

TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOKH AND RAGLAN

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan held on August 7, 2019 at the Municipal Office located in Palmer Rapids - Ontario at 7:00 p.m.

Present Were: Mayor, **Sheldon Keller**
Councillor, **Andrea Budarick**
Councillor, **Iris Kauffeldt**
Councillor, **John Rutledge**

Absent: Councillor, **Trevor Lidtkie**

Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer, **Michelle Mantifel**
Deputy Clerk, **Virginia Phanenhour**
Public Works Superintendent, **Charlie Behm**
Fire Chief/Facility Manager, **Jordan Genrick**

Public: None

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor **Keller**.

2. **PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – None

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Resolution # 1

Moved by **Andrea Budarick**, sec. by **John Rutledge**

“THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby adopt the minutes of the Public Meeting July 3, 2019 and Regular Meeting July 3, 2019 as printed and circulated.”

Carried.

4. **DEPUTATIONS** - None

5. **REPORTS**

i. Public Works Superintendent

The public works report was accepted as presented.

Construction on Bruceton Road has been completed and Little Ireland Road should be completed next week. Liquid calcium was applied to Bruceton Road, Cedar Grove Road and Cameron Lake Road. The 2011 INTL has been at Valley Truck and Spring for four weeks awaiting repairs.

Council reviewed the tenders received for single surface treatment for Raglan White Lake Road & Davies Road and Addington Road.

Resolution # 2

Moved by **Andrea Budarick**, sec. by **Iris Kauffeldt**

“THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby accept the tender in the amount of \$17,543.25 including H.S.T. from Smith’s Construction Company for Tender 2019-02.”

Carried.

Resolution # 3

Moved by **Andrea Budarick**, sec. by **Iris Kauffeldt**

“THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby accept the tender in the amount of #69,661.67 including H.S.T. from Greenwood Paving (Pembroke) Ltd. for Tender 2019-03.”

Carried.

Councillor **Rutledge** mentioned the cracks in the pavement on the Letterkenny Road. The Clerk advised that she has spoken to Mr. Ward about options to repair the cracks. The Letterkenny Road intersection signs keep going missing. Council discussed obtaining prices to have replica signs made for people to purchase. It's a safety concern for first responders when signs are missing.

Councillor **Budarick** questioned whether the grass would be cut along the roads this year. The Public Works Superintendent informed council that he is looking into renting a tractor and fixing the township's mower so that the grass can be cut this fall.

Mr. Genrick reported that the municipality received some complaints about noxious weeds. After investigating he discovered that there is wild parsnip growing along some of the roads in the township. Mr. Genrick will arrange for those areas to be sprayed and affected residents will be notified. However, if the weeds are growing on private property, it's the property owner's responsibility to take care of it.

ii. Clerks

It was agreed that the township would participate in the Barry's Bay Library Trivia Night.

The Main Street Revitalization Initiative funding was discussed. The Clerk was directed to obtain pricing for the installation of public washrooms.

The CAO from South Algonquin Township has proposed to form a joint committee with other municipalities to create a Community Safety and Well-being Plan. The Clerk will obtain more information regarding the municipal requirements for the plan.

iii. Mayor & Council

Councillor **Rutledge** had a number of concerns. He questioned when the waste site attendant sheds will be completed. The Clerk will discuss with the waste site attendant. He would also like to see speed bumps or a three way stop installed in Quadeville to slow down traffic going through town. Councillor **Rutledge** suggested that information be obtained on offering a pension plan for employees. He also had concerns with the fire department dunk tank, as children have been playing in it after events, unsupervised. Councillor **Rutledge** informed Council that if he needs to make a special trip to sign cheques, he expects to be paid mileage.

Mayor **Keller** reported that the Highway 417 expansion will include four lanes to Renfrew. He said this will make it safer for people on that stretch of highway. Mr. Keller also reported that the federal government has approved funding for the Eastern Ontario Regional Network project.

iv. Fire Chief

The Fire Chief's report was accepted as presented.

The Fire Chief informed Council that a total fire ban is in effect for the municipality. A lot of warnings have been given and the fire department has started charging residents that are not complying.

v. Building Inspector Report - None

vi. Waste Management

The Clerk provided an update on the current situation with regards to recycling. Canada Waste Management is currently providing service for the pick-up of the front load bins.

vii. Recreation

The Facility Manager reported that one of the fridges in the canteen wasn't working. It was repaired by a technician but is still not working correctly. Mr. Genrick expressed his concern about getting it fixed as there are upcoming rentals on the ice surface. Councillor **Budarick** gave him some contact names for service technicians.

The Facility Manager informed Council that the number of members on the Recreation Committee is not sufficient. Mr. Genrick is concerned that events will have to be cancelled if more volunteers don't come forward. The Clerk will advertise for members.

viii. Joint Health & Safety Committee - None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. County of Renfrew – re : Support for Ontario Youth Winter Games in 2022

Resolution # 4

Moved by **Andrea Budarick**, sec. by **John Rutledge**

“THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby support the County of Renfrew hosting the Ontario Youth Winter Games in 2022.”

Carried.

- ii. Friends of Rockingham Church – re: 19th Anniversary Celebration – August 11th - **filed**

- iii. Cheryl Gallant, MP – Federal Compensation for Flood Victims – The Clerk will contact other flood affected municipalities to send a joint letter of concern.

