



Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

7:00 p.m, Council Chambers, Powassan

Present: Peter McIsaac, Mayor
Gerry Giesler, Councillor
Dave Britton, Councillor
Roger Glabb, Councillor
Todd White, Deputy Mayor

Absent: Nancy Barner, Councillor, with regrets
Steve Eide, Councillor, with regrets

Staff: Maureen Lang, Clerk-Treasurer

Presentations: The Pines – Judy Gauthier and Leslee Straus

Disclosure of Monetary Interest and General Nature Thereof:

Mayor P. McIsaac for item 12.7 - Correspondence involves my employer

2014-97 Moved by: G. Giesler Seconded by: W. White
That the agenda of the Council meeting of March 4, 2014, be approved, with
the addition of 9.3 – Trout Creek Community Centre Flooring, Tender 2014-02. **Carried**

2014-98 Moved by: G. Giesler Seconded by: T. White
That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 18, 2014, be adopted. **Carried**

2014-98 Moved by: T. White Seconded by: G. Giesler
That the draft minutes dated February 19, 2014 from the MoPED Committee, be
received. **Carried**

Mayor McIsaac left Chair for Road Ahead discussion

Deputy Mayor T. White took Chair

Mayor McIsaac returned to Chair

2014-100 Moved by: T. White Seconded by: G. Giesler
That the minutes dated January 27, 2014, from the Powassan & District Union
Public Library, be received. **Carried**

2014-101 Moved by: G. Giesler Seconded by: T. White
That the North Almaguin Planning Board minutes of February 20, 2014, be received. **Carried**

2014-102 Moved by: T. White Seconded by: G. Giesler
That the correspondence dated February 20, 2014, from the District of Parry Sound
Social Services Board regarding the Child Care Modernization Act, be received. **Carried**

- 2014-103** Moved by: T. White Seconded by: G. Giesler
That the minutes dated January 9, 2014 from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Board, be received. **Carried**
- 2014-104** Moved by: T. White Seconded by: G. Giesler
That the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerks attend the AMCTO workshop, "Council Orientation for Elections", on April 30 – May 2, 2014 in North Bay. **Carried**
- 2014-105** Moved by: T. White Seconded by: G. Giesler
That the Clerk-Treasurer attend the AMCTO Annual Conference, 'Resilience & Sustainability 2014', on June 8-11, 2014, in Niagara Falls. **Carried**
- 2014-106** Moved by: G. Giesler Seconded by: T. White
That the 2014 tender for the Flooring Replacement at the Trout Creek Community Centre be awarded to the lowest bidder, C.M. Flooring for their bid of \$29,650.00 + HST. **Carried**
- 2014-107** Moved by: G. Giesler Seconded by: T. White
That By-law no. 2014-04, being a By-law to provide for an iterim tax levy for the year 2014.
READ a FIRST and SECOND time on March 4, 2014.
READ a THIRD and FINAL time and considered passed as such in open Council meeting of March 18, 2014. **Carried**
- 2014-108** Moved by: G. Giesler Seconded by: T. White
That By-law no. 2014-05, being a By-law to specify the claw-back percentages, capping threshold parameters and the minimum tax level for capped properties within the Corporation of the Municipality of Powassan for 2014.
READ a FIRST and SECOND time on March 4, 2014.
READ a THIRD and FINAL time and considered passed as such in open Council meeting of March 18, 2014. **Carried**
- 2014-109** Moved by: G. Giesler Seconded by: T. White
That By-law no. 2014-06, being a By-law to authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Powassan and the Trout Creek Community Centre Board.
READ a FIRST and SECOND time on March 4, 2014.
READ a THIRD and FINAL time and considered passed as such in open Council meeting of March 18, 2014. **Carried**
- 2014-110** Moved by: G. Giesler Seconded by: T. White
That the correspondence dated February 12, 2014, from the Township of Nipissing regarding this year's Zone 7 workshop to be held April 30 to May 2, 2014, be received. **Carried**
- 2014-111** Moved by: G. Giesler Seconded by: T. White
That the correspondence dated February 24, 2014 from the AMO regarding the Annual Conference to be held August 17-20, 2014 in London, Ontario, be received, and further that the following staff and/or Council attend:

1. Deputy Mayor T. White
2. Mayor P. McIsaac
3. A member of the Clerk's staff
4. Councillor D. Britton

Carried

2014-112 Moved by: G.Giesler Seconded by: T. White
That the correspondence dated February 24, 2014 regarding training sessions for municipal planning administrators, be received, and further that Deputy Clerk, Kim Bester, attend training in Sudbury on April 10, 2014, along with Councillor D. Britton.

Carried

2014-113 Moved by: G. Giesler Seconded by: T. White
That the correspondence dated February 19, 2014, from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the 2014 Annual Repayment Limit, be received.

Carried

2014-114 Moved by: G. Giesler Seconded by: T. White
That the correspondence dated February 11, 2014 from the City of Sudbury regarding Joint and Several Liability, be received.

Carried

2014-115 Moved by: G.Giesler Seconded by: T. White
That the correspondence from Susan Church, Executive Director of Blue Sky Net regarding GIS digitization of municipal records, be received.

