

The regular mid-month meeting of Ross Township Council was held on September 15th, 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 7:00 p.m. and it was moved by Campbell, seconded by Ferguson that Council move into a closed session to discuss personnel matters. Carried.

At 7:30 p.m. it was moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council move back into a regular Council meeting. Carried.
Councillor Teresa Chapeski arrived at the meeting at this time.

Councillor Rathwell reported on a meeting he attended on Sept. 9th in the Town of Renfrew concerning the completion of its permanent Household Hazardous Waste Depot project. Representatives from ten Municipalities were present, and if all were in agreement to use the facility the cost for Ross Township was estimated at \$610.47 based on the population and a \$10,000 annual operating cost.

Jeannie Brown of Barron Disposal Systems was invited to this meeting to report on their progress in getting a licence to transport Hazardous Waste from our Landfill Site to Renfrew. Their present licence will not permit this, but they were told that it would be a simple procedure to obtain one and would take 2 to 3 weeks and about \$600.00. They are applying immediately and Council requested that they bring a copy of the certificate to the Township when received.

Council instructed the Clerk to write a letter to the Town of Renfrew, indicating that the Township of Ross intend to utilize the Renfrew Hazardous Waste Depot.

The minutes of the September 1st meeting were adopted as circulated.

Correspondence for Information:

- AMO - Natural Gas Franchise Agreement and Defense Fund
The Clerk was directed to pay \$38.82 to Defense Fund
- Combined Conferences of OGRA & ROMA
- Canadian Firearms Centre Bulletin No. 35
- Village of Eganville - 911 Communication systems
- Warden's Banquet Oct 22nd in Chalk River
- Agenda for Restructuring meeting Sept. 20th at 7:00 p.m.
- Ont. Aggregate Resources Corp. 1998 Annual Report
- Land Severance: Notice of Certificate - File No. B103/98 (H.Wytenburg)
- Townsite water samples and report

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross support a resolution from the Township of Hamilton, requesting that the Provincial and/or Federal Governments freeze the price of gasoline at an acceptable rate for a period of 90 days, and also commence an inquiry to investigate the increases in gas prices.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Chapeski that the Township of Ross support a resolution from the Township of Severn to petition the Minister of the Environment to reinstate appropriate levels of funding for water and sewer infrastructure, thereby ensuring that the provision of safe drinking water and adequate sewage treatment are within the financial means of Municipalities.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Ferguson that Council of the Township of Ross accept the application from Perry Yach as a full time employee of the Ross Township Roads Department.

The starting date will be October 1, 1999 at the rate of pay of \$13.25 per hour with a three month probation period. Permanent status with benefits will begin January 1, 2000 at the rate of pay according to contract agreement.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Ferguson that Council of the Township of Ross support the resolution from the Township of Bromley, proposing that they make application to Science North on behalf of the Municipalities in the Opeongo High School catchment area to host the Ontario Time Ship 2000 as a Millennium project.

Ferguson reported on a Fire Prevention program conducted at the schools sponsored jointly by Cobden and Ross Firemen where students were taught fire escape.

Reeve Stone reported on various activities as follows:

- Farmers are looking for support to get a subsidy from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for dead stock pickup.
- Ross Library reports a bumper year for fund raising.
- A culvert on Kerr Line needs extensive repairs or replacement.

Moved by Chapeski, seconded by Campbell that the meeting adjourn at 10:30 p.m. and the next meeting will be held at 7:30 on October 6th in the Council Chambers.

Alvin Stone, Reeve

Eleanor Tabbert, Clerk