- iv. MNR – re: Ontario Names Special Advisor on Flooding - **filed**

- v. Township of Bonnechere Valley – re: Support for Resolution

Resolution # 5

Moved by **John Rutledge**, sec. by **Andrea Budarick**

“THAT the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan calls upon the Federal Government to invest more resources into the criminal element of firearms shooting crimes rather than focus time, energy and resources on the law-abiding citizen, which does nothing for public safety.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan calls on the Parliament of Canada not to impose any further firearms bans on the law-abiding legal firearms owners.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and all municipalities in the County of Renfrew.”

Carried.

- vi. MECP – re: Special Advisor's Report on Recycling and Plastic Waste – **filed**

- vii. MMAH – re: Provincial Policy Statement Review – **filed**

- viii. County of Renfrew – re: 2019 Summer Company Program – **filed**
- ix. Township of McKellar – re: Municipal Amalgamation

Resolution # 6

Moved by **Iris Kauffeldt**, sec. by **John Rutledge**

“THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby support the following resolution from the Township of McKellar regarding Municipal Amalgamation.”

WHEREAS there are 444 municipalities in Ontario that are very efficient and well-governed, and who respond quickly to ratepayer’s needs;

AND WHEREAS in the 1990’s the Conservative Government forced many municipalities to amalgamate on the guise they would become more efficient, effective, save money, lower taxes and ultimately reduce the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there has never been a valid evidence-based study that supported these outcomes;

AND WHEREAS forced amalgamation actually accomplished just the opposite: ill feelings, increased animosity and mistrust, job losses, rise in local taxes and an increase in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there are many positive examples of small rural and northern municipalities working together in a collaborate and cooperative manner via shared agreements that responds to local needs without amalgamation and provincial interference;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has a large deficit due to their own decision-making;

AND WHEREAS recently the same Conservative Government recently reduced one large regional municipal government by 50%, without “consultation”;

AND WHEREAS this same Conservative Government is presently reviewing other provincial governments through a purported “consultative” approach with a view to reduce or eliminate them;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government should investigate all other internal ways of reducing their deficit and becoming more fiscally responsible over time rather than downloading to the one level of government that is the most efficient, has the lowest cost and is closest to the electorate which will not put a dent in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS the Province could look at what other provinces have done to reduce the debt with one singular education system, organizing unorganized municipalities, controlling OPP costs, substantially increase fines, and find a way to collect millions and millions of dollars in unpaid fines instead, invest in the north to create jobs and stimulate and enhance economic development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that before the Provincial Government forces amalgamation in any of the 444 municipalities in Ontario, our AMO organization go beyond requesting “consultation” and “demand” that the Provincial Government do the following:

- 1) Hold a local referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate or not
- 2) Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation actually saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduce the provincial deficit
- 3) Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement that best suit their local needs and to be permitted to do so on their own time line and volition
- 4) To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in this consultative process
- 5) To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Carried.

- x. Ottawa Valley Tourist Association – re: Municipal Accommodation Tax - **filed**
- xi. OGRA – re: Joint and Several Liability Webinar - **filed**

7. PAYMENTS

Resolution # 7

Moved by **John Rutledge**, sec. by **Andrea Budarick**

“THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby approve the General Account/Voucher # 7 in the amount of **\$ 78,630.77**, the Roads Account/Voucher # 7 in the amount of **\$ 144,406.27**, the Recreation Account/Voucher # 7 in the amount of **\$ 3,974.60** and the Bicentennial Park Account/Voucher # 7 in the amount of **\$ 1,106.07**.”

Carried.

8. SEVERANCES - None

9. BY-LAWS

- i. The honourarium for members of Council was discussed. Council members have seen a reduction in their earnings due to the loss of the 1/3 tax exemption. Therefore Council approved an increase to their honourarium.

Resolution # 8

Moved by **Andrea Budarick**, sec. by **John Rutledge**

“THAT By-Law No. 2019-27, being a by-law to appoint Municipal Officers and set salaries, mileage and benefits for Council and all Municipal Employees, was read a first and second time.

By-Law No. 2019-27 was read a third and final time and passed.”

Carried.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- i. Resolution # 9

Moved by **John Rutledge**, sec. by **Iris Kauffeldt**

“THAT Council go into closed session to discuss acquisition or disposition of land and labour relations or employee negotiation.”

Carried.

- ii. Resolution # 10

Moved by **John Rutledge**, sec. by **Andrea Budarick**

“THAT Council comes out of closed session.”

Carried.

The Mayor reported that one issue regarding acquisition or disposition of land and one issue regarding labour relations or employee negotiation were discussed in closed session.

11. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 11

Moved by **Andrea Budarick**, sec. by **Iris Kauffeldt**

“THAT By-Law No. 2019-28, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan at its Regular Council Meeting of August 7, 2019, was read a first and second time.

By-Law No. 2019-28 was read a third and final time and passed.”

Carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 12

Moved by **Andrea Budarick**, sec. by **John Rutledge**

“THAT this meeting adjourn at 10:46 pm.”

Carried.

Mayor, Sheldon Keller

Clerk, Michelle Mantifel