Carried

2014-116 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Glabb
WHEREAS, municipalities are required to retain and preserve the records of the municipality and its local boards in a secure and accessible manner; and

WHEREAS, Blue Sky Net, is a non-profit Corporation whose mandate is to facilitate the development of technology within the Blue Sky region and,

WHEREAS, Blue Sky Net has facilitated the creation and implementation of a GIS Municipal Partnership to which The Municipality of Powassan belongs, and

WHEREAS, the municipal property records currently stored in paper format are subject to destruction in the event of disaster such as fire or flood, and

WHEREAS, Blue Sky Net would submit an application for funding for a project that would see the digitization of those property records and the addition of those digitized records to existing GIS systems,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWASSAN supports, in principle, the application of Blue Sky Net to FedNor and the Ministry of Infrastructure to undertake a project that will see the digitization and conversion of paper property file documents to electronic records that will be integrated with existing GIS interface. By doing so, local municipalities will secure their Property Information files.

Carried

**Mayor McIsaac left Chair due to conflict
Deputy Mayor T. White took Chair**

2014-117 Moved by: R. Glabb Seconded by: D. Britton
That the correspondence dated February 25, 2014 from West Nipissing regarding a petition for the re-classification of highways, be received.

Carried

2014-118 Moved by: R. Glabb Seconded by: D. Britton

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Powassan is serviced by Provincial Highway 11 for which the Ministry of Transportation is responsible for the maintenance of, through its private contractors;

AND WHEREAS, Highway 11 is classified under the Province's minimum maintenance standard as a Class 1 Highway;

AND WHEREAS, the Ministry of Transportation has recently penalized various maintenance contractors responsible for clearing provincial highways in Ontario for not meeting winter maintenance standards;

AND WHEREAS, weather and climate conditions are constantly changing such that the minimum maintenance standards on Provincial Highways should be re-evaluated on a regular basis to ensure that the safety of the travelling public is ensured;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Province of Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne and Minister of Transportation Glen Murray be petitioned to request that the Ministry of Transportation undertake the evaluation and potential re-classification of all Provincial Highways in an effort to ensure adequate road maintenance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Ministry of Transportation undertake the evaluation to ensure that its contractors consistently maintain Provincial Highways to the standard that ensures continued public safety;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this resolution be forwarded to Northern Ontario municipalities, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) requesting their support of this resolution.

Carried

Mayor McIsaac returned to Chair

2014-119 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Glabb

That the correspondence dated February 25, 2014 from West Nipissing regarding a petition Against Hydro One rate increases, be received.

Carried

2014-120 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Glabb

WHEREAS, the Ontario Energy board (OEB) has approved a delivery rate increase for Hydro One customers of 0.97 cents per month and the new rates were effective January 1, 2014;

AND WHEREAS, Ontario's Ombudsman, André Marin, announced an investigation on February 4, 2014 into Hydro One's billing practices and the lack of customer service, after having received almost 2,500 additional complaints;

AND WHEREAS, the Ontario electricity rates are the highest of all other provinces in Canada;

AND WHEREAS, the Provincial government's new long-term energy plan indicates that the average monthly residential bill of \$125.00 will rise to \$178.00 within five years, demonstrating an increase of 42%;

AND WHEREAS, all users of Hydro One will experience financial hardship, the rate increase will also have an adverse effect on the Northern Ontario economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Province of Ontario, Premier Kathleen Wynne and Minister of Energy, Bob Chiarelli, be petitioned to stop the planned Hydro One rate increase

that will impose undue financial hardship on families and businesses, creating a negative economic impact in Northern Ontario;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Province of Ontario investigate alternatives including opportunities to purchase electricity from the Province of Quebec and/or distributed generation in order to lower the high cost of providing electricity in Ontario;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this resolution be forwarded to Northern Ontario municipalities, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) requesting their support of this resolution.

Carried

2014-121 Moved by: R. Glabb Seconded by: D. Britton
That the items of correspondence be received.

Carried

2014-122 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Glabb
That the accounts payable listing reports dated February 19, 21 and 28, 2014 in the total amount of \$39,307.45, be approved for payment.

Carried

2014-123 Moved by: R. Glabb Seconded by: D. Britton
That Council now adjourns to closed session at 8:35 pm to discuss:

- 18.1 Adoption of Closed Session Minutes of February 18, 2014
- 18.2 Labour Relations-Section 239(d) of the Municipal Act and under 6(1)(d) of the Procedural By-law-labour relations or employee negotiations
- 18.3 Proposed or pending Sale of Land Section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act and under 6(1)(c) of the Procedural Bylaw-a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes. – Fairview Industrial Park

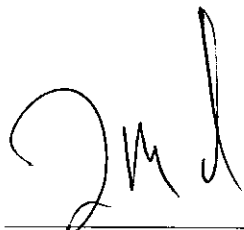
Carried

2014-124 Moved by: R. Glabb Seconded by: D. Britton
That Council now reconvenes to regular session at 9:15 pm.

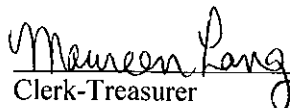
Carried

2014-125 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Glabb
That Council now adjourns at 9:15 pm.

Carried



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer