

The regular meeting of Ross Municipal Council was held on February 17th, 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 7:35 p.m. and the minutes of the February 3rd meeting were adopted as circulated. It was moved by Campbell, seconded by Ferguson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Thomas Foran, auditor for the Township of Ross, presented the Financial Report for 1998 to Council showing a Consolidated surplus of \$99,629. He also spoke on Y2K and some of the problems that may arise at that time. The Township needs to investigate all areas that may present a liability, especially in the area of communication.

Deputy-Clerk Charlene Jackson discussed with Council her wages for 1999. It was suggested that the salary range for that position be raised and Council will be prepared to make a decision at the next meeting.

Correspondence for Information:

- Ministry of Solicitor General - Workshop for Fire Fighters
- Year 2000 Emergency Preparedness Workshop April 7, Ottawa
- Cty of Renfrew - Weighted Voting By-Law
- Petition to designate County under remote rural school board
- County approval of restructuring proposal
- OGRA Agenda and Resolutions for Conference
- 1999 Pitch-In Week, May 3-9 (Application for garbage bags)
- OVTA News and letter concerning spring bear hunt
- Resolutions requesting support:
 - Twp of Grattan - Police Service costs from Prov. Revenues
 - Town of Arnprior - Expansion of Highway 417
 - Town of Tillsonburg - Regulate rottweiler and pitbull dogs
 - City of Welland - Funding of costs resultant from Bill 79
- Townsite water samples - 0 - 0
- 1998 Council Remuneration and Expenses as required by law

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross support a resolution from the Town of Pickering, requesting that the Provincial Government acknowledge and address child poverty in the Province of Ontario by working with local organizations and municipalities to understand the causes of child impoverishment in each community and implement solutions.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Chapeski that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ross endorse the attached resolution from the Town of Arnprior, to support the expansion of Highway 417 into the County of Renfrew.

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

WHEREAS the Restructuring Committee for the formation of the Township of Whitewater Region is now in the process of going into Sub-Committees to address specific issues;

AND WHEREAS the Committee wish to involve all members of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Township of Ross approve the following appointments:

- Alvin Stone - Public Works & Sanitary Environment (Chair)
- Jack Ferguson - Public Works & Sanitary Environment
- Don Rathwell - Protection to Persons & Property
- Donna Campbell - Recreation & Culture
- Teresa Chapeski - Finance & Administration

Business:

- Charlene will go to a Year 2000 Emergency Preparedness and Response Workshop in Ottawa on April 7th.
- The Restructuring proposal for the Township of Whitewater Region has been approved by County Council and has been sent to the Ministry for approval.
- 1999 Pitch-in Week is May 3-9 and free garbage bags will be ordered to be distributed to School and Church groups.
- A group of Scouts are looking for a place to plant trees and Council would welcome the opportunity to have them planted at the Landfill Site.
- The Ross Township Public Library Board submitted a proposed budget for 1999 in the amount of \$11,603.
- A meeting of the Emergency Plan Committee was set for March 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Chapeski that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 p.m. and the next meeting will be held on March 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Alvin Stone, Reeve

Eleanor Tabbert, Clerk



