

The regular meeting of Ross Municipal Council was held on October 7th, 1998 in the Council Chambers.

Present were Deputy Reeve Jack Ferguson and Councillors Don Rathwell, Donna Campbell and Teresa Chapeski and Road Superintendent Felix Rathwell. In the absence of the Reeve, the Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and Rathwell appointed Ferguson as Chairperson.

Deputy Reeve Ferguson led in repeating The Lord's Prayer and the minutes of the September 23rd Public meeting and regular meeting were adopted as circulated.

Sgt. Bob Bittorf, an Officer of the OPP assigned to our zone, was present to introduce himself and answer any questions of Council. An OPP Statistics report was reviewed and he explained what was involved in some of the items.

Moved by Rathwell, seconded by Campbell that Council of the Township of Ross approve General Account Voucher # 9 for \$940,282.90 and Waterworks Voucher # 9 for \$197.47 for the month of September, 1998.

Correspondence for Information:

- CFC Bulletin # 23 and Firearms Act to be implemented
- Twp of Bromley - Downloading of County Roads
- Brudenell & Lyndoch - Taxation of Crown Lands
- Ont. Community Council on Impaired Driving - Bottle drive
- Cty. of Renfrew - 911 signs invaluable
- Head, Clara & Maria - Draft Regulation for dust suppressants
- Town of Petawawa - Support for "Christmas in Ortona 1998"
- MCCR - Susan Hreljac appointed Field Consultant for County
- Grand Opening of Human Resources Development-Ontario Works
- Kowalski O.P. & Zoning On Site meeting Oct 14th at 6 p.m.
- Y2K Emergency Preparedness Contact
- IYOP - 1999 declared International Year of Older Persons
- Municipal Update - Special AMO conference Issue
- MAFRA - Ontario Agriculture Week October 5th to 12th
- National-Grinding - Processing Waste into \$
- MEDTT - The Ontario Business Report
- Townsite water samples 0 - 0 except one 1 - 0
- Tierney Stauffer - Mishap at Oaks of Cobden?
- Cty of Renfrew - Road System Rationalization Study
- Cty of Renfrew - PIL taxes for reforestation property
- Cty of Renfrew - Interviewing & Investigation Workshop
- Communities In Bloom
- Ont. Road Builders' Assoc. - Municipal Roads and Bridges
- Final payment for Water System Infrastructure \$2,021.88
- OPP Report
- MOE - Certificate of Approval Costs

Reeve Alvin Stone arrived at the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Moved by Chapeski, seconded by Stone that Council of the Township of Ross support a resolution from the Town of Gravenhurst requesting the Province of Ontario to make amendments to the OMB appeal process thus making it more efficient. Copies of the Resolution to be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and local MPP.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross grant permission to personnel from the Royal Canadian Dragoons of CFB Petawawa for an extension of their training in the Township to include October 19th to 24th.

Moved by Stone, seconded by Chapeski that Council of the Township of Ross accept an application from Jacobus Wytenburg for a Minor Variance on N Pt Lot 15, Con. VII to reduce the minimum lot frontage from 300 metres to 249 metres to permit a severance.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross allocate \$200.00 from the 1998 budget to help offset the administrative costs of the Community Policing Advisory Committee.

Moved by Chapeski, seconded by Stone that Council of the Township of Ross approve payment of \$700.00 to the Municipal Restructuring Committee to replenish funds to cover operating costs.

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

WHEREAS a Municipal Restructuring Committee has been meeting regularly to plan amalgamation of the Villages of Cobden and Beachburg and the Townships of Westmeath and Ross;

AND WHEREAS a Transition Board must be formed from the four Municipalities which has Specified Powers to formulate the new Municipality;

THEREFORE Council appoints Reeve Alvin Stone, Deputy Reeve Jack Ferguson and Councillor Don Rathwell to represent the Township of Ross on the Transition Board to form the new Municipality of the Township of Whitewater Region.

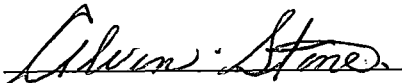
Action from Discussion:

- Write letter to the Minister of Environment in support of the Townships of Head, Clara & Maria, stating our concerns with the draft regulations for dust suppressants in Ontario.
- Cockburn Island Tire Recycling came to pick up a load of small tires and could only get a part load without rims. The Company are requesting that we pay \$3638 which is the cost for a full load rather than the invoice amount of \$2150.70. Council decided to send a cheque for \$2500.00.
- Any investigation seems to show that the Township has no liability for an injury at the Oaks of Cobden, however our solicitor David Stewart is to be notified.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Chapeski that the meeting be adjourned and the next regular meeting will be held on October 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Alvin Stone, Reeve

Eleanor Tabbert, Clerk




Forester's Falls, Ontario

October 19, 1998

A special Public meeting was held on October 19th, 1998 in the Council Chambers to further discuss the proposal to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law of the Township of Ross on property within Lot 2, Concession IX.

Present were Reeve Alvin Stone, Deputy Reeve Jack Ferguson, Councillors Don Rathwell, Donna Campbell and Teresa Chapeski, County Planner Charles Cheeseman, property owner Joseph Kowalski and his agent Brian Whitehead. Also present were three appointed to a committee, Curry Campbell, Brenda Byce and Kevin Grady and fifteen other concerned or interested citizens.

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and explained that the reason for this meeting was to try to resolve the issues of the group who are opposing the amendment.

Copies of their concerns were distributed and reviewed by their spokesperson Curry Campbell. Following were some of the comments:

- Mr. Kowalski was asked if he intends to build inside the Environmentally Protected Zone and he answered "yes, I wish to".
- Kevin Grady claimed that he did not receive the information requested from the Municipal Office, and Charles replied that he probably got all that is available.
- They now have received a copy of the Official Plan from the County.
- Mr. Kowalski intends to have nature trails on the rocks, cabins, a service road and camping all parallel to the river. He came here about 25 years ago and has bought up land along the river to insure that there were no unsightly views from the river.
- It was questioned that in the Preamble to the Official Plan Amendment By-Law it states that Council supports it. Charles said that the proposed by-law must be available at the public meeting but Council will still review all aspects carefully before passing.
- Amendments are no longer circulated to the Ministry of Natural Resources as the County is now responsible.
- When asked if Council would request various studies, Brian replied that they can ask the developer for just about anything. A hydrogeology study would be needed for something like a subdivision. It would not be in Mr. Kowalski's best interest to cut trees and spoil the view. Going down the river you should see the development only through the trees.
- Kevin talked about specific rock with moss and lichen which is unique to this area and should be protected.
- Charles addressed the Provincial Policy Statement.
- Alvin said that the three rafting companies shared an impact study several years ago concerning traffic on the river and the Province said that Council had no authority to regulate traffic on the river.
- Mr. Kowalski stated that he wishes to create year round employment so people can live and work in the area and he promotes good stewardship of land. He will protect the scenic value and will not allow beer coolers and lawn chairs at the river.
- Some citizens thought that if this amendment was passed it would set a precedent for other developers to follow.
- Reeve Stone said that Council cannot refuse an application but must look at all the pros and cons carefully. Members of Council stated that they would review all issues before making any decision. Those present who were not at the last public meeting were asked to relate their reason for being here.