

Regular Council Meeting
January 5, 2010
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers

Present: Bob Young, Mayor
Nancy Barner, Councillor
Blair Beatty, Councillor
Roger Glabb, Councillor
Gerry Giesler, Councillor
Peter McIsaac, Councillor
George Thompson, Councillor

Staff: Roger Labelle, CAO-Clerk

Guest: Bruce Campbell regarding the new Almaguin Highlands Secondary School construction project.

Disclosure of Monetary Interest and General Nature Thereof: Councillor Glabb declared conflict on item 10 as his employer is listed in the Accounts Payable approval listing. Councillor McIsaac declared conflict on item 7.1 as it related to his employer.

Resolutions:

2010-01 Moved by: Nancy Barner Seconded by: Gerry Giesler

That the agenda of the regular Council meeting of January 5, 2010 be approved. **Carried**

2010-02 Moved by: Nancy Barner Seconded: Blair Beatty

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting of December 15, 2009 be adopted. **Carried**

2010-03 Moved by: Nancy Barner Seconded by: Blair Beatty

That the minutes of the Powassan and District Union Library meeting of October 26 and November 23, 2009 be received. **Carried**

2010-04 Moved by: Nancy Barner Seconded: Blair Beatty

That the minutes of the Trout Creek Community Centre Board meeting of December 7, 2009 be received. **Carried.**

2010-05 Moved by: Roger Glabb Seconded: George Thompson

That the minutes of the Powassan Police Services Board meeting of December 14, 2009 be received. **Carried.**

2010-06 Moved by: Nancy Barner Seconded: Gerry Giesler

That the minutes of the Ad-hoc Municipal Sign Committee meeting of December 14, 2009 be adopted. **Carried**

2010-07 Moved by: Blair Beatty Seconded: Gerry Giesler

That the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of December 14, 2009 be adopted. **Carried.**

2010-08 Moved by: Blair Beatty Seconded: Gerry Giesler

That the report dated December 17, 2009 from the CBO regarding the Windsor Hotel be accepted. **Carried.**

2010-09 Moved by: George Thompson Seconded: Nancy Barner

That the Municipality of Powassan proceed with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Fund application for a Municipal Green House Gas Reduction Plan for the entire Municipality. **Carried.**

2010-10 Moved by: Peter McIsaac Seconded: George Thompson

That the Municipality of Powassan proceed with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Fund application for the Wastewater Treatment implementation to reduce inflow and infiltration to the distribution and collection system. **Deferred.**

2010-11 Moved by: Roger Glabb Seconded: George Thompson

Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Powassan recognizes the need to provide long-term care; and

Whereas as a result of provincial under-funding, municipal levies have continually increased to assist Eastholme, our Home for the Aged, and are forecasted to increase by \$450,000 for 2010 which represents a 95% increase in the municipal levy; and

Whereas, current provincial funding is insufficient and annual increases to the provincial subsidy have not covered inflationary increases on base costs such as wages, employee benefits, supplies and utilities, as well as ensuring that the home can meet the care needs of the home's residents to meet compliance standards; and

Whereas with the passing to the new Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 and the soon to be released regulations, there are concerns that more of the home's limited resources will be spent on the new administrative requirements leading to less money getting to the bedsides of the residents; and

Whereas any possible increase to the accommodation subsidy each year is currently not a reliable source of funding; and

Whereas the province's last few budgets have not provided sufficient additional permanent operating funding for long-term care homes; and

Whereas the province is currently funding the unincorporated townships' share of the budget for the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board, but has not provided a similar arrangement for Boards of Management operating district homes for the aged which have unincorporated townships within their jurisdiction, not withstanding Eastholme and other district homes for the aged have in past years received funding payments by the province in respect of the unincorporated townships for operational purposes and capital projects.

