

The regular mid-month meeting of Ross Municipal Council was held on August 18th, 1999 in the Council Chambers.

Present were Reeve Alvin Stone, Deputy-Reeve Jack Ferguson and Councillors Don Rathwell and Teresa Chapeski.

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in repeating The Lord's Prayer.

A Public meeting was held to consider a proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment which would re-zone approximately 6 acres from Rural to General Industrial to permit a contractor's yard and shop for Marshall's Welding and Construction. This property is located within Part Lot 20, Concession V, Township of Ross, and described as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on RP49R-6916.

Those present for the rezoning were County Planner Charles Cheeseman, Deputy-Clerk Charlene Jackson, applicants Dave and Sharon Bennett and the following Haley Townsite residents: Allan and Geraldine Marion, Richard and Patti Reid, Terrance and Pam Elliott, Kim McDonald, Jack Lowery, Bill Brown, Tony Boudreau and Marc Asselin.

Charlene Jackson read the Notice of Public Meeting dated the 16th day of July, 1999, which was published in the Renfrew Weekend News. Notices were mailed to the Clerk and Roads Department of the County of Renfrew, Renfrew County Roman Catholic Separate School Board, Renfrew County Board of Education, TransCanada PipeLines, Renfrew County and District Health Unit, the Senior Planner and the Secretary of Ontario Hydro Services Company Inc., the Executive Vice President Law and Development of Ontario Power Generation Inc. and applicant Dave Bennett.

There was a reply from the County of Renfrew Roads Department stating no concerns or comments and a Fax from Haley Townsite residents notifying Council that a delegation would be attending this meeting and presenting a petition opposing the re-zoning.

Charlene read the proposed By-Law and Charles Cheeseman explained the permitted uses. Reeve Stone noted the uses of the property by the former owner which was an agricultural based business, and Dave Bennett displayed his site plan.

The Haley Townsite residents presented a petition with 22 names (15 households) stating the following reasons they are apposed to this re-zoning:

1. Environmental concerns
2. Drainage/Water
3. Appearance
4. Increased traffic at school bus stop
5. Real estate values will be adversely affected
6. Future - could adjacent properties be re-zoned

The following oral discussion occurred:

Richard Reid: How many persons do you employ?

Dave Bennett: About 50, but we have three other sites.

Kim McDonald: What will be done in the shop?

Dave Bennett: Truck repairs and welding.

Patti Reid: What may it become? There would be after-hour traffic and the school bus stops nearby.

Richard Reid: Have a real estate concern and would they be drilling a well?

Dave Bennett: Yes, they would have a need for about 200 gallons a day.

Tony Boudreau: What is to say that the property will be kept presentable and will there be a noise?

Dave Bennett: There will be a little bit of noise but should not be heard at the townsite. There would be limited work on Saturdays and none on Sunday.

Jack Lowery: There is a wet area on the property and in the spring water will back up in the Townsite. Welding can be extremely noisy.

Geraldine Marion: Do they need a permit to drill a well?

Reeve Stone: No.

Dave Bennett offered to alter the site plan to alleviate the concerns, but the townsite residents would not approve any changes but simply do not want the re-zoning to occur. They compared it to a future scrap yard.

Reeve Stone suggested that there be a cooling off period and time for Council to look over the pros and cons of the re-zoning, and it would be brought back on the agenda September 1st at the regular Council meeting.

The minutes of the August 4th meeting were adopted as circulated.

Correspondence for Information:

- AMO - Further extension for Education Payments
- Minutes of Protection to Persons & Property Sub Committee
- Townsite Water samples 0 - 0
- County of Renfrew Land Severance:
  - Notice of Certificate - File No. B44/99 (A. & L. Martin)
  - Request for Comments - File No. B67/99(A) (A. Stewart)
  - File No. B67/99(B) (A. Stewart)
  - File No. B67/99(C) (A. Stewart)

Moved by Rathwell, seconded by Ferguson that Council of the Township of Ross support the resolution from the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, to petition the Government of the Province of Ontario to reinstate a fair funding program for the capital maintenance and restoration of our community centres and arenas.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Chapeski that Council of the Township of Ross utilize the services of the County of Renfrew Human Resources Department to advertise for a permanent employee for the position of Truck/Equipment Operator in the Township Roads Department.

Moved by Chapeski, seconded by Ferguson that Council of the Township of Ross is prepared to enter into a maintenance agreement with the owners of Logos Land regarding the on-site private services, to permit Consent Application B42/99. This agreement must be to the satisfaction of the Municipality and the Ministry of the Environment.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-Law No. 30-99, being a by-law to set Tax Rates for the year 1999.

Stone appointed Rathwell to attend Union negotiations with him in Pembroke on September 21st and 22nd.

It was the decision of Council that the new road employee starting date will be October 1st for a three month probation period at the pay rate of \$13.25 per hour. On January 1st, 2000 the employee would become permanent with full benefits at the pay rate according to contract agreement.

Ken Becking, County Engineer, contacted the Reeve to suggest that the County do winter maintenance on the Haley Road. A contract price will be requested.

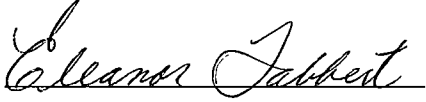
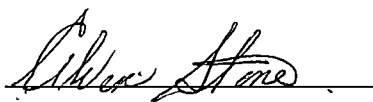
Rathwell will talk to Clarence Barron concerning the clean-up of his scrap yard and the possibility of planting trees around it.

The Ontario East Municipal Conference '99 is being held at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston on September 22, 23 and 24 and Stone, Rathwell, Campbell and the Clerk will be registered.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Rathwell that the meeting adjourn at 10:20 p.m. and the next regular meeting will be held on September 1st at 7:30 in the Council Chambers.

Alvin Stone, Reeve

Eleanor Tabbert, Clerk



Forester's Falls, Ontario

September 1, 1999

The regular meeting of Ross Municipal Council was held on Sept. 1st, 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 led in repeating The Lord's Prayer.

Robert McDonald led a delegation of Townsite residents objecting to the rezoning of the Dave Bennett property. He displayed a poster made up of pictures of Mr Bennett's property in Horton and where he is working at Haley Industries. There was a lot of construction debris lying around and vehicles parked at all angles. They feel that this is a residential area and they do not want an unsightly construction business situated across the County road from them.

Mr. McDonald challenged Reeve Stone's right to vote on this matter because his son is an employee of Dave Bennett's Construction Company and there would be a Conflict of Interest.

Mr. Stone stated that he would get a legal opinion before voting. Patti Reid asked what an Official Plan is, and Charlene Jackson explained and also said that a rezoning can be voted on at a Public Meeting or it can be tabled until a later date.