

April 29, 2008

Special Meeting

7:00 PM

The Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards held a Special Meeting on the above date at the call of the Mayor. Councillors Isabel O'Reilly, Kathy Marion, Stanley Pecoskie, Carl Kuehl and Debbie Peplinskie were present. Also in attendance was Sue Sheridan, Deputy CAO/CEMC. 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.

Purpose of Meeting: Mayor Visneskie advised that the meeting has been called to discuss issues resulting from the recent flooding on Round Lake.

Mayor Visneskie reported that the Emergency Operations Control Group has met several times since the State of Local Emergency was declared on April 22, 2008. She reported that the water on Round Lake is receding, but that we are still getting calls for sandbags and bottled water, both of which are being made available by the municipality, at the Round Lake Fire Hall. Mayor Visneskie advised that the Ministry of Environment will allow the municipality to stockpile debris at the Round Lake Waste Disposal Site for a short period of time, until arrangements can be made for its disposal. Council agreed to waive the tipping fee for the disposal of waste that has been generated due to the flooding. Councillor Pecoskie reported that some of the debris will be items that have washed up onto properties from the lake itself, and suggested that the township have a loader at the Round Lake Site to deal with these items. Council agreed to this suggestion.

Council agreed to allow people who have received damage to their properties due to the current flood situation, to dispose of the debris free of charge, at the Round Lake Waste Disposal Site on May 18, 2008 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and on June 29, 2008 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Municipal staff will issue waste disposal cards to those who have been affected by the flooding.

Council agreed to apply for Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program Funding for municipal and private properties that have been affected by this flood. Municipal staff will compile the necessary documentation for the application, which must be submitted to the province no later than May 12, 2008. The Renfrew County & District Health Unit has also advised that they will make arrangements to pick up drinking water samples at the municipal office from people whose wells have been impacted by this flood. The Finance Committee meeting was changed from May 8th at 7:30 PM to May 27th at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Visneskie reported that requests had been made by people attending the public information sessions on April 24th in Round Lake Centre, that council arrange to have personnel from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Renfrew Power Generation attend a meeting so that the public could address their concerns regarding the lake levels. Council agreed to this request. This meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2008 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at St. Casimir's Church in Round Lake Centre. Mayor Visneskie will invite MNR and RPG personnel to attend.

Mayor Visneskie reported that requests were also received to have the municipality ask the Ministry of Natural Resources to waive the permit fee for shoreline repair, and to expedite the process for obtaining the permit. A request was also made at the public information session to have MNR test the lake water to determine whether or not it is safe for swimming. Council agreed to send these requests to MNR. Sue Sheridan also advised that Phillippe Geoffrion of Emergency Management Ontario had suggested that the municipality ask the Ministry of Environment to comment on possible contamination due to the flooding of wells and septic systems. Council agreed to this suggestion.

Council reviewed a letter from MNR that had been sent in response to an inquiry by Councillor Pecoskie, as to how the municipality can deal with the large number of beaver dams that are impacting on municipal roads. MNR District Manager Paul Moreau's response was that in areas where there is an immediate threat to public safety and road infrastructure, the MNR would be prepared to authorize the humane and safe dispatch

of beavers under certain conditions, which they would attach. In response to Mr. Moreau's request, a list of the roads affected by beaver dams is to be sent to him.

Council reviewed correspondence from the Hennessey family, thanking all the volunteers for helping them to mitigate the damage to their property.

Mayor Visneskie read correspondence from SkyPower, which addressed questions from their attendance at the April 22nd meeting with council.

Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Isabel O'Reilly
Seconded by Debbie Peplinskie

To go into Committee of the Whole relating to personnel issues relating to an identifiable individual, and litigation issues. Carried.

Moved by Isabel O'Reilly
Seconded by Debbie Peplinskie

To come out of Committee of the Whole. Carried.

Unfinished/Other Business:

Moved by Kathy Marion
Seconded by Isabel O'Reilly

To employ Jesse Lepine for the waste management position pertaining to the MOLOK organics diversion project. Carried.

A Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Moved by Kathy Marion
Seconded by Stanley Pecoskie

That this meeting adjourn. Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer