

The regular mid-month meeting of Ross Municipal Council was held on November 18th, 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 November 4th Public and Regular meetings were adopted as circulated and the Agenda was approved as printed.

A delegation of Murray and Dixie Dittburner, Eleanor Black and Hazel Hawthorn of the Ross Township Historical Society were in attendance to oppose a commercial development for Joseph Kowalski within the Environmental protection area along the wilderness portion of the Ottawa River.

Correspondence for Information:

- MMAH - Restructuring Plan Approved in Cty of Renfrew
- MOF - Fairness for Property Taxpayers Act
- MNR - 1999 Forest Fire Management Agreement
- MTO - Reply to resolution on Highway 17 safety
- MOE - Reply to resolution for dust suppressant use
- MAG - Provincial Offences Act transfer
- MNDM - Timminco Limited Closure Plan
- AMO - Volunteer Firefighters benefits
- MSGCS - Community Safety Zones Begin
- OVED - International Exposition for Food Processors
 - Memo on meeting with Ontario Hydro
- Cty of Renfrew - News release on Lands for Life
- Twp of Westmeath - Restructuring meeting agenda and options
- Twp of SW Oxford - Resolution on Vol. Firemen compensation
- Twp of McNab/Braeside - Resolutions:
 - VON be deemed an essential service
 - Proper funding to School Boards
- Twp of Head, Clara & Maria - Resolution that MTO provide emergency number signs along major corridors (No Support)
- Millennium Newsletter
- ROMA - The Rural Review
- Ren Cty Housing Authority - A job well done firemen
- County of Renfrew - Land Severance
 - Request for Comments File No. B161/98 (Riseline Ent.)
 - Notice of Cert. File No. B84/98 (K.McLaughlin)
- Townsite Water samples - 1 - 0
- Smiths Construction - Ont Road Builders Assoc presentation
- Ontario Jobs and Investment Board
- Resignation of Violet Broome as Janitor effective Dec 31/98
- Twp of Bromley - Will present Plaque to Sam Leech Dec. 1st
- Historical Society - Thank-you
- Village of Cobden - Fire Tanker Specs (Ross not interested)
- OPP Killaloe Detachment - meet Commissioner Gwen Boniface
- Brian Whitehead - Update on Kowalski Development

Moved by Rathwell, seconded by Ferguson that they go into a closed meeting of Council to discuss and seek advice on several tax issues brought forward by Deputy-Clerk Charlene Jackson.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Chapeski that Council go back to an open meeting.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross pass the following resolution in support of the Town of Walkerton:

WHEREAS there has been a realignment of responsibility for the maintenance and up-keep of highways from the province to upper and lower tier municipalities; 01
AND WHEREAS the Provincial government receives a gasoline tax on each litre of gasoline sold in Ontario;
AND WHEREAS this gasoline tax is designated for the maintenance and up-keep of highways;
AND WHEREAS some of the highways transferred from the province to municipalities are in very poor conditions;
AND WHEREAS the one time only funding given to municipalities to maintain and up-keep these newly acquired sections of highway is very inadequate;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ross hereby petition the Province of Ontario to share the gasoline tax in a fair and equitable manner with the municipalities of the Province of Ontario, and that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, Mr. Ernie Eves and to Sean Conway, MPP Renfrew North.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Chapeski that Council pass the following resolution: 02

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ross adopt the Restructuring Proposal with the Villages of Beachburg and Cobden and the Townships of Westmeath and Ross, and that this proposal be forwarded to the County of Renfrew for their approval, and then forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval and implementation.

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Moved by Rathwell, seconded by Campbell that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-Law #39-98 being a by-law to write off taxes in the amount of \$2,845.20.

Moved by Chapeski, seconded by Ferguson that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-Law # 40-98 being a by-law to enter into an agreement for sharing costs of Drainage Superintendent.

Discussion:

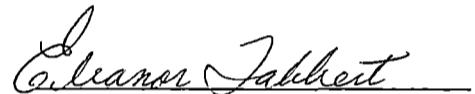

- Council accepted with regret the resignation of Caretaker Violet Broome, effective December 31st, 1998, and she will be sent a letter of thanks.
- Reeve Stone will attend a meeting at Bromley Community Centre on December 1st at 8:00 p.m. at which a plaque will be presented to retiring Drainage Superintendent Sam Leech for his 14 years of service. Mr. and Mrs. Leech will be invited to our dinner at Finnigans on December 13th.
- Reeve Stone will be in attendance at the Renfrew Inn on December 3rd to meet O.P.P. Commissioner Gwen Boniface.
- A letter was received from Alice and Chuck Clark of Cobden, requesting that one lane of snow be removed from Behm's Road east to Astrolabe Road for a winter walkway. Council agreed that the Township should not get involved in plowing this road as it is not an open winter road.
- Council will not become involved in the purchase of a Fire Tanker with the Village of Cobden, as it was not included in our budget.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Chapeski that the regular meetings of Council will be held on December 2nd and 16th.

Moved by Chapeski, seconded by Campbell that the meeting will be adjourned and the next regular meeting will be held on December 2nd, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Alvin Stone, Reeve

Eleanor Tabbert, Clerk



Forester's Falls, Ontario

December 2, 1998

The regular meeting of Ross Municipal Council was held on December 2nd, 1998 in the Council Chambers.

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

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and the minutes were adopted as circulated. It was moved by Campbell, seconded by Ferguson that the agenda be accepted as amended.

O.P.P. Officer Shikatani introduced himself to Council and asked if they had any questions or concerns and how many Council meetings they should attend. It was agreed that when all Officers have met with Council, attendance once a year would be enough unless there was a specific problem.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross approve General Account Voucher # 11 for \$217,789.26 and Waterworks Voucher # 11 for \$291.88 for the month of November, 1998.

Correspondence for Information:

- OGRA - Municipal Routes
- MOE - Funding for Groundwater Management Studies
- Cty of Renfrew - OVED - Participate in Lands for Life
 - Business Directory available
- Warden's Banquet Dec. 10 at Cobden Legion Hall (\$15)
- Land Severance File No. B172/98 (Marion Smith Est)
- Twp of Westmeath - Restructuring Agenda, Minutes and report on meeting at Assessment Office
- Renfrew Victoria Hospital "Tree of Lights"
- Card of Thanks from Jim and Beth Huckabone
- Sean Conway - Response to our letter concerning Jail closure
- Insurance claim of \$2546.30 for Haley Firehall break-in
- Townsite water samples 0 - 0
- AMCTO - Response to Bill 79
- Canadian Firearms Centre - Bulletin No. 26
- MOE - Funding for recycling

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross support a resolution from the Township of South-West Oxford, requesting the Provincial Government to re-instate compensation for Volunteer Firefighters on the same basis as it was under the former Workers' Compensation Act.