

MADOC TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m.

February 3, 2016

Madoc Township Recreation Centre

Present – Reeve R. Sager, Deputy Reeve T. Bruce, Councillors R. Rowe, L. Blackburn, C. Smith

- Treasurer Christine Mitchell
- Diane Sherman ( EMC newspaper)
- Karen Bailey, Alicia Auger

Delegation – Connie Robinson (McDougall Insurance), Debra Murphy (Frank Cowan Insurance)

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Reeve Sager.

Blackburn-Bruce – that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried.

Blackburn-Bruce – to approve the minutes of the January meeting of Council as circulated. Carried.

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.

Rowe-Bruce – to add the invoice for Livestock Valuer to the current expense voucher. Carried.

Reeve Sager called upon Christine Mitchell to provide the report of the Treasurer.

A voucher of \$147,202.12 was presented (including an \$80.00 expense for Livestock Valuer initially missed from the voucher) for Council approval.

Blackburn-Smith – that the voucher be approved for payment in the total amount of \$147,202.12. Carried.

There was brief discussion on some of the items in the voucher, one being Quinte Waste Solutions. Deputy Reeve Bruce indicated that Quinte Waste has used up most reserves and there is still very limited market for recycling – some of which is sent to landfill. He suggested it would be much cheaper to landfill all waste but allowed that it isn't likely to happen.

The Treasurer presented Council with a summary of the Development Charges account of the Township.

Bruce-Rowe – that Council receive the report on Development Charges from the Treasurer. Carried.

The Treasurer also presented a statement of Council remuneration expenses for the year 2015 as required.

Smith-Rowe – that Council receive the statement of remuneration and expenses for 2015 for members of Madoc Township Council. Carried.

Treasurer Mitchell reported on the year-end financial result for the Township. Primarily due to staffing changes and reductions in the Road Department program of expenditures, the municipality ended up with a surplus of approximately \$113,000.00.

It was recommended that a meeting or road tour be held in the near future to discuss proposed capital and operating budgets for the year.

Blackburn-Rowe – that the Road report as prepared by B. Rogers be approved as circulated. Carried.

Rowe-Bruce – that the report of the Animal Control Officer be received. Carried.

Blackburn-Rowe – that the report of the By-law Enforcement Officer be approved as presented. Carried.

Rowe-Smith – that the minutes of the February meeting of the Centre Hastings Public Library be approved as submitted. Carried.

Blackburn-Smith – receive the minutes of the Quinte Waste Solutions meeting as presented. Carried.

Blackburn-Smith – that the minutes of the Human Resources Committee be approved and that Council proceed with the recommendations contained therein. Carried.

Councillor Rowe indicated that the other municipalities involved in our local CPAC will be putting together a request for Council to reinstate a higher level of funding for the committee that was reduced by Council last year to \$500.00. He advised that Madoc Township is the only member to have reduced their contribution to the Committee. Deputy Reeve Bruce responded that it appeared the committee had \$18,000.00 in reserves and suggested that with a 22% increase in policing costs this year they may wish to look within their organization for further funding.

Rowe-Blackburn – that the minutes of the Community Policing Advisory Committee be received and filed. Carried.

Connie Robinson and Debra Murphy appeared before Council to review a program of insurance offered by Frank Cowan Insurance and McDougall Insurance. They provided members of Council with an overview of their insurance program and highlighted differences between the municipality's current insurance carrier and their proposal. They pointed out the differences between "aggregate" and annual in insurance terms. They noted exceptions in the Auto policy, Environmental Liability. They recommended changes to the VFIS coverage for volunteer firefighters and indicated that such coverage can be tailored to the individual municipality. The representatives were available for questions following their presentation and left their information for Council's consideration.

Reeve Sager advised that Councillor Smith had agreed to sit in on the Hastings County Plowmen's Association meetings with respect to preparation for the upcoming plowing match in Madoc Township. Councillor Blackburn advised he may attend as well.

The quotations and recommendations from the search committee for a new wheel loader were reviewed.

Bruce-Blackburn – that the Township of Madoc purchase the 2014 Hyundai HL740-9A wheel loader with remaining warranty as quoted by Bob Mark New Holland of Campbellford as recommended by the search committee. Carried.

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Rowe-Bruce – that the Township of Madoc proclaim April 2, 2016 as World Autism Awareness Day in support. Carried.

Councillor Rowe advised members of Council of the availability of a used wood chipper for sale at a cost of \$8500.00. He advised that it worked well as he had used it. A friend of his was selling it and he suggested it may be valuable for the Township.

Smith Blackburn – that Council move into by-laws. Carried.

1382-2016 – load restrictions – 3 readings and passed

1383-2016 – interim tax instalment – 3 readings and passed

1384-2016 – appoint CEMC – 3 readings and passed

1385-2016 - Council remuneration 2016 – 3 readings and passed.

1386-2016 – staff positions and compensation – 3 readings and passed

Blackburn-Bruce – that Council resume. Carried.

Council members discussed the need to commence preliminary budget discussions. Council determined to meet on Tuesday, February 9 at 3:30 p.m. to commence.

Blackburn-Bruce – that Council move into closed session. Carried.

Bruce-Blackburn- that Council resume. Carried.

Blackburn-Rowe – that the Clerk proceed as directed in camera. Carried.

Rowe-Smith – that Council adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Carried.

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Reeve

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Clerk