedule in By-law 25-2001 be amended to include Caleb Street.

CARRIED

D) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

RES#16-Nov/14

i) Report:

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Estella Rose that Council receive and review the Waste Management Department report dated November 14, 2005. CARRIED.

RES#17-Nov/14

i) Landfill Closure:

Moved by Martin Schoones and seconded by Estella Rose that Council authorize

that the Mountain Landfill Site be closed for Wednesday December 28, 2005 and re-opened Wednesday, January 4, 2006. **CARRIED.**

E) RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT:

RES#18-Nov/14

i) Report:

Moved by Estella Rose and seconded by Schoones that Council receive and review the Recreation & Culture Department report dated November 2005. **CARRIED.**

RES#19-Nov/14

ii) Recreation & Culture Master Plan:

Moved by Martin Schoones and seconded by Estella Rose that Council receive the "Recreation & Culture Master Plan" Final Report dated October 2005 prepared by dmA Planning & Management Services. **CARRIED.**

F) LIVESTOCK VALUER CLAIM REPORT:

RES#20-Nov/14

i) Report:

Moved by Estella Rose and seconded by Martin Schoones that Council accept the report of the Live Stock Valuer (Greg Holmes) re: *Anita Gilmer/Greg Stubbings* and authorize and direct payment of the compensation claimed \$200.00 Date of Claim October 31, 2005. **CARRIED.**

RES#21-Nov/14

ii) Report:

Moved by Martin Schoones and seconded by Estella Rose that Council accept the report of the Live Stock Valuer (Greg Holmes) re: *Fred Baker* and authorize and direct payment of the compensation claimed \$350.00 Date of Claim November 1, 2005. **CARRIED**

RES#22-Nov/14

iii) Report:

Moved by Martin Schoones and seconded by Bill Smirle that Council accept the report of the Live Stock Valuer (Albert Koekkoek) re: *Dwayne Acres* and authorize and direct payment of the compensation claimed \$150.00 Date of Claim November 9, 2005. **CARRIED**

RES#23-Nov/14

iv) Report:

Moved by Martin Schoones and seconded by Bill Smirle that Council accept the report of the Live Stock Valuer (Albert Koekkoek) re: *Dwayne Acres* and authorize and direct payment of the compensation claimed \$300.00 Date of Claim October 24, 2005. **CARRIED**

9) BY-LAWS:

N/A

10) NEW BUSINESS:

RES#24-Nov/14

a) Knights of Columbus Raffle:

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Martin Schoones that Council grant permission to the Knights of Columbus Council 7743 from Winchester and Marionville to sell raffle tickets of Provincial Lottery Licence No. PO51729.

CARRIED.

11) OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

12) CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

RES#25-Nov/14

a) Request for support –Township of Lanark-Highlands:

Moved by Martin Schoones and seconded by Bill Smirle that Council support Resolution No. 2005-10-280 from the Township of Lanark Highlands dated October 25, 2005 regarding protection of Not-for Profit Volunteers. **CARRIED.**

RES#26-Nov/14

b) Request for support - Township of Terrance Bay:

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Martin Schoones that Council support Resolution No. 328-2005 from the Township of Terrace Bay dated October 24, 2005 regarding Influenza Pandemic. **CARRIED.**

RES#27 -Nov/14

c) Request for support – Canada Post:

Moved by Martin Schoones and seconded by Estella Rose that WHEREAS Canada Post is reviewing its entire postal networks and has announced plans to close a mail sorting plant in Quebec City as the very first step of its review; WHEREAS the government appears to support Canada Post's plan to close the plant in Quebec City, beginning December 2005, which would eliminate 302 jobs; WHEREAS the government is allowing Canada Post to close rural post offices in spite of a moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns; WHEREAS our public postal network connects communities throughout this vast land, helping us to overcome differences and distances; AND WHEREAS our public postal network plays a key role in our social and economic life by providing jobs and the infrastructure that healthy communities need to thrive and businesses need to grow; THEREFORE be it resolved the Township of North Dundas write to John McCallum, the Minister responsible for Canada Post and request that the federal government instruct Canada Post: 1) to stop the closure of the mail sorting plant in Quebec City and proposed closures in other locations, 2) to consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making changes to Canada Post's network, 3) to maintain, expand and improve our public postal network. **DEFEATED.**

RES#28-Nov/14

d) Request for support – Loyalist Township:

Moved by Martin Schoones and seconded by Bill Smirle that Council support a Resolution from Loyalist Township dated October 31, 2005 that request the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs to include fishers as predators for which claims for injured or killed livestock can be re-imbursed. **CARRIED.**

RES#29-Nov/14

e) Proclamation- Get Ready for Snowmobiling Week:

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Martin Schoones that Council of the Township of North Dundas declares the week of November 21 to 27, 2005 as "Get Ready of Snowmobiling Week" in the Township of North Dundas . **CARRIED.**

13) COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Mayor Runnalls announced with regret the passing of Brian Armstrong, father of Councillor Al Armstrong.

Deputy Mayor Smirle expressed concerns regarding pending legislation involving double hatters and the affect this may have on local volunteer fire departments. Council concurred, and agreed to follow-up with Minister, Monte Kwinter and M.P.P Brownell.

14) IN CAMERA:

RES#30-Nov/14

Moved by Martin Schoones and seconded by Estella Rose that Council proceed in Camera in order to address a matter pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes. **CARRIED.**

15) OPEN SESSION:

RES#31-Nov/14

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Martin Schoones that Council move to Open Session at 9:50 p.m. **CARRIED.**

16) OTHER BUSINESS:

N/A

17) ADJOURNMENT:

RES#32-Nov/14

Moved by Bill Smirle and seconded by Estella Rose that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 10:07 p.m. **CARRIED.**

Alvin Runnalls – MAYOR

Jo-Anne McCaslin - CLERK