

January 20, 2009

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 and Carl Kuehl present. Mayor Janice Visneskie chaired the meeting, which she opened and called to order.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest: None declared by any of the council members present.

Councillor Peplinskie arrived at this time.

Moved by Isabel O'Reilly
Seconded by Kathy Marion

Motion to accept Special Meeting minutes of January 7, 2009 and Public and Regular Meeting minutes of January 6, 2009. Carried.

Delegations: Phyllis Hartwig was present and was invited to address council. She provided council with information relating to wind energy, and advised that she wants council to reconsider the resolution that was passed requesting a moratorium on wind farms until further study has been done to determine their long-term effects. Councillor Cybulski explained the concerns that council has with regard to the long-term economic viability of the wind farms, and how this could impact the municipality as well as private property owners, once government funding is no longer available to support these projects. He also explained that the power that will be generated will not directly benefit our area as it will be added to the power grid to be sold back to hydro customers, and that Council worries that the detrimental effects could outweigh the benefits. Mayor Visneskie also explained the issue relating to moving the components for the turbines on township roadways, and advised that Council is reviewing municipal by-laws in this regard. In response to Mrs. Hartwig's comment that municipalities could benefit financially from wind farms, Mayor Visneskie assured her that, while Council is aware of this, it is also important to ensure that appropriate research and studies are done that will answer the questions that are being asked about the health and safety issues and possible financial ramifications, before the wind farms are constructed. Mayor Visneskie asked Council if they wished to rescind the resolution asking for the moratorium, and was told by full Council that they did not. Council thanked Mrs. Hartwig for her presentation, at which time she left the table.

Danny Gutoskie was present and was invited to address council. He inquired as to the status of his severance application. The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer explained that the amended planning report provided by the County of Renfrew indicates a tertiary aggregate deposit which does not require protection from long-term extraction, therefore the only issues remaining with the severance are the Provincially Significant Wetland designation and the MDS requirements. Mayor Visneskie explained that these are issues that he would have to address with the County of Renfrew. Mr. Gutoskie thanked Council for their attention to his concerns, and left the meeting. Council reviewed Mr. Gutoskie's application for severance.

Moved by Stanley Pecoskie
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to approve Severance B154/08 subject to recommendations laid out in Section 5(d) in the Renfrew County Planning Department Planning Report. Carried.

Reports: Fire Chief Jim Whelan was present and was invited to give his report. He asked for and received permission for himself and Deputy Fire Chief Gerry Dombroskie to attend the Annual Fire Conference in North Bay. Mr. Whelan asked for and received permission to purchase two carbon monoxide detectors with LED read outs, one detector for each fire hall, at a cost of approximately \$500. Council discussed the correspondence from the Town of Arnprior regarding water and ice rescue services. Council instructed the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to write to them advising that the township does not wish to enter into a water and ice rescue agreement.

Councillor Pecoskie advised that the Loggers' Games on the Sno Fun Weekend will be held in the field adjacent to the sewage treatment plant. He inquired about the

restrictions on having a bon fire there. Mr. Whelan advised that, as long as it is not in a built up area and it is a minimum of 500' from a residence, they could have a bonfire. He also advised that during the fire season, from April 1st to October 31st, no open burning is allowed in Killaloe.

A Fire Committee Meeting will be held on February 11, 2009 in the council chambers. Mr. Whelan was asked to have his preliminary budget ready for the Finance Committee meeting on February 18th. 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 advised that the grinding contract at the Killaloe Waste Disposal Site has been completed. He also reported that the new truck will be ready for delivery within the next week. Mr. Yantha advised that he had been asked by County of Renfrew personnel if the township would agree to a rental arrangement to use our sweeper to clean Queen Street in Killaloe in the spring. Council agreed to this request and asked Mr. Yantha to make the necessary arrangements. Mr. Yantha requested permission to purchase a rear mounted de-icing and scarifying blade system for one of the township trucks.

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Debbie Peplinskie

Motion to purchase a Quick Attach Rear Mounted De-icing Blade for the Works Department. Carried.

Mr. Yantha made a request that the township look into the possibility of purchasing cell phones for certain staff members. Council asked the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to get pricing information from Rogers and Bell for this service. Mr. Yantha was asked to have his preliminary road budget ready for the February 18th Finance Committee meeting. Council asked Mr. Yantha to set up a meeting on February 2nd with representatives from Madawaska Valley Township, to discuss shared road maintenance and capital expenditures issues. Council agreed to have the works department assist with the preparations for the Loggers' Games, as their schedule permits.

Councillor O'Reilly reviewed the list of activities for the upcoming Sno Fun Week End. She explained that the sliding party at Garney's Ranch is not being sponsored by the municipality this year, but by G. Kranz Insurance, however sleigh rides and various children's activities, along with hot chocolate and hot dogs will be provided on February 7th on the site of the Logger's Games.

Examining Accounts:

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Debbie Peplinskie

Motion to approve Road and General Voucher #12-2008 in the amount of \$662,537.45. Carried.

Mr. Yantha left the meeting.

Councillor O'Reilly requested and received permission for a budget of \$465 for the Sno Fun Weekend, \$100 for food and beverages and the balance for the sleigh rides, ribbons, advertising and other incidentals.

