

TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan held on July 3, 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, **Trevor Lidtkie**  
Councillor, **John Rutledge**

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

**Public:** 4 Members of the Public

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor **Keller**.
2. **PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – None
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Resolution # 1

Moved by **Trevor Lidtkie**, sec. by **Iris Kauffeldt**

“That we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting March 20, 2019, Regular Meeting April 3, 2019, Special Meeting April 10, 2019, Regular Meeting May 8, 2019, Special Meeting May 28, 2019, Regular Meeting June 5, 2019, Special Meeting June 12, 2019 and Special Meeting June 19, 2019 as printed and circulated.”

Carried.

**4. DEPUTATIONS**

- i. Amy Scholten – re: Renfrew County Legal Clinic

Ms. Scholten was present to provide Council with information on the services offered to our residents by the Renfrew County Legal Clinic. She also provided information on the impending funding cuts and the impact these cuts will have on the program. She requested municipal support for their resolution.

Resolution # 2

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

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Renfrew County Legal Clinic (the “**Clinic**”) has delivered services in Renfrew County for over 30 years. We provide direct front line legal services to low income clients across Renfrew County and our service numbers continue to go up annually. We are an extremely busy legal office. We have 4 practising lawyers including the Executive Director. We are audited annually and all staff provide front line service;
2. The Clinic’s main office is in Renfrew, but it also has satellite offices across the County and are given free ad hoc office space when needed to meet with clients who live in communities where there is no satellite office;
3. The Clinic assists area residents who cannot afford legal assistance due to financial hardship – including those on social assistance, pensioners, the unemployed, or those with low income;
4. The Clinic’s services are aimed at ensuring that people with low incomes are able to meet their most basic needs, which in turn gives them the ability to live with health and dignity as active members of their community;

5. The Clinic is committed to upholding the rights of the most vulnerable people of Renfrew County on issues that are most critical to them – including Canada Pension Plan, Ontario Disability Support Program Workplace Safety and Insurance, Ontario Works, Landlord and Tenant, Criminal Injuries Compensation, powers of attorney, wills, human rights, consumer and debt issues, administrative legal issues and many other areas that impact low-income people;
6. The Clinic also provides public legal education sessions, duty counsel services at the Landlord Tenant Board hearings and we work with different community groups on issues such as domestic violence and homelessness in Renfrew County;
7. Like other community legal clinics across the province, the Clinic carries out this work through funding provided by Legal Aid Ontario (“**LAO**”);
8. The provincial government’s 2019 budget cut funding to LAO by \$133 million – which is 30% of its budget – retroactive to April 1, 2019. Legal Aid is downloading a large portion of these cuts to Legal Clinics.
9. Budget cuts could result in the closure of the Renfrew County Legal Clinic. As a rural community service provider, we are at risk of local services being cancelled with the expectation that services will be delivered out of Ottawa for example. A second scenario is that we stay open, but with a smaller staff and we become ineffectual.
10. The Clinic is in danger of significant budget cuts despite how much the Clinic accomplishes with so little resources. Last year, the Clinic won 1.5 million dollars for our clients. This money was spent locally and it came from outside sources. Clients got off of Ontario Works benefits, the municipalities financially benefited and the local economy was strengthened.
11. This significant cut will result in a loss of legal services to low income residents in our community, including a loss of critical legal clinic services – such as access to landlord-tenant law, seniors’ law, consumer debt issues, legal interventions that ensure access to income supports like Canada Pension Plan Disability benefits, protection for injured workers, community development and public legal education;
12. The cut to the LAO budget has already had a direct negative impact on the Clinic and the services they provide, and in the near future, it will have a devastating impact on the Clinic’s ability to continue to provide legal services to our community’s most vulnerable citizens;
13. The absence of the Clinic’s services will have adverse social consequences for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan and other communities served by the Clinic – including by increased homelessness resulting from avoidable evictions, and increased poverty resulting from lack of income supports and employment supports;
14. The absence of these services will have adverse economic consequences for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan and surrounding communities as well – resulting from increased reliance on municipal services such as mental health services, hospitals and public housing, increased demand on our local court from unrepresented people appearing without legal assistance, and increased reliance on social assistance administration resulting from people being denied appropriate supports;
15. Full and effective access to the justice system is a fundamental right that should be accorded to all the people in our municipalities, including our most vulnerable, many of which experience poverty or live on low incomes; and

16. The Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan believes all levels of government should provide fair, economically-sound, and evidence-based programs and supports to help low-income residents, vulnerable people, and other equity-seeking individuals escape poverty, precarious housing, and systemic disadvantage, and realize their full potential by living healthy and safe lives.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan:

- a) Calls upon the Premier and the Attorney General to make a commitment to access to justice, to respect the commitment of their government to not decrease front line services; and to confirm that funding for community legal clinics will not be decreased;
- b) Urges the province to restore funding to these critical services and ensure that all the residents of Renfrew County have access to a fair and equitable justice system, regardless of their incomes; and
- c) Directs that a copy of this resolution be issued forthwith to the MPP for Renfrew County, the Attorney General, the LAO Board, the Premier, AMO and all Renfrew County municipalities.

Carried.

## 5. REPORTS

### i. Public Works Superintendant

The public works report was accepted as presented.

The clutch went out of the Ford 9000. The Public Works Superintendant obtained a quote and Council approved the repairs.

A complaint was received about the dust on Cameron Lake Road.

A resident requested that the municipality redirect the water away from his property on Letterkenny Road. The Public Works Superintendant will investigate the issue and report back at the next meeting.

### ii. Clerks

The Clerk provided Council with quotes for a new phone system in the Municipal Office. Council accepted the lowest quote provided.

Resolution # 3

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

“That we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby accept the quote for a new phone system from Buske Office Equipment in the amount of \$2,802.40 including HST.”

Carried.

The Clerk provided information from Ontario Wholesale Energy on electricity pricing. The municipality could see a cost savings by switching from Hydro One to Ontario Wholesale Energy. Council agreed to change the electricity provider.

Resolution # 4

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

“That we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby agree to change our electrical source provider to Ontario Wholesale Energy.”

Carried.

iii. Mayor & Council

Mayor **Keller** reported that the County of Renfrew Operations and Development & Property Committee meetings were held at the BLR Community Center on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The mayors in attendance enjoyed the facility and the natural beauty of our township.

Mayor **Keller** attended the flood information session on June 22<sup>nd</sup> in Eganville. MPP John Yakabuski informed the attendees that an independent investigator will be hired to review the 2019 flooding.

The Mayor reported that the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) is still waiting for approval from the Federal Government for funding for the Mobile Broadband/Cell Project.

Councillor **Budarick** questioned who is responsible for the repairs to 911 signs if they are damaged by municipal snow plows. The Public Works Superintendent informed Councillor **Budarick** that the roads department will repair or replace signs damaged by our snow plows.

Councillor **Budarick** informed Council that Trivia Night will be August 13<sup>th</sup>.

iv. Fire Chief

The Fire Chief's report was accepted as presented.

Four fire department members attended the Renfrew County Fire Fighter Training Day in Calabogie. The BLR Fire Department would like to host the event next year in September.

New garage doors will be purchased and installed at the Brudenell Fire Hall.

v. Building Inspector Report

The Building Inspector's report was accepted as presented.

vi. Waste Management

The Clerk reported that Beaumens Waste Management is no longer in operation. Council discussed short term options for the removal of the recycling from our transfer stations and waste site. The garbage compactor is currently being used to transport the waste. Councillor **Lidtkie** asked that all expenses be kept track of for the use of the compactor. The waste site attendant was present. He has access to a front load truck and offered to remove the recyclables from the transfer stations and waste site. Council requested that he provide an hourly rate to provide the service.

One tender was received for the Construction Demolition Grinding at the Brudenell Waste Site.

Resolution # 5

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

"THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby accept the Tender BLR 2019-01 Construction, Demolition and Bulky Waste Processing from National Grinding Inc. in the amount of \$ 12,910.25 including HST subject to requirements of the contract."

Carried.

vii. Joint Health & Safety Committee - None

viii. Recreation

The Facility Manager reported that Canada Day events were scaled back this year. The breakfast was well attended. However, the dishwasher and exhaust fan for the stove needed to be replaced before the event. The Canada Day grant from the Federal Government was returned due to our events not being held on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Genrick also reported that the docks are all out and swimming lessons will start next week. The monthly senior's lunches are continuing as pot luck lunches and Pickle Ball started on Tuesday.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i. John Yakabuski, MPP –re: Tree Canopy Policy - **filed**
- ii. Ministry of the Solicitor General – re: 2018 Compliance - **filed**
- iii. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks – re: Brudenell waste site – **filed**

**7. PAYMENTS**

Resolution # 6

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

“THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby approve the General Account/Voucher # 5 in the amount of **\$ 396,828.64**, the Roads Account/Voucher # 5 in the amount of **\$ 66,540.83**, the Recreation Account/Voucher # 5 in the amount of **\$ 4,118.42** and the Bicentennial Park Account/Voucher # 5 in the amount of **\$ 1,614.70**.”

Carried.

**8. SEVERANCES - None**

**9. BY-LAWS**

- i. Resolution # 7

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

“THAT By-Law No. 2019-16, being a By-law to close a highway, being part of the road allowance along the shore of Madawaska River, was read a third and final time and passed.”

Carried.

- ii. Resolution # 8

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

“THAT By-Law No. 2019-24, being a By-law of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan to authorize the borrowing upon serial debentures in the principle amount of \$ 90,100.00 towards the cost of purchase of pickup trucks, was read a first and second time.

By-Law No. 2019-24 was read a third and final time and passed.”

Carried.

- iii. Resolution # 9

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

“THAT By-Law No. 2019-25, being a By-law of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan and Comprint Systems Incorporated (Datafix), was read a first and second time.

By-law No. 2019-25 was read a third and final time and passed.”

Carried.

## 10. OTHER BUSINESS

i. Resolution # 10

Moved by **John Rutledge**, sec. by **Trevor Lidtkie**

“THAT we the Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby approve the Special Events Licence for the Palmer Rapids Twin Music Festival to be held July 25 to July 28, 2019 provided that outstanding issues are addressed.”

Carried.

Councillor **Budarick** requested that policing calls for the month of July be tracked.

- ii. A resident requested to purchase a portion of an unopened road allowance on Addington Road. Council was not willing to close and sell the unopened road allowance as it is required for road purposes. Council is willing to allow the resident to use the unopened road allowance to construct a drive way to access his property. The resident would be responsible for maintaining his drive way, and would have to enter into an agreement with the township.

iii. Resolution # 11

Moved by **Trevor lidtkie**, sec. by **John Rutledge**

“THAT Council go into closed session to discuss labour relations or employee negotiation.”

Carried.

Resolution # 12

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

“THAT Council comes out of closed session.”

Carried.

The Mayor reported that two issues regarding labour relations or employee negotiation were discussed in closed session.

- iv. Councillor **Rutledge** discussed the proposal to relocate Schroeder Road. The Clerk was instructed to send the letters to the land owners.

## 11. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 13

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

“THAT By-Law No. 2019-26, 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 June 12, 2019, Special Council Meeting of June 19, 2019 and Regular Council Meeting of July 3, 2019, was read a first and second time.

By-law No. 2019-26 was read a third and final time and passed.”

Carried.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution # 14

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

“THAT this meeting adjourn at 10:35 pm.”

Carried.

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**Mayor**, Sheldon Keller

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**Clerk**, Michelle Mantifel