

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan held on August 6, 2014 at the Municipal Office located in Palmer Rapids - Ontario at 7:05 p.m.

Present Were: Reeve, **Norman Lentz**
Councillor, **Heather Phanenhour**
Councillor, **Garry Gruntz**
Councillor, **Trevor Lidtkie**
Councillor, **Steven Jessup**

Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer, **Michelle Mantifel**
Public Works Supervisor, **Alvin Kauffeldt**

Public: 14 Members of the Public
Jen Juhasz, The Valley Gazette

1. The meeting was called to order by the Reeve, **Norman Lentz**.

2. **PECUNIARY INTERESTS** - None

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Resolution # 1

Moved by **Trevor Lidtkie**, sec. by **Garry Gruntz**

“THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting May 1, 2014, as printed and circulated.”
Carried.

4. **DEPUTATIONS**

i. Paul Moreau & Alastair Baird, County of Renfrew

Mr. Moreau and Mr. Baird from the County of Renfrew were present to provide Council with an update on the services provided by the Development and Property Department and the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association.

ii. Don Peddar, Quadeville Athletic & Recreation Association

Mr. Peddar was present to request assistance from the municipality for improvements to the Quadeville Community Centre. They would like to insulate the building and repair the windows. Council requested a breakdown of the cost of the work before a decision is made.

iii. Tom Dodd

Mr. Dodd was present to request that the entire length of Mocassin Lake Road be plowed in winter. He was also concerned because he heard that the municipality was going to close the road. He felt that the road also needed to be graded and gravel applied.

Council informed Mr. Dodd that the road was not going to be closed. However, a portion of the road is signed as seasonal and not plowed in winter.

5. **REPORTS**

i. Public Works Supervisor

Council accepted the verbal Roads report as presented.

The Public Works Supervisor and Council discussed the quote to rebuild the motor for the JCB loader. It was agreed that the motor would be rebuilt.

Two new tires for the Cat grader will be ordered.

Council agreed to proceed with purchasing land for road purposes on River Road.

The ditching along Burnt Bridge Road was discussed. The Public Works Supervisor will determine if additional ditching along the road should be done. The grate over the culvert on Oscar Boehme Road was also discussed. The Public Works Supervisor will talk to the property owner.

Resolution # 2

Moved by **Trevor Lidtkie**, sec. by **Heather Phanenhour**

“THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby award Tender BLR 2014-01 for Single Surface Treatment (Cormac/Burnt Bridge/Oscar Boehme) in the amount of \$ 99,397.06 to Greenwood Paving (Pembroke) Ltd.”

Carried.

Resolution # 3

Moved by **Heather Phanenhour**, sec. by **Garry Gruntz**

“THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby grant permission for Mr. & Mrs. Hughes to clear brush and trees from under the privately owned power lines along Lost Nation Road provided that a liability waiver is signed and the work is done on property owned by the municipality.”

Carried.

ii. Clerks

Council approved the Joint Health & Safety Committee being established and a few employees receiving the certification training.

The dock at Raglan White Lake was discussed. The dock was cleaned to remove the dirt. Councillor **Phanenhour** suggested that a plastic owl be installed to scare away the seagulls. A new dock will be purchased next year.

The request by Mrs. Jamnik for the municipality to maintain her access road was discussed. Council does not consider the road to be a municipal road, therefore no maintenance will be provided.

The Clerk informed Council that the Ministry of Labour will be inspecting the Fire Halls on August 7th.

iii. Reeve & Council

Reeve **Lentz** requested that the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief be paid mileage to attend Council meetings. This was not supported by Council. Mileage will be paid for out of town meetings.

Councillor **Phanenhour** requested clarification on the external suppression policy. The Clerk informed Council that the Fire Chief is discussing the matter with the OFM advisor.

The letter from COPKA regarding the OPP ride program at the Killaloe Lions Club Fundraiser on February 1, 2014 was discussed. The Clerk will respond.

iv. Building Inspector

Council accepted the Building Inspector's report as presented.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Letter from Carmen Vanderreest – Culvert on Genricks Road - **filed**
- ii. Friends of Rockingham Church – 14th Anniversary Celebration – August 10/14 - **filed**
- iii. Ontario East Municipal Conference – Sept. 9 -11, 2014 – Reeve Lentz will attend the conference.
- iv. AMO Report to Members – Accountability Act - **filed**
- v. Legal Matters – Summer 2014 - **filed**
- vi. AMO – Policy Update – 2014 Provincial Budget - **filed**
- vii. Letter from Copka –re: Lions Club Fundraiser
- viii. Resolution for Support –Municipality of Wawa – Power Dam Special Payment Program

Resolution # 4

Moved by **Heather Phanenhour**, sec. by **Steven Jessup**

“WHEREAS in December 2000, the Province of Ontario passed the Continued Protection for Property Taxpayer Act, (Bill 140);

WHEREAS the Continued Protection for Property Taxpayers Act, among other matters, exempted certain hydro-electric stations and poles & 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 & wires, representing significant taxable property assessment;

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario replaced the above noted rights and authority to tax hydro-electric stations, poles & 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 & wires that had been subject 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:

- A property tax component payable to the Minister of Finance
- A property tax component payable to the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation
- 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 & 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 Programs 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 a 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 Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan request that the Government of 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;

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, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the local DDSB, FONOM, NOMA and AMO."

Carried.

ix. Township of Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards – Fire Agreement - **filed**

7. PAYMENTS

Resolution # 5

Moved by **Garry Gruntz**, sec. by **Steven Jessup**

"THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby approve the General Account/Voucher # 7 in the amount of **\$ 60,880.11**, the Roads Account/Voucher # 7 in the amount of **\$ 67,216.09**, the Recreation Account/Voucher # 7 in the amount of **\$ 4,808.47** and the Bicentennial Park Account/Voucher # 7 in the amount of **\$ 11,902.21**."

Carried.

8. SEVERANCES

i. Resolution # 6

Moved by **Trevor Lidtkie**, sec. by **Heather Phanenhour**

“THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby approve Consent Application File No. B74/14.”

Carried.

Council agreed that a private road agreement will not be required.

ii. Resolution # 7

Moved by **Heather Phanenhour**, sec. by **Steven Jessup**

“THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby approve Consent Application File No. B75/14.”

9. BY-LAWS

i. Resolution # 8

Moved by **Steven Jessup**, sec. by **Trevor Lidtkie**

“THAT By-law No. 2014-29, being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan and Fairtax Recovery Consultants, was read a first and second time.

By-law No. 2014-29 was read a third and final time and passed.”

Carried.

ii. Resolution # 9

Moved by **Trevor Lidtkie**, sec. by **Heather Phanenhour**

“THAT By-law No. 2014-30, being a By-law to acquire land occupied as part of a public highway, was read a first and second time.

By-law No. 2014-30 was read a third and final time and passed.”

Carried.

iii. Resolution # 10

Moved by **Steven Jessup**, sec. by **Garry Gruntz**

“THAT By-law No. 2014-31, being a By-law to amend By-law Number 2-83 of the former Township of Raglan, as amended, was read a first and second time.

By-law No. 2014-31 was read a third and final time and passed.”

10. OTHER BUSINESS

i. Resolution # 11

Moved by **Trevor Lidtkie**, sec. by **Heather Phanenhour**

“THAT Council go into closed session to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality.”

Resolution # 12

Moved by **Trevor Lidtkie**, sec. by **Heather Phanenhour**

“THAT Council comes out of closed session.”

Carried.

The Clerk will prepare the letters for Council's approval.

11. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 13

Moved by **Heather Phanenhour**, sec. by **Steven Jessup**

"THAT By-law No. 2014-32, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan at its Special Council Meeting of July 28, 2014, Special Council Meeting of July 31, 2014 and Regular Council Meeting of August 6, 2014, was read a first and second time.

By-law No. 2014-32 was read a third and final time and passed."

Carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 14

Moved by **Heather Phanenhour**, sec. by **Steven Jessup**

"THAT this meeting adjourn at 10:25 pm."

Carried.

Reeve, Norman Lentz

Clerk, Michelle Mantifel