

MADOC TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

5:30 pm.

March 2, 2016

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

Regrets – Councillor C. Smith

Also attending – C. Mitchell, Treasurer

- J. Gear, Fire Chief
- Diane Sherman – EMC news
- Mrs. Karen Bailey

Delegations – Veronica Mason, Joanna Park – Collins Barrow Kawarthas – auditors

- Mr. John Varty, Mrs. Myra Varty

Reeve Sager called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

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

Rowe-Blackburn – that the minutes of the meetings held in February be approved as circulated. Carried.

Treasurer Chris Mitchell was called upon for her report for the month. She provided a brief overview of the voucher which included County and school levy payments and purchase of a front end loader. She further advised that she had received quotes from actuaries for review of the municipal early retirement incentive program as recommended by our audit firm.

Blackburn-Rowe – that the voucher be paid in the total amount of \$540,579.96. Carried.

The Animal Control Officer had provided the Treasurer with a proposal to sell dog tags on a door to door basis on a cost per tag basis as well as providing a staff member for tag sales during the end of March.

Blackburn-Rowe – that the Animal Control Officer be engaged to provide additional staff for dog tag sales the end of March at the municipal office and on a door to door basis after that time on a fee per tag basis. Carried.

In the absence of the Road Supervisor, the Clerk provided a brief review for Council. He advised the 'old' loader should be declared surplus and advertised for sale. He advised the absence of the supervisor was due to his schedule requiring the Roads staff to be out earlier in the morning. It was further suggested that, although the Road Supervisor had obtained prices for gravel material – formal quotations should be solicited to provide more information to prospective bidders on what the municipality required and at what schedule. The quotations obtained were not provided to Council so as not to jeopardize the more formal process. The Clerk will contact suppliers that provided prices to date to advise of this. He suggested that the Road Supervisor, Clerk and Deputy Reeve sit down together to advertise for grass mowing, brush cutting, gravel and sand in March – to allow for better scheduling for the Roads Department.

Blackburn-Bruce – that the Case 621C front end loader be declared surplus to the requirements of the Township of Madoc. Carried.

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Blackburn-Rowe – that the Township of Madoc advertise the Case 621C loader for sale by sealed bid. Carried.

Rowe-Blackburn – that the Township of Madoc advertise for grass mowing and brushing services as well as winter sand and road gravel for 2016. Carried.

Blackburn-Bruce – that the Deputy Reeve and Road Supervisor be authorized to seek out various options for a backhoe for the municipality. Carried.

Blackburn-Bruce – that the verbal and written road report of the Road Supervisor be received and filed. Carried.

Blackburn-Rowe – that Council receive the report of the Animal Control Officer for February, 2016. Carried.

Bruce-Blackburn – that Council receive the report of the Chief Building Official for the month of February as presented. Carried.

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

Fire Chief J. Gear reported that, due to changes by the provincial government in adoption of the NFPA and amendments as well as testing requirements, we currently have a limited number of air bottles available for use. It will be necessary to immediately upgrade our equipment.

Blackburn-Bruce – that the Fire Chief proceed to purchase ten SCBA's and bottles using funding 50% from current year's budget as well as 50% from fire reserves to cover the costs. Carried.

Blackburn-Rowe – that Council receive the report of the Facilities Manager for February, 2016. Carried.

Mr. John Varty addressed Council to review his experience with the sale of his property in Madoc Township. He advised that, as a result of errors by the firm hired by the Province of Ontario, he was required to pay for a survey that was not previously required. He mentioned Polaris and that this system was not to cause any individual undue hardship or expense. He asked Council whether the municipality would be willing to provide financial assistance as a result of him be required to survey a portion of Barker Road.

Council thanked Mr. Varty and advised they would further consider the matter.

Ms. Joanna Park and Veronica Mason attended to report the findings of their audit firm on the affairs of Madoc Township for 2015. They advised that there were no irregularities. The finances were stable. Checks and balances are effective. The 2015 budget was balanced with an additional \$113,000.00 available to reserves. Municipality is in good financial shape.

The auditors were thanked for their presentation and given leave of the meeting.

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Blackburn-Bruce – that the Township of Madoc support the Resolution of the Town of Carleton Place which objects to the Provincial scoring system indicators for awarding grants actually penalize a municipality that has planned for future infrastructure needs by having a reserve for them. Carried.

Rowe-Blackburn – that the Township of Madoc supports the efforts of Hastings Prince Edward Health to reduce the risk of West Nile virus in our area, and further, gives permission to Hastings Prince Edward Public Health to carry out larviciding activities to prevent/control West Nile virus in our area. Carried.

Rowe-Blackburn – that Council advise Mr. Varty that, although they can sympathize with his situation, it was not the fault of the municipality and, further, that the changes from 'Land Registry' to 'Land Titles' has created many, many similar problems with the property registration system and, as a result, the municipality will not be able to assist him. Carried.

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

1387-2016 – three readings and passed – confirm employees in their positions.

Bruce-Blackburn – that Council resume. Carried.

Blackburn-Rowe - that Council move in camera to discuss a personnel issue under S. 239(2) of the Municipal Act. Carried.

Rowe-Bruce – that Council resume. Carried.

Rowe-Blackburn – that Council adjourn. Carried.

Reeve

Clerk