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Forester's Falls, Ontario

January 14, 1998

The Regular meeting date of Ross Municipal Council was January 7th, but because of a severe ice storm it was postponed and held on January 14th, 1998 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present were Reeve Alvin Stone, Deputy Reeve Jack Ferguson and Councillors Don Rathwell, Donna Campbell and Teresa Chapeski.

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in repeating the Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the December 17th meeting were adopted as circulated.

Keith Blimkie, Building Inspector for the Township of Ross presented his Annual Building Report to Council. It showed total income for building permits and park licences as \$14,472.85 and expenses as \$9,968.29. Mr Blimkie is willing to be trained for Septic System inspection and Water Testing if Council decide to use his services.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross approve General Account Voucher # 12 for \$488,651.11 and Waterworks Voucher # 12 for \$398.05 for the month of December, 1997.

Correspondence for Information:

- MMAH - Tax related matters
  - 1998 Billing arrangements
  - Land Use Planning & Protection Act
  - 1998 long term debt annual repayment limit \$142,321
- AMO - Various Provincial announcements and regulations
  - Twinning Program to aid Eastern Ontario
  - Education and Training Opportunities
  - Report of AMO's Structural Review Task Force
  - Special meeting Feb.6th at Royal York - No one going
  - '98 ROMA Conference - Feb.8th to 11th at Royal York
- OGRA 1998 Annual Conference - Feb.22-25 at Royal York
- MOH - Personal Health Information Protection Act
- LACAC Memo
- Twp.of Westmeath - Minutes Sub-Committee meeting
- Twp.of Admaston - Letter to Horton re: restructuring
- Community Corrections Council - Service program discontinued
- OMAFRA - Pound inspection report
- Townsite water samples - All 0-0 except one 2-0
- UOV Rural Development - Meeting at Renfrew Inn
- Recycling Review
- OGRA Municipal Routes
- Hector Clouthier M.P. - Ice storm crisis
- 1998 Four Season Guide by Lorne Spotswood

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Chapeski that Council of the Township of Ross pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Villages of Cobden and Beachburg and the Townships of Bromley, Westmeath and Ross have formed a Restructuring Committee and have been meeting regularly;

AND WHEREAS the Restructuring Committee have passed a motion to hire MacKillican & Associates to do a financial impact study for the 5 Municipalities for \$2700.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Ross approve the hiring of MacKillican & Associates for a financial impact study.

Moved by Rathwell, seconded by Campbell that Council of the Township of Ross give approval to Fire Chief Dale Black to obtain a Cellular phone from Renfrew County Communications Inc. of Petawawa, as a benefit when his pager is out of range.

Moved by Chapeski, seconded by Ferguson that Council of the Township of Ross approve an application for Dennis and Lorna Peterson for a Zoning By-Law Amendment at Lot 16, Concession 2, rezoning all EMR areas to RU Exception to permit property development for a home.

Further that the Staff be authorized to procure the services of the County Planning Department to prepare the necessary by-law and advertising.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-Law #01-98 being a by-law establishing rules of order and procedures for the Council of the Township of Ross.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Chapeski that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-Law #02-98 being a by-law to appoint a Dog Tax Collector for up to March 31, 1998 in the Haley area.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-Law #03-97 being a by-law to pay Membership fees of Municipal Associations for the year 1998.

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 Moved by Chapeski, seconded by Ferguson that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-Law #04-98 being a by-law to stop up, close and convey part of the unopened Road Allowance between the Township of Ross and the Township of Horton between Concession 1, Lot 27 shown as Parts 1,3,5,7 and 9 Plan 49R 13435.

Chapeski moved for adjournment at 11:30 p.m. and the next meeting will be held on January 21, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Alvin Stone, Reeve

Eleanor Tabbert, Clerk

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January 21, 1998

The regular mid-month meeting of Ross Municipal Council was held on January 21st, 1998 in the Council Chambers.

Present were Reeve Alvin Stone, Deputy Reeve Jack Ferguson, and Councillors Don Rathwell, Donna Campbell and Teresa Chapeski.

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., and the minutes of the January 14th meeting were adopted as circulated.

Firemen Bob Painchaud and Richard Byers were present to hear Rob McKenzie, a member of Renfrew County Amateur Radio Services, give his experiences and expertise in handling emergency situations. There are about twenty members in the local club and they played a major role in the recent ice storm disaster. A Committee of Council and Firemen will meet with Rob to update the Township Emergency Plan and determine what part he would play in it.

Correspondence for Information:

- AMO - Funding for Public Health Programs
- Mutual of Omaha sold to Royal Bank of Canada
- Municipal 3Rs 1996 Fact Sheet
- County of Renfrew Land Division Committee
  - Notice of Certificate - File No. B2/97 (Seggie-Flemming)
  - Notice of Decision - File No. B105/97(B) (Church)
- Townsite water samples - All 0 - 0
- Canadian Firearms Centre, Bulletin # 11 and 12
- County of Renfrew - Emergency Funding for Ice Storm
  - Emphasis on emergency preparedness

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Chapeski that Council of the Township of Ross approve the payment of \$75.00 fee for the Comprehensive Exam of the Municipal Administration Program (MAP), for Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Charlene Jackson.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross approve payment of Registration fee of \$275.00 for Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Charlene Jackson for Unit I of Municipal Accounting (MAC), by correspondence through St. Lawrence College.

Moved by Rathwell, seconded by Campbell that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings as pass By-Law #05-97 being a by-law to write off taxes in the amount of \$123.93.

Upcoming meetings were discussed and all Council members wish to go to the Councillor Orientation Session when we get further information of where it will be held. No one is going to ROMA, but because of a Service Award being given to retired road employee Ray Sparling, the Road Superintendent and three Council members will go to OGRA.

The Restructuring Committee report was given by Rathwell and Ferguson, and a deadline of March 16th has been set for all five Municipalities to decide if they are going ahead with amalgamation.

A Video on the Ontario Fair Assessment System was shown to Council.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that the meeting adjourn and the next meeting will be held on February 4th, at 7:30 in the Council Chambers.

Alvin Stone, Reeve

Eleanor Tabbert, Clerk

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