

November 18, 2008

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

The Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards met on the above date with Councillors Isabel O'Reilly, Kathy Marion, Ernie Cybulski, Stanley Pecoskie, Carl Kuehl and Debbie Peplinskie present. Mayor Janice Visneskie chaired the meeting, which she opened and called to order.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest: No pecuniary/financial interest was declared by any of the council members present.

Minutes:

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Stanley Pecoskie

Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting dated November 4, 2008. Carried.

Delegations: Mayor Visneskie advised that Council has invited Jenna McRae, Joel Kelford and Denis Laurin to this meeting to congratulate them and recognize their act of bravery in saving two people from drowning in Round Lake in May. Mr. Laurin was unable to attend, however, Ms. McCrae and Mr. Kelford were asked to come forward to receive congratulatory plaques from the township. Council took a short recess, during which refreshments were served.

Council reconvened with the same member present. Several residents from the Village of Killaloe were present. Lynn Davis addressed council on behalf of this group, advising that they were in attendance in regard to a complaint about a neighbour's barking dogs. Mayor Visneskie referred to a council report from the By-Law Enforcement Officer that outlined what action has been taken by the municipality in regard to this complaint, and which also contained a reference to his advice to various members of the group that someone would be required to come forward and agree to go to court in this regard if they want the township to proceed with the complaint. Mayor Visneskie thanked these residents for attending, at which time they left the meeting.

Lawrence Surnoskie was present and was invited to address council. He requested permission to cut timber on a portion of municipal road allowance adjacent to his property on Scenic Road. Mayor Visneskie advised him that he would be required to sign an agreement with the township before he would be allowed to work on municipal property, and that he should contact the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to initiate this process. Mr. Surnoskie thanked council and left the meeting.

Reports: Fire Chief Jim Whelan was present and was invited to give his report. He advised that the hydrant on Simpson Pit Road has been installed, in conjunction with the County of Renfrew, and will be tested next week. Mr. Whelan also reported that, starting on January 1, 2009, all of the reports to the Fire Marshal's office have to be completed on-line. He advised that he has discussed this with the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer and they have agreed to utilize space at the municipal office for this purpose rather than incurring the cost of providing internet service to the fire hall. Council thanked Mr. Whelan for his report, at which time he left the meeting.

Works Superintendent Clifford Yantha was present and was invited to give his report. He reported that the township had cleared the debris from the ditch on Tullis' Road, and that the works department has constructed housing for the generator at the municipal building. Councillor O'Reilly thanked the road crew for their assistance with the Remembrance Day Ceremony. Council thanked Mr. Yantha for his report, at which time he left the meeting.

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer: The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer reviewed the list of upcoming meetings with council. She also provided council with a draft policy for employee training and development courses.

Committee Reports:

Roads & Bridges Committee:

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Stanley Pecoskie

Motion to approve minutes of Road Committee dated April 7, 2008. Carried.

Councillor Kuehl reported on the committee meeting which had been held on November 17, 2008. He advised that Public Works & Engineering Director Dave Darch had attended the meeting to discuss issues relating to the load limits on the Coulas Bridge, with the result being a committee recommendation that the municipality request a 50-50 cost sharing agreement with the county to install a Lessard Bridge. A portion of the municipality's contribution could consist of "in-kind" contributions, e.g. township labour and equipment to assist in the installation of the bridge. The total cost of the bridge and installation is estimated at between \$60,000 - \$70,000 dollars. As the bridge would not be in place until next year, the municipal Works Superintendent has been asked to make appropriate arrangements to ensure that winter maintenance can be safely carried out there this year.

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Ernie Cybulski

Motion to write to the Operations Committee at the County of Renfrew, asking for their consideration to enter into a 50-50 partnership for the replacement of the Coulas Bridge. Carried.

Mayor Visneskie reported that the committee is also recommending approval of a request from Mask Communications to install an additional antenna on the one that is already on the municipal building, to assist him in providing high speed service to residents of the area. Council agreed to the request. Mayor Visneskie also advised that the committee had tabled discussion on the by-law dealing with permits to haul oversized loads on township roads, and will review the issue once the County of Renfrew has completed their policy in regard to this matter.

Waste Management Committee: Councillor Cybulski reported that the cement pad has been poured at the Killaloe Waste Disposal Site, and that the project to install the guard rails will be started next week. He also reported that someone had removed the stove from the attendant's shelter at the Red Rock Waste Disposal Site.

Recreation Committee: Councillor Pecoskie reported that he and Councillor O'Reilly had looked at various locations for the loggers games for the Sno Fun Weekend, and that it looks like the property along Brennan's Creek, across from Millstream Apartments, would be an ideal location.

Killaloe & District Public Library Board: Councillor O'Reilly reported on the board meeting that was held today. The board has been asked to ensure that council receives a copy of the minutes of their meetings. She also advised that she had been asked to get information as to the ownership of the heaters that are stored in the library's storage area in the basement of the municipal building. Council agreed that the board could have them.

