

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE 2009 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 420 LESLIE AVENUE, THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO AT THE HOUR OF 5:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT: Reeve Maria Harding
Councillor Alana Bishop
Councillor Donna Blunt
Councillor Ab Covello
Councillor Ron Giardetti

ALSO PRESENT: Wendy Hamlin, Clerk
Eric Collingwood, Chief Administrative Officer
Craig Baumann, Manager of Operations
Blair Arthur, Fire Chief
Alan Cooke, Chief Building Official
Sarah Lewis, Economic Development Officer,
Township of Nipigon and 2 Persons in Audience

1. CALL TO ORDER

Resolution No.: 1198/09	
Moved By:	Ab Covello
Seconded By:	Donna Blunt
THAT this meeting of Council is hereby called to order at 5:00 pm.	
CARRIED	

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest by any member of Council on any item listed on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No.: 1199/09	
Moved By:	Donna Blunt
Seconded By:	Ab Covello
THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.	
CARRIED	

4. CLOSED SESSION

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a) Minutes of the previous Meeting of Council held May 25, 2009

Councillor Blunt informed Council that there was a typo that she discussed with the Clerk who amended same.

Resolution No.: 1200/09	
Moved By:	Ab Covello
Seconded By:	Donna Blunt
THAT the minutes of the previous meeting of Council held May 25, 2009 be adopted as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.	
CARRIED	

b) Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The Clerk was directed to bring forward the request for a Triathlon on Lakeshore Drive to the next meeting.

Councillor Blunt noted complaints were included Mr. Johnson's letter requesting to purchase the road allowance; she requested that it be brought forward to the Ontario Provincial Police's attention.

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Sarah Lewis, Economic Development Officer, Township of Nipigon re CN Kinghorn Rails to Trails Committee

Ms. Lewis gave a brief update of the progress of the Ad Hoc Committee looking at the feasibility of developing a trail along the Kinghorn Subdivision. She presented a copy of the terms of reference to Council. Since the first meeting in Nipigon a few months ago, stakeholders have been meeting and developed the terms of reference to help complete a feasibility study. She reviewed the terms and explained that they are preparing to approach communities for financial support.

Ms. Lewis informed Council that CN may continue ownership of the land due to the fibre optic cable buried there. CN would insist there is a policing strategy in place prior to leasing any of the land.

Ms. Lewis presented Council with an outline of costs and explained that they are proposing a \$70,000. study. Municipal contributions would be requested by population, with Shuniah being around \$200. This would make up 10% of the total cost with the remainder coming from Trans Canada Trails. Ontario Federal Council (OFC) along with other opportunities for funding. She explained that if proven feasible there would be more costs, insurance, rerouting, etc. She answered various questions of Council and reviewed the timeline with respect to obtaining the funding needed prior to requesting a study.

7. REPORTS & MINUTES FROM OTHER BOARDS & COMMITTEES

a) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of Council's meeting held May 25, 2009

Resolution No.: 1201/09	
Moved By:	Ron Giardetti
Seconded By:	Donna Blunt
THAT the Minutes of the Thirty-ninth meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Council held May 25, 2009 be adopted as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.	
CARRIED	

b) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority minutes of the meeting held April 22, 2009

Resolution No.: 1202/09	
Moved By:	Alana Bishop
Seconded By:	Ab Covello
THAT the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) Meeting held April 22, 2009 be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.	
CARRIED	

- c) Lakehead Source Protection Authority minutes of meeting held December 10, 2008

Resolution No.: 1203/09	
Moved By:	Donna Blunt
Seconded By:	Ron Giardetti
THAT the Minutes of the Lakehead Source Protection Authority minutes of meeting held December 10, 2008 be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.	
CARRIED	

8. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- a) By-law Enforcement
- b) Building and Planning
- c) Public Works
 - i) Discussion on West Loon Dock

Councillor Bishop explained there were property owners at Loon Lake with concerns of the status of the dock. The Manager of Operations reviewed the situation and explained there was damage from the ice which will be worked on, also bear proof garbage containers and post Children at Play signs will be installed.

- ii) Resolution to accept quote re Line Painting Lakeshore Drive

Resolution No.: 1204/09	
Moved By:	Alana Bishop
Seconded By:	Ab Covello
THAT the quote submitted by North-West Lines Ltd. To complete traffic line painting on Lakeshore Drive and Spruce River Road in the amount of \$13,215.00 plus applicable taxes be accepted.	
CARRIED	

- iii) Resolution to accept quote re Pavement Crack Sealing

Resolution No.: 1205/09	
Moved By:	Donna Blunt
Seconded By:	Alana Bishop
THAT the quote submitted by Lucon Consulting & Construction Services to complete crack sealing on Lakeshore Drive in the amount of \$16,940.00 plus applicable taxes BE ACCEPTED.	
CARRIED	

- d) Fire Department
- e) Administration

- f) Finance Department
 - i) Expenditures for the Month of May 2009

The CAO updated Council on the application by the Gravel Doctor and others to quash of the Load Restriction By-law.

Resolution No.: 1206/09	
Moved By:	Ron Giardetti
Seconded By:	Alana Bishop
<p>THAT the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah hereby authorizes payment of the accounts for the month of May 2009 in the amount of \$244,386.19.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>	

9. REPORTS OF REEVE AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The Reeve informed Council that she received a call from the Mayor of Schreiber who took offence with the President of Northwestern Ontario Superior Tourism Association (NOSTA). Councillor Bishop explained the concerns and the outcome from a meeting held earlier.

Councillor Blunt reported on a meeting of the municipalities on the readiness to develop economically. The CAO spoke to completing a community profile to be posted on the provincial website. He undertook to apply and contact the Township of Dorion to consider a joint application.

Councillor Bishop noted the roads crew is finishing the backstop at the McTavish Field. She will try and get a map of the Canada Trail and the road map.

The Reeve informed Council that she received a call from Michael Gravelle on the recent announcement of Provincial and Federal funding approved for road infrastructure. The CAO discussed the Municipality's portion. The Manager of Operations updated Council on current tender requests.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a) General

At this time, Councillor Bishop presented Council with a letter she prepared to Minister Bradley.

Resolution No.: 1207/09	
Moved By:	Alana Bishop
Seconded By:	Ab Covello
<p>THAT the following items of General Correspondence be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Letter to the Minister of the Ministry Transportation re proposed four laning ii) Letter from the Office of Michael Gravelle, MPP announcing highway distance markers initiated policy to begin in the summer of 2009 <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>	

b) Referred

11. BY-LAWS

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Resolutions re Ministry of Transportation – Four Laning

As per Michael Gravelle's request; Council agreed to change the June 11th meeting to start at 2:30 pm

Councillor Blunt explained she was bringing forward draft resolutions on the four laning for discussion. The Reeve explained the letter addresses all the points but could be reworded.

Both resolutions were withdrawn by the movers and secondary to be reworded brought forward to the June 11th meeting.

Mrs. Hamelin was in audience and spoke to Haugen Road noting the Ministry of Transportation is not doing the Spruce River Road and explained the route. She requested Council consider including wording in the resolution that would include other areas.

b) Requests to Purchase Road Allowances

The mover and seconded withdrew the resolution on the requests to purchase road allowances. Administration was directed to bring this matter back.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request from Oxford County to support its resolution requesting the Province with respect the authority to eliminate capping in any or all property classes

Resolution No.: 1208/09	
Moved By:	Alana Bishop
Seconded By:	Ron Giardetti
<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah hereby supports Oxford County in its Resolution passed on May 13, 2009 requesting that, in addition to the legislated capping calculation tools currently available, that the Province of Ontario enact legislation to grant municipalities the authorization to effectively eliminate capping in any or all of the protected property classes as they may determine;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Michael Gravelle M.P.P. Thunder Bay Superior and Bill Mauro M.P.P. Thunder Bay Atikoken.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>	

b) Discussion on support re Bombardier City of Toronto Street Car to help keep employment in Thunder Bay and in Ontario as a whole

The draft resolution was withdrawn and to be reworded and brought back to Council June 11th special meeting.

14. CONFIRMATORY

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