Now Therefore the Municipality of Powassan is requesting that the province provide increased subsidies for 2010 and future years to ensure adequate care of the residents in long-term care homes and to meet the inflationary increases on base expenditures, as well as an annual operational funding payment to the district homes for the aged in respect of the unincorporated townships within their jurisdiction; and

Further that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Finance, The North East Local Health Integration Network, Monique Smith MPP Nipissing, Norm Miller MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Anthony Rota MP Nipissing-Timiskaming, Tony Clement MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all supporting municipalities of Eastholme, Home of the Aged for their action. **Carried.**

2010-12 Moved by: Gerry Giesler Seconded by: Blair Beatty

That the Municipality of Powassan regrettably accepts the resignation of Library Board and the Trout Creek Community Centre Board Member Ray Tester; and

Further that an advertisement be placed in the local paper for a Library Board Member. **Carried**

2010-13 Moved by: Roger Glabb Seconded: Peter McIsaac

That By-law no. 2010-01 to authorize an agreement with Master Meter Canada Inc for the supply of water meters and installation services be adopted. **Carried**

2010-14 Moved by: Gerry Giesler

Seconded: Nancy Barner

That the attached funding application to reduce the municipal share of capital costs totaling \$578,968.00 for upgrades to the Sportsplex Community Recreation Centre, requesting a 50% contribution from NOHFC be approved for submission; and

Further that the Municipality assumes full responsibility for any costs overruns which may be incurred during the completion of the project. **Carried**

2010-15 Moved by: Blair Beatty

Seconded: Nancy Barner

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation has undertaken a Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the Highway 11 Access Review from Highway 534 to Highway 654 in the municipalities of Powassan and Callander (GWP 5379-06-00); and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation has identified a Recommended Plan that includes the following features within the Municipality of Powassan:

- New interchange located at Peever Line/Golf Course Line
- Realignments of Pine Tree Way, Golf Course Line, Peever Line
- Extension and realignment of Latour Crescent
- Extension of Oakwood Road to the west and south, and a new entrance to the Powassan sewage treatment facility
- New bridge over Highway 11 connecting Oakwood Road and Main Street
- Provision for a future east-north ramp at the existing Clark Street interchange (long-term need)
- Closure of the McCharles Line/Main Street intersection at Highway 11
- Closure of the Peever Line/Golf Course Line intersection at Highway 11
- Closure of all entrances on Highway 11

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation agrees to construct the following new municipal roads to local standards within the Municipality of Powassan:

- Pine Tree Way Realignment and Golf Course Line Realignment, an approximate additional length of 230 metres to the existing road network
- Peever Line Realignment (excluding structure and roadway between ramp terminal intersections), an approximate additional length of 400 metres to the existing road network
- Latour Crescent Realignment, an approximate additional length of 100 metres to the existing road network
- Oakwood Road Extension, an approximate additional length of 480 metres to the existing road network
- Oakwood Road/Main Street Connection (excluding structure), an approximate additional length of 340 metres to the existing road network

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Powassan supports, in principle, the Recommended Plan for the Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the Highway 11 Access Review from Highway 534 to Highway 654 in the municipalities of Powassan and Callander (GWP 5379-06-00); and

FURTHER THAT the Municipality of Powassan agrees, in principle, to accept the described municipal roadways for ownership and future maintenance following the construction of the Recommended Plan; and

FURTHER THAT the Municipality of Powassan agrees to undertake the appropriate road naming process for the described municipal roadways during the Detail Design phase of the project. **Carried.**

2010-16 Moved by: Blair Beatty

Seconded: Gerry Giesler

That the attached draft Automatic Aide Agreement proposed by Nipissing Township be received; and

That Nipissing Township be requested to send the draft agreement to its solicitor and the Fire Marshall's Office to ensure the best interest of both municipalities is protected; and

That resolution no. 2009-453 be rescinded; and

Further that pending the adoption of this agreement that fire services between both municipalities be restricted to the Mutual Aid Agreement. **Carried**

2010-17 Moved by: George Thompson

Seconded: Peter McIsaac

That the accounts payable listing reports of December 14, 17, 21, 22, 24,29, 2009 in the total amount of \$133,230.63 be approved for payment. **Carried.**

2010-18 Moved by: Nancy Barner

Seconded: Blair Beatty

That Council now adjourns to closed session at 8:35 p.m to discuss Hadovic Construction Ltd liquidated damages, Treasury Department staff and 2009 Employee Salary and Benefit Review Report. **Carried**

2010-19 Moved by: Blair Beatty

Seconded: Nancy Barner

That Council now reconvenes to regular session at 9:58 p.m. **Carried**

2010-20 Moved by: Gerry Giesler

Seconded: Blair Beatty

That Council now adjourns at 9:58 p.m. **Carried**

Mayor

CAO-Clerk