

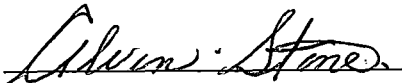
Action from Discussion:

- 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.


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The members of the Committee were asked to narrow down their issues in order of priority and Charles Cheeseman will look them over to see if they can be addressed in the by-law. There were six letters received in favour of the proposal and a petition with fifteen names opposed.

Reeve Stone declared the meeting was closed at 10:00 p.m.

Alvin Stone, Reeve

Eleanor Tabbert, Clerk



Forester's Falls, Ontario

October 21, 1998

The regular meeting of Ross Municipal Council was held on October 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 7:30 p.m. and led in repeating the Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the October 7th regular meeting and the October 19th Special meeting were adopted as circulated.

A delegation of James MacWha and Kerri Waite presented a proposal to develop a Neighbourhood Watch Program in Forester's Falls to help reduce crime and vandalism. All persons in the Hamlet would have the means of getting a response on a 24 hour basis and they would also like to promote activity programs for the youth of the community.

OPP Randy Reid dropped in to lend his support and suggested that he could advise young and old on home safety. To pay for signs a charge of \$5.00 from each residence was suggested.

They are looking for the support of Council and a public meeting will be called at the Firehall to choose a Committee of three.

Correspondence for Information:

- AMO Alert - Task Force on Homelessness
 - Expansion of Blue Box Program
- MCCR - Recreation Development Fund
- Privatization Secretariat - Ont. Clean Water Agency
- Management Board of Cabinet - Funding for Charities
- Assessment Region No. 4 - Adjustment of Taxes
- Twp of Westmeath - Restructuring minutes
- Francis & Virda Rowan - Seeking road maintenance
Clerk to send letter stating it will be considered in 1999
- Ont. Family fishing Weekend - July 9 - 11
- Civic Addressing 9-1-1 Notebook
- OGRA - Municipal Routes
- Townsite water samples All 0 - 0
- AMO - Municipal Member Communication - taxation concerns
- Twp of Westmeath - Minutes of Restructuring Public meeting
- County of Renfrew - Resolution on closure of Pembroke jail
- Twp of Admaston - Resolution on Financial goals for 1999 - no support
- Road name letters of complaint
- Aggregate Resources cheque for 1997 - \$1371.49

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross grant an extension to the agreement with Barry Carter dated August 5th 1997 to permit the use of existing residential unit during the construction of a new home at Lot 22, Concession VI.

This extension will be granted to October 31st, 1999 and all conditions as per the agreement will apply.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Chapeski that Council of the Township of Ross purchase a wreath for \$30.00 from the Cobden and District Royal Canadian Legion. Further that the wreath be placed by Reeve Alvin Stone at the November 11th Remembrance Day Service at Cobden.

Moved by Rathwell, seconded by Campbell that Council of the Township of Ross send two delegates to Toronto on November 3rd, 1998 for a demonstration at Queen's Park pertaining to current taxation concerns.

New Business:

- A Public meeting will be called for November 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers to revitalise interest in the Forester's Falls Athletic Association. It will be advertised by posters and an ad in the Cobden Sun.
- Francis and Virda Rowan will be notified that the Service Road will be reconsidered in 1999 for more gravel and grading.