

The regular meeting of Ross Municipal Council was held on February 3rd, 1999 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 7:40 p.m. and led in repeating the Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the January 20th meeting were adopted as circulated. The Agenda were approved as presented.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross approve General Account Voucher #1 for \$101,657.07 and Waterworks Voucher # 1 for \$260.17 for the month of January, 1999.

OPP Officer Shikagani dropped in to the meeting to see if there were any problems. He informed Council that they are breaking away from the cluster system and there will be more officers on patrol. Neighbourhood Watch is nearly ready to go in Forester's Falls.

Correspondence for Information:

- Min of Att Gen - Provincial Offences Act transfer
- MNR - Introducing Conservation Officer John Smith
- MCCR - Grant to commemorate the millennium
- MAFRA - 1999 Drainage Courses and grant programs
- AMO - Model Gas Franchise Agreement progress
 - Workshop on new Electricity Marketplace
 - Letter from AMO President seeking input for 99 mandate
 - Regulation to recognize Seniority of Crown Employees
- AMCTO - Tax Policy News
- Restructuring Committee minutes of Jan. 18th meeting
- Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County: A program for Community tree planting
- Presentation on alcohol related laws
- Ont Mun Recreation Assoc annual conference June 9-12
- Free Pay Equity Seminars
- Town of Pickering resolution on child poverty - will support
- Request for financial support:
 - Renfrew & District Visiting Homemakers
 - Renfrew & Area Seniors' Home Support
- Cty of Renfrew Severance in Cobden File No. B190/98
- Min of Education - Reply to resolution on rural funding

Moved by Chapeski, seconded by Ferguson that Council of the Township of Ross have a warning sign "School Bus Stop Ahead" erected approaching the hill on Mineview Road near the Acres Road intersection.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Chapeski that Council of the Township of Ross accept the Interest Payment Proposal from the Bank of Nova Scotia, Cobden Branch, for a two year term commencing January 1, 1999, and the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve be authorized to sign said agreement.

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

WHEREAS computers now owned by the Township of Ross are in need of upgrading;

AND WHEREAS there is a grant available from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for this purpose;

THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Ross give Staff the authority to apply for a grant from the Rural and Northern Municipal Computer Capacity Enhancement Program.

Discussion:

- Council decided to invite Conservation Officer John Smith to a meeting to discuss the new laws concerning bear trapping.
- Reeve Stone will attend a Workshop on new Electricity Marketplace.
- Concerning the application File No. B190/98 for the Village of Cobden (Proposed Nursing and Retirement Home), the Land Division Committee will be notified that this property is within the McLeod Municipal Drain benefit area.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Chapeski that the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 p.m. and the next meeting will be held on February 17th, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Alvin Stone, Reeve

Eleanor Tabbert, Clerk