Economic Development Committee: Councillor Marion advised that she had spoken to Alan Hilgendorf about a mural for the council chambers. She has also talked to Jan Bonhomme and she has agreed to make a presentation relating to Festivals and Events, in the new year. Councillor Marion also reported that she had obtained information about a "Grow Your Business" workshop and suggested that she distribute it to the local businesses. Council agreed to this suggestion. Council asked the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to prepare a letter congratulating the new owners of Goldenrest Lodge on opening their new business.

Council discussed the various designs for the winter banners. Councillor Marion agreed to contact Ken Shulist in this regard.

Centennial Planning Committee: Councillor O'Reilly reported on the success of the Interfaith Service. Council agreed to reimburse Councillor O'Reilly the \$200 budgeted amount for the refreshments for the reception which was held in conjunction with this event, and to reimburse Barb Doran the \$14.76 additional cost that was incurred. Councillor O'Reilly also advised that approximately \$45.00 had been spent for the refreshments for the Remembrance Day Ceremony. Council agreed to this expenditure, and to Councillor O'Reilly's suggestion that a donation of \$25.00 be given to both Mark Mackisoc and Lynn Davis for their musical contributions to the event.

Broadband Steering Committee: Mayor Visneskie reported that the committee had met on November 13th, and that it was decided that the Building Canada Fund isn't a viable option for the broadband application, as the November 21st deadline cannot be met. She advised that the next committee meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2008 at 6:00 PM.

Examining Accounts:

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Stanley Pecoskie

Motion to approve Road and General Voucher #10-08, in the amount of \$377,347.79. Carried.

By-Laws:

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Stanley Pecoskie

Motion for 3rd reading of By-Law #57-2008. Carried.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #57-2008, being a by-law to re-zone property belonging to Cornelia, Ernest and Raymond Hennion, a third time short, at which time it was passed by council.

Correspondence:

Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care: Small Drinking Water Systems update – filed.
Ontario Property and Environmental Rights Alliance: Endangered Species and Municipal Drainage Legislation – filed.
Ministry of Finance: Investing in Ontario Act – filed.
Jacques Whitford: Revised Notice of Commencement for Proposed Wind Energy Project Near Eganville – filed.
AMO: Energy Workshop – filed; Information session re: Federal Gas Tax – filed.
Cowan News & Views: Information Bulletin – Distributed to Department Heads.
AMCTO: Annual conference – Register Mayor and CAO/Clerk-Treasurer.
Marilyn Boyachok: Concern re: sewer grate on Lake Street – Forwarded to Works Superintendent.
NAW: Resolution supporting broadband funding application under the Rural Connections program.

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie
Seconded by Kathy Marion

THAT Whereas Municipalities throughout the County of Renfrew have numerous and serious service gaps for affordable high-speed broadband internet service;

AND WHEREAS this communications infrastructure is critical for economic development, business sustainability, and access to education, health and government information;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has a Rural Connections funding program to help address this issue;

AND WHEREAS the Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation (RC-CFDC) and the County of Renfrew will jointly fund a High-Speed Broadband Coordinator to assist the County's lower-tier municipalities to prepare and submit applications;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards Township commits to submitting an application to the Rural Connections Program by February 12, 2009, with the assistance of a County of Renfrew appointed High-Speed Broadband Coordinator. Carried.

OVTA: OVTA Tourism News – filed.

RCCTA: December Meeting – Staff will attend.

Reverend Archie Afelskie: Congratulations on Centennial Year celebrations – filed.

Eganville Leader: Ads for 2008 Christmas Edition of newspaper – Council approved the newspaper ad.

Mike Milinkovich: Creating a “Head of Councils Association” – filed.

SkyPower: Update of development of Killaloe 9 MW wind power project in Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – filed.

Accessibility Directorate of Ontario: Public Review for the Initial Proposed Accessible Information and Communications Standard - Copied to Works Superintendent, Fire Chief, Building Inspector, Office staff and OCWA.

County of Renfrew: Lessard Bridge information – filed.

Ottawa Valley Business: Newsletter – filed.

County of Renfrew: Mayor Don Rathwell acclaimed Warden for the year 2009 – Send congratulatory letter.

Unfinished Business: Council reviewed the pictures that had been taken of full council, and asked for pricing on enlargements.

New Business: Councillor Cybulski advised that he has been informed that the application to develop a strategic plan for waste management would not be eligible for funding under Round 1 of the Building Canada Fund, as it does not include a construction component.

By-Laws:

Moved by Carl Kuehl

Seconded by Stanley Pecoskie

Motion for 1st and 2nd reading of By-Law #60-2008, being a by-law confirming the proceedings of council at its public and regular meetings dated November 18, 2008. Carried.

By-Law #60-2008 was read a first and second time by the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer.

Moved by Stanley Pecoskie

Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion for 3rd reading of By-Law #60-2008. Carried.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #60-2008 a third time short, at which time it was passed by council.

Adjournment:

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie

Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to adjourn regular meeting dated November 18, 2008. Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer