

Minutes of the Town of Wabana Regular Council Meeting November 9, 2009

Attendance:

Mayor Gary Gosine
Deputy Mayor Kay Crane
Councillor Linda Skehans
Councillor Stan MacDonald
Councillor Dave Foley
Councillor Brian Kent
Councillor Scott Clarke (arrived 7:40pm)

Staff:

Town Clerk Ben Noseworthy
Consultant Ed Kent

Councillor Kent & Deputy Mayor Crane opened the meeting at 7:30pm and accepted the agenda.

Mayor Gosine noted that one motion can be used to accept all minutes and all reports. Also Deputy Mayor not automatically chair of finance committee although Council's actions are not in question.

RCMP – Will be present at next regular meeting.

Delegations:

Bob Hammond – fees for rock extraction. Request to reduce the fee for a single axle from \$25 to \$5.

Adoption of Minutes:

Minutes to be circulated prior to the next meeting for adoption.

Old Business:

Motion by Councillor Foley, second by Councillor Clarke, that Cyril Dwyer's application for tax abatement from \$450 to \$100 be approved, all in favour, carried. (2009-11-01)

Staff to add Cyril Dwyer's abatement property to supplementary MAA request. Confirm address' for Cyril Dwyer.

Motion by Councillor MacDonald, second by Councillor Foley, that the application to operate a recycling depot on town square be approved in principle pending all required approvals from appropriate agencies are obtained by the applicant Mary Noseworthy, all in favour, carried. (2009-11-02)

Staff to contact Fire Commissioner to determine what our Fire Chief can do and what is required to approve buildings.

Motion by Councillor Foley, second by Councillor MacDonald, that the Town Clerk/Treasurer be officially appointed Acting Town Manager in addition to current duties recognizing he has been acting in that position since October 16, 2009, all in favour, carried. (2009-11-03)

Committee Reports:

Town Clerk report;

Motion by Councillor MacDonald, second by Councillor Kent, that staff are to upgrade the financial software, purchase productivity software, and upgrade/purchase hardware as required to ensure efficient office operations to a maximum of \$15,000 after contacting MNL and PMA for advice on TownSuite, all in favour, carried. (2009-11-04)

A brief discussion on the Town's antique fire truck. Staff directed to contact H&H Auto on Thorburn Road for an Antique designation and to reduce insurance costs. Staff directed to discuss options with the Fire Chief.

Meeting with the Acting Minister of Municipal Affairs to be re-scheduled to Tuesday Nov 17, 4:00 pm to ensure Council is present for the 7:30 pm meeting with the BAE Group on Nov 12 to discuss the waste management plan.

Staff to provide the current contract with Newco for Council to review.

Mayor Gosine excused himself from the meeting at 9:05 pm declaring a conflict of interest on the discussion of the Town's open offer to truck this season's salt/sand requirements. Council confirmed that Councillor Skehans was not in conflict by reading aloud the specific sections of the Municipalities Act.

Motioned by Councillor Foley, second by Councillor Skehans, that Council confirms that the Town Clerk acted in the best interest of the Town and as such has the confidence of Council, Councillor Kent nay, carried. (2009-11-05)

Mayor Gosine was invited to rejoin the meeting at 9:23 pm.

The Clerk described the Animal Control chamber to Council.

Staff to provide a list of streets and signs when our current sign erection program is complete.

Remembrance Day ceremonies confirmed with Mayor Gosine to lay the Wreath for Diane Whalen (set up by Diane's office), Deputy Mayor Crane for the Town, and a wreath for the Town's Fire Department to lay.

Staff to contact legal counsel and the union representative to determine if we must extend benefits to employees on LTD and if so, can we continue the collective agreement practise of collecting 50% of the benefit costs.

Staff to investigate if Councillors can apply for Group Benefits under the existing Town policy.

A brief discussion on staff retirement practices.

Staff directed to provide relevant information and background material as well as specific Minutes of Council for further direction.

Consultant report;

Motioned by Councillor MacDonald, second by Deputy Mayor Crane, resolved that the Capital Priority list be approved and authorized for the following program requests for 2010 and related 10% borrowing of council's share from Scotiabank, plus related interim financing of the HST share pending rebate recovery; Priority #1 - well head protