

The regular meeting of Council of the Township of Ross was held on March 3rd, 1999 in the Council Chambers.

Present were Reeve Alvin Stone, Deputy-Reeve Jack Ferguson and Councillors Don Rathwell and Donna Campbell.

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in repeating The Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the February 17th meeting were adopted as circulated and it was moved by Campbell, seconded by Ferguson that the Agenda be approved as amended.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross approve General Account Voucher # 2 for \$133,938.31 and Waterworks Voucher # 2 for \$632.93 for the month of February, 1999.

Correspondence for Information:

- MTO - Red Light Enforcement Pilot Projects
- AMO - Amendments to Model Gas Franchise Agreements
 - Treatment of Federal PIL for 1998
- MMAH Minister Leach retires from Public Office
- MNR and Cty of Renfrew presentation on Municipal plan review
- Ont Hydro Forestry seek approval to apply herbicides
- Minutes of Restructuring Committee meeting of Feb. 15th
- Restructuring:
 - Meeting for all Council members March 8, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Minutes of Committee meeting February 15th
 - Composition of Sub Committees and Terms of Reference
- Requests to support Resolutions:
 - Town of Petawawa - Support Land Ambulance Group
 - Town of Kearney - Object to armed robbery sentence (No Support)
 - Town of Keewatin - Disparity of gasoline prices
 - City of Toronto - Deposit/return system of recycling
- Townsite water samples 0 - 0
- MNM - Timminco Limited Facility Closure Plan
- Canadian Firearms Centre Bulletin No. 29

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Campbell that Council of the Township of Ross support a resolution from the Township of Grattan, resolving that peace and order as manifested by the protection of persons and property in our communities through the provision of effective police services, being provincial responsibilities, be funded out of general taxation revenues of the Province of Ontario.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross support a resolution from the Town of Tillsonburg requesting the Minister of Municipal Affairs for the Province of Ontario to enact legislation to restrict and regulate both rottweiler and pitbull dogs through the Municipal Act, thus addressing the danger posed to citizens of a vicious attack by these dogs.

Moved by Rathwell, seconded by Ferguson that Council of the Township of Ross support a resolution from the City of Welland as follows:

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 7-99 made under the Municipal Act is a complex process to establish the 10/5/5 percent cap on taxes for certain property classes for 1998, 1999 and 2000, which will result in considerable additional staff time to administer and implement;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 7-99 prevents municipalities from issuing interim 1999 tax bills until the impact of capping is determined and billed resulting in additional borrowing costs to meet cash flow requirements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be advised that the Township of Ross has serious concerns with the retroactive re-taxing process resulting from Bill 79, Fairness for Property Taxpayers Act, 1998, and therefore strongly urges the Province to fund the additional costs forced on municipalities resultant from this untimely legislative change; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, and Sean Conway MPP.

Moved by Rathwell, seconded by Campbell that Council of the Township of Ross approve the proposed Budget for the Ross Township Public Library for 1999 in the amount of \$11,603.00, and also that the Township of Ross incorporate into their 1999 Budget a grant in the amount of \$4500.00 to the Ross Township Public Library Board.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Campbell that Council of the Township of Ross approve payment of the Registration fee and expenses for the Deputy-Clerk to attend the Association of Municipal Tax Collectors of Ontario Spring Seminar in Niagara Falls on May 2 - 4.

Moved by Rathwell, seconded by Campbell that Council of the Township of Ross accept an application for a Zoning By-Law Amendment from Logos Land at Part of Lot 13, Concession II. The purpose of this Amendment is to rezone the property from Tourism Commercial (TC) and Tourism Commercial Reserve (TCR) to Tourism Commercial Exception zone to permit an additional range of uses.

And further that Staff be authorized to procure the services of the County Planning Department to prepare the necessary by-law and advertising.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Campbell that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-Law No.03-99, being a by-law to establish schedules of retention periods for documents and records of the Municipality.

Moved by Rathwell, seconded by Ferguson that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-Law No.04-99, being a by-law to renew the Sewage System Management Agreement.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Ferguson that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-Law No.05-99, being a by-law to set a Wage scale for Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Ferguson that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-Law No.07-99, being a by-law to amend By-Law No.23-98 (Darlington Road Allowance).

Discussion:

- The Clerk was authorized to notify Ontario Hydro, District 14 Eastern Forestry Services in Eganville, that Council give approval to apply Herbicides to control brush and resurgence of trees on their right of ways in the Township for the year of 1999.
- The Township of Ross will apply to Human Resources Development Canada for a grant for three students for the Summer Career Placement Program.
- An amended site plan for Joe Kowalski was presented to Council and details explained by Charlene Jackson. The Township planner, Charles Cheesman will be asked for comments and then the group of concerned citizens will be notified and asked for a reply.
- A Livestock report for Hans Wytenburg was reviewed and approved for payment.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Campbell that they move into a closed session of Council to discuss property and personnel issues.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Ferguson that Council go back into regular open meeting.

Reeve Stone is to talk to Westmeath Road Superintendent concerning the joining of some Township services.

A Township ratepayer had requested that interest be exempted from their taxes, and they will be notified that it is unlawful to exempt charges or fees for an individual property owner.

Moved by Rathwell, seconded by Ferguson that the meeting be adjourned at 11:20 p.m. and the next meeting will be held on March 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Alvin Stone, Reeve

Eleanor Tabbert, Clerk





Foresters Falls, Ontario

March 10, 1999

A Special Meeting, held in Council Chambers, was called by Reeve Stone to pass a by-law to set the rate for interim taxes on March 10, 1999.

Present were Reeve Alvin Stone, Deputy Reeve Jack Ferguson, Councillors Don Rathwell, Donna Campbell, Teresa Chapeski and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Charlene Jackson.

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and dispensed with the Lord's Prayer.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell THAT Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-law NO. 08-99, being a by-law to provide an interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes. **CARRIED**