

The regular mid-month meeting of Ross Municipal Council was held on February 18th, 1998 in the Council Chambers.

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

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in repeating The Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the February 4th regular meeting and the February 17th special meeting were adopted as circulated.

A delegation of Lynn Campbell, Sharon Drew, Debbie Byce and Gwen Bennett of the Ross Township Library Board, and Terry Sarazen, Consultant with the Southern Ontario Library Service gave a presentation to Council. They submitted the following objectives for 1998:

- Establish and administer Library Budget
- Request Township funding of \$5000
- Increase Library open to the public hours to twelve
- Develop Computer services
- Develop Friends of the Library Group and shut-in service

The Library Board presented to Council a proposed budget of \$13,573 and the Clerk is to advertise for one new Board member. Eight members of the Forester's Falls Women's Institute were also present to give their support to the recommendations of the Library Board.

Correspondence for Information:

- AMO - Info on Municipal Tax Planning
  - Demand that Province meet promise
- MMAH - Release Draft New Municipal Act
- MCCR - Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism
- MAFRA - Drainage Courses and loan Program
- Twp of Westmeath - Restructuring Committee minutes
- OVTA News
- Canadian Firearms Centre Bulletin # 13
- Nuclear Waste Management Newsletter
- OSUM Conference in Huntsville April 28 - May 2
- Pamphlet on Recycled Aggregate Products
- Townsite Water Samples - 0 - 0
- Seminar - Access to Capital in the Tourism Industry
- North Renfrew Agricultural Society - requesting grant (budget)
- Premier of Ontario - Response to VLT resolution
- Hecter Clouthier, M.P. recognizing volunteers in storm
- Pound Inspection report (good)
- Renfrew Co. & Dist. Health Unit - estimated fee for service
- Dist. Mun. of Muskoka - resolution on AMO representation

Moved by Rathwell, seconded by Campbell that Council of the Township of Ross pass the following resolution in support of the Meadow Lane residential area in their efforts to have an investigation into the Certificate of Approval #S-4132-30. AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Township of Ross suggest to the Village of Cobden that an alternate site be located for the dumping of sludge from the Village of Cobden Waste Water Treatment Plant until an investigation has been conducted and the residents in the Meadow Lane area are satisfied.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Township of Ross request that notification be given by the Village of Cobden of any future Waste Disposal Sites that they may consider within the boundaries of the Township of Ross.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Township of Ross ask the Minister of Environment to take steps to ensure that in the future there is a public notification process with respect to the approval process of applications for Certificate of Approvals for a Waste Disposal Sites (Organic Soil Conditioning).

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-Law #06-98, being a by-law to provide for interest to be applied on tax arrears and penalty on unpaid taxes in the current year.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Ferguson that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-Law #07-98, being a by-law to provide for implementation and collection of an interim tax levy for 1998.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Rathwell that the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 p.m. and the next regular meeting will be held on March 4th, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Alvin Stone, Reeve

Eleanor Tabbert, Clerk

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