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer: The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer reviewed the list of upcoming meetings with council. She also requested and received permission to replace the photocopier, and was asked to obtain pricing information on the purchase or lease of a new unit.

Committee Reports:

Waste Management Committee: Councillor Cybulski suggested, and Council agreed, to invite Tyler Peters of Greenview Environmental to present the 2009 Waste Management Work Program at the Finance Committee meeting on January 29th. Council also agreed to his suggestion that the Waste Management Committee meet with Mr.

Peters prior to the Finance Committee meeting to review the waste diversion strategies that will assist in increasing the township's diversion rate.

Personnel Committee: Council asked the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to prepare the by-law to approve the amended Human Resources Policies and Procedures manual for the township, for the Regular Meeting on February 3, 2009.

Recreation Committee: Councillor O'Reilly reported that the roof of the building at the Killaloe Rink is in need of additional repairs. She advised that she is spear heading a golf tournament this summer, and that there will be a dance on August 1st, with all proceeds going to the rink.

Councillor Pecoskie reported that he had received a call from the owners of the Village Restaurant in Round Lake with regard to holding some of the Loggers' Games events in Round Lake. Councillor Pecoskie explained that it is very difficult to move the event, but that he had suggested that she contact Tim Summers with regard to the possibility of holding something on the Round Lake Recreation property.

Councillor Marion reported that she had received calls regarding the Killaloe Rink. The Lions Club has spent \$2000 to repair the roof, and the idea was for it to be a four season facility. CRC has secured funding for equipment and they have apparently been told that they can't put it there. Council agreed that Mayor Visneskie and Councillor O'Reilly should meet with representatives from CRC and the Friends of the Killaloe Rink to discuss issues relating to the use of the Killaloe Rink. Councillor O'Reilly advised that three school groups will schedule time to use the rink, and that they will provide their own supervision when they are there, and that volunteers will supervise it from 6-9 in the evenings. Council agreed to sponsor the Easter Egg Hunt again this year.

Economic Development Committee: Councillor Marion reported that Jan Bonhomme has confirmed that she is available to give a "Festivals and Events" presentation on March 5, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Councillor Marion advised that the Z-cards are ready and that she will pick them up this week. She also advised that the owners and several employees of the Beaver Tails business, were invited to attend the Obama inauguration. Council asked the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to offer them Council's congratulations.

Severances:

Council discussed the revised planning report that had been received for Severance No. B124/07(3), for Errol and Lisa Francis.

Moved by Ernie Cybulski
Seconded by Kathy Marion

Motion to approve Severance B124/07(3) subject to the recommendations laid out in Section 5(d) in the Renfrew County Planning Department Planning Report. Carried.

Correspondence:

Genevieve Jones: The Ontario Green Energy Act – Source of the document is the Green Energy Alliance – filed.

Laurentian Valley Township: Request for support of high speed application for Laurentian Valley and the Town of Petawawa – filed.

Energy Options: Solar Thermal Systems information – filed.

County of Renfrew: Copy of MNR response to a general inquiry about a new lot severance – filed.

United Way: Merger of The United Way/Centraide of the Upper Ottawa Valley Inc. and the Deep River District United Way – filed.

ML Anderson: Wind energy law nullified in New York – filed.

County of Renfrew: OMMI Seminar – filed.

OVRTA: Tourism News – filed.

Killaloe & District Public Library Board: Minutes of November 18, 2008 and December 8, 2008 meetings - filed.

Cambium Environmental: Municipal Eco Challenge Fund – Tabled to Finance Committee Meeting.

Karen Smith: Correspondence regarding her experience with wind farms – filed.

Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee: Minutes of Annual Meeting – filed.

Human Resources and Personnel Policy: For council's review.

County of Renfrew: Weather Forecasting Services – Forwarded to Works Superintendent.

Social Benefits Tribunal: Request for meeting space – Council is not able to accommodate their request.

RLPOA: Request for the township to petition the Provincial Government to reinstate the previous (2005) valuations and to use this market period to re-examine the entire assessment/property taxation regime in Ontario – Council agreed to this request.

County of Renfrew: Customer Training Course – The Deputy CAO will attend.

Municipal Advisory Committee: Update on Algonquin Land Claim – filed.

Elearnetwork: Call for expression of interest – filed.

Ottawa Valley Business: January 2009 newsletter – filed.

New Business: Councillor Pecoskie advised that he had received a call from a ratepayer asking that Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards' Council pass a resolution asking the Province to go back to 2005 assessments. Council has supported this request from the RLPOA.

Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Stanley Pecoskie

Seconded by Carl Kuehl

To go into Committee of the Whole re: personnel. Carried.

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie

Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to come out of Committee of the Whole. Carried.

By-Laws:

Moved by Ernie Cybulski

Seconded by Kathy Marion

Motion for 1st and 2nd reading of By-Law #4-2009, being a by-law confirming the proceedings of council at its Special Meeting dated January 7, 2009 and Regular Meeting January 20, 2009. Carried.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #4-2009 a first and second time.

Moved by Kathy Marion

Seconded by Ernie Cybulski

Motion for 3rd reading of By-Law 4-2009. Carried.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law 4-2009 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 January 20, 2009. Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer