

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF McNAB/BRAESIDE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 23, 2014

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McNab/Braeside met at 7:00 p.m.

Staff in attendance: Lindsey Parkes, Deputy Clerk
Angie Lochtie, Treasurer
Ryan Frew, Director of Public Works and Property Manager
Geoff Patterson, Recreation Director

Media in attendance: Peter DeWolf, MyFm Radio
Sherry Haaima, Metroland Newspapers

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

All members of Council were in attendance this evening with the exception of Councillor Campbell.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were declared at this time.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Brad McIlquham, **THAT** the agenda dated September 23, 2014 be adopted as amended and circulated.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Cowan - Short Term Disability Management

Ms. Alaire introduced herself and gave a brief resume of her skills and background. Ms. Alaire reviewed the short term disability plan and the services they provide. She advised the STD Plan is a medically managed disability program. It is a supportive program for the employer where Cowan will obtain objective medical information and provide a clear recommendation on period of support and return to work plans. Cowan would require the employee's authorization to correspond with the doctor regarding the individual STD claim. Ms. Alaire explained the process for employees and gave examples of types of illnesses and how each illness may be managed by their team. In conclusion Ms. Alaire stated that Cowan will provide a fair and consistent practice of all employees; ongoing communications to all involved; confidentiality; support for the employee and objective recommendations based on

medical information. Mayor Campbell thanked Ms. Alaire for her attendance and presentation this evening.

5. **MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE DELEGATIONS HEARD**

Nil.

6. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Styles, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, **THAT** the minutes of the September 2, 2014 Regular Meeting be adopted as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor McIlquham, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, **THAT** the minutes of the September 8, 2014 Special Meeting be adopted as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED

7. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL & OTHER BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

a) **Mayor's Report**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** the Mayor's Report dated September 23, 2014 be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED

b) **Treasury Department Report**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** the Treasury Department Report dated September 17, 2014 be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside hereby authorizes the Deputy Clerk to proceed with the addition of Cowan as the Township's short-term disability manager payable on an hourly rate to support the administration of the Township's Short Term Disability Plan in a fair and equitable manner which supports the needs of administration and staff up to an annual rate of \$1,500.00/year.

CARRIED

Council directed the Deputy Clerk to update the Short Term Disability Plan policy #D-1 to reflect the referral to Cowan when absences are expected to exceed 10 days or have exceeded 10 days and any other changes required to ensure consistency with this new service. A line item in the budget will be established for wellness sessions and ergonomics.

c) **Parks & Recreation Report**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** the Parks & Recreation Department Report dated September 19, 2014 be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** Council approve the expenditure of up to \$5,000.00 for plans with respect to the development of a new Braeside RA facility in an effort to be "shovel ready" to be in a better position should a grant opportunity arise.

TABLED

This item was referred back to the recreation committee to be brought back to the October 21, 2014 Council meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** Council approve the expenditure of up to \$40,000.00 for re-development of a multi-sport surface at the White Lake Park rink; **AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves new rink boards as an upgrade at that facility, these boards will be removable to further increase the usability of the surface.

TABLED

This item was referred back to the recreation committee to be brought back to the October 21, 2014 Council meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** Council approve the expenditures of up to \$50,000.00 on the purchase of a new splash pad/ice rink surface at Wellington Park and further that \$8,000.00 of the reserve money be allocated toward the development of a pump house and electrical on this site.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** Council accept the quote of \$17,697.00 by B and T MacFarlane Ltd for provision of a 2013 F3680 diesel tractor-mower with 72" cut pending satisfactory review of unit and warranty.

TABLED

This item was tabled, until further information can be obtained. It was recommended that the procurement by-law be followed for this process and further that the Recreation Director have someone from Public Works and Councillor Campbell give input in this mower.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** Council approve the expenditure of \$35,000.00 toward the purchase of new play equipment at Dochart Soccer Park as provided in the quote from Playground Planners.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** Council approve the purchase of a portable stage from Mill Music in the amount of \$4,000.00 pending a successful mechanical safety review; **FURTHER THAT** Council approve up to \$2000.00 require to make any necessary improvements to ensure safety while transporting.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** Council approve an expenditure of up to \$10,000 for installation of power pedestals at Red Pine Bay.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** Council approve the purchase of a portable sound system from Mill Music at a cost of \$1,209.10.

CARRIED

Mayor Campbell recommended that Mr. Matt Covey be contacted and request that he attend the next recreation committee meeting. Mayor Campbell advised that Mr. Covey may have some valuable input for the recreation committee. The recreation director is to follow up with an invitation to Mr. Covey for the October 8th, 2014 recreation committee meeting.

d) **Public Works and Property Department Report**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** the Public Works and Property Department Report dated September 18, 2014 be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside hereby approves the recommendation from the Public Work Committee to proceed with the design of the Lochwinnoch Road Rehabilitation at an upset cost of \$31,000.00;

AND FURTHER THAT \$14,000 be utilized from the 2014 budget with the remaining cost budgeted for in 2015.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor McIlquham, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside hereby approves the recommendation from the Public Work Committee to proceed with the design of the Golf Club Road Rehabilitation at an upset cost of \$32,000.00; **AND FURTHER THAT** \$15,000 be utilized from the 2014 budget with the remaining cost budgeted for in 2015.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Styles, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside hereby approves the recommendation from the Public Work Committee to proceed with the design of the Young Road Rehabilitation at an upset cost of \$32,000.00; **AND FURTHER THAT** \$15,000 be utilized from the 2014 budget with the remaining cost budgeted for in 2015.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor McIlquham, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, **THAT** Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside hereby approves the recommendation from the Public Work Committee to proceed with an assessment of all roads within the village of Braeside to identify specific drainage and rehabilitation needs; **AND FURTHER THAT** a budget of \$35,000 be set for the study; **AND FURTHER THAT** the study be funded through the Depreciation- Paved Roads account.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** the Public Works and Property Department Report dated September 22, 2014 be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** Council approve of the awarding of Contract No. PW-2014-03 for the Accessibility Upgrades – Waba Cottage Museum as submitted by Trans Provincial Contracting Corporation, Carleton Place, Ontario, in the amount of \$53,000 plus HST; **AND FURTHER THAT** a quotation be received from Trans Provincial Contracting Corporation for additional accessibility upgrades to fully utilize the grant.

CARRIED

e) **Waste Management Department Report**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** the Waste Management Department Report dated September 18, 2014 be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor McIlquham, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, **THAT** Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside hereby approves the recommendation from the Public Work Committee to proceed with the replacement of the existing \$50,000.00 cash bond with a 50% performance bond for the current recycling collection contract with Beauman Waste Management Systems Ltd.;

AND FURTHER THAT the bond amount be set at \$74,819.11.

CARRIED

Staff was directed to have the light bulb at the bottom of the stairs of the R.A. Centre replaced, additional lights outside and that the parking lot be sanded/salted on Tuesdays for the seniors.

f) **Fire Department Report**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** the Fire Department Report dated September 18, 2014 be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED

Mayor Campbell requested that the package from AMO regarding Pay equity and double hatters be referred to the next fire committee meeting. Councillor Styles advised that she also has information from the conference regarding this matter that will be discussed at fire committee.

g) **Waba Cottage Museum & Gardens**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** the Waba Cottage Museum & Gardens Report dated August 11, 2014 be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED

g) **Community Policing Advisory Committee**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** the Summary report of the CPAC meeting be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Item: Correspondence Items Circulated

Moved by Councillor McIlquham, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, **THAT** the correspondence items #1 - #27 (August 29, 2014 - September 19, 2014 inclusive) which were distributed separately be accepted as information as circulated.

CARRIED

9. MOTIONS

- a) Item: Requests for Support #1

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** the above requests for support list be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Blimkie requested that item on the resolution support list be endorsed by Council.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT WHEREAS** in December 2000, the Province of Ontario passed the Continued Protection for Property Taxpayers Act, (Bill 140); **WHEREAS** the Continued Protection for Property Taxpayers Act, among other matters, exempted certain hydro-electric stations and poles and wires from municipal taxation as of January 1, 2001; **WHEREAS** the Continued Protection for Property Taxpayers Act removed the right and authority of affected municipalities across the Province to levy property tax notices to hydro-electric stations, poles and wires, representing significant taxable property assessment; **WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario replaced the above noted rights and authority to tax hydro-electric stations, poles and wires with a compensatory payment, known as the Power Dam Special Payment Program, equivalent to the taxes levied on the subject structures in 2000; **WHEREAS** the amount of payments under the Power Dam Special Payment Program were adjusted for the Consumer Price Index in some but not all years, an adjustment which did not keep pace with either changes in municipal taxation rates or costs; **WHEREAS** the above noted changes resulted in an unfair shift in taxation to the remaining property assessment base, more specifically to residents and businesses alike; **WHEREAS** upon exempting from municipal property taxation, hydro-electric stations, poles and wires that had been subject to such taxation, the Province of Ontario amended the Electricity Act, 1998 requiring the owners of the subject structures to then pay to the Province of Ontario a Gross Revenue Charge (GRC) of three components:

1. A property tax component payable to the Minister of Finance

2. A property tax component payable to the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation
3. A water rental component payable to the Minister of Finance

WHEREAS in July 2014, the Province of Ontario introduced Bill 14, Building Opportunity and Securing Our Future Act (Budget Measures) which phases down or decreases the Power Dam Special Payment Program for hydro-electric stations, poles and wires by 23.53% by 2017, starting in 2015; **WHEREAS** the reduction in the Power Dam Special Payment Program will result in a reduction of annual revenues for affected municipalities by 2017; **WHEREAS** District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSAB's) that use the proceeds of the Power Dam Special Payment Program as part of their funding formula will also be directly affected, thereby affecting municipalities who do not participate in the Power Dam Special Payment Program; **WHEREAS** many municipalities are already struggling as result of accelerated cuts to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), the unknown aspects of a new OPP Billing Model, the elimination of the Connecting Link Program and other cuts; **WHEREAS** as a result of reductions in the Power Dam Special Payment Program, affected municipalities may not be able to meet their fiduciary obligations; **WHEREAS** the reduction in the Power Dam Special Payment Program is punitive in nature; **WHEREAS** the Power Dam Special Payment Program is very small when compared to the multi-billion dollar annual budget of the Province of Ontario yet the impact of the decreased funding is devastating for affected municipalities; **WHEREAS** affected municipalities will have to increase property tax rates to the remaining property assessment base (assessment in some cases which is decreasing) to compensate for the loss of revenue or be forced to significantly compromise municipal services; **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of McNab/Braeside supports the efforts of the County of Renfrew and the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus and requests that the Government in the Province of Ontario reverse the decision to decrease funding to the Power Dam Special Payment Program; **FURTHER** that the Province of Ontario also be requested to annually increase the amount of funding by the amount of any change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to compensate for the increase in municipal costs; **AND FURTHER** that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Premier of the Province of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside agree to extend the hours of the Council meeting for September 23, 2014 past the adjournment time of 10:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Item: Arnprior –Braeside-McNab Seniors at Home Program Inc.

Moved by Councillor Styles, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, **THAT** the above noted correspondence be accepted as submitted and circulated; **AND FURTHER THAT** Council approve a pilot project for 2014 and allocate a maximum of \$5,000.00 for mileage associated with meals on wheels program for delivery to McNab/Braeside residents.

CARRIED

Council members will recruit possible volunteers and give the names to Mr. Harrington at the Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors at Home.

- b) Item: Recreation Budget

The Treasurer was directed to review the budget allocations for the recreation department and report back to Council at the October 7th meeting.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Arnprior, McNab/Braeside Joint 2014 Election Compliance Audit Committee – Terms of Reference

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** the above noted correspondence be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED

- b) Jp2g Consultants Inc. – Development Charges By-law Amendment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer to proceed with the Amendment to the Township Development Charges By-law for Dochart Creek/Glasgow Settlement Area. The Amendment will be produced by Jp2g at an estimated fee of up to \$3200.00 plus HST.

CARRIED

- c) Stantec – Lot Development Fee for Dochart Creek/Glasgow Settlement Area

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** Council accept the correspondence as submitted and circulated an information.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer to use with the proposal from Stantec for phase 1 for the lot development fee for Dochart Creek/Glasgow Settlement Area. The Amendment will be based on an estimated fee of up to \$49,200.00 plus 10% contingency (\$4,920.00), disbursements plus HST utilizing the Development Charge funds.

CARRIED

12. **BY-LAWS**

- a) Item: By-Law 2014-61 being a By-law to appoint members to the Joint 2014 Compliance Audit Committee.

Moved by Councillor Styles, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, **THAT** By-Law No. 2014-61, Being a By-Law to appoint members to the Joint 2014 Compliance Audit Committee, I now deemed read a second and third time short and it is hereby enacted and passed.

CARRIED

- b) Item: By-Law 2014-62 - Encroachment Agreement Centre Street

Moved by Councillor Styles, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** By-laws No 2014-62, A By-law to authorize an agreement for the use of a part of a municipal road allowance adjacent to Lots 9 and 10, Block H, I now deemed read a second and third time short and it is hereby enacted and passed.

CARRIED

13. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

Nil.

14. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Nil.

15. **CLOSED MEETING SESSION**

Nil.

16. **NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

As recorded on the Agenda

17. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

- a) Item: By-Law #2014-63 - Confirm the proceedings of Council - September 23, 2014

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** By-Law No 2014-63, Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McNab/Braeside at the Regular Meeting held on September 23rd, 2014, I now deemed read a second and third time short and it is hereby enacted and passed.

CARRIED

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Styles, seconded by Councillor McIlquham, **THAT** this meeting of Council adjourn at 10:40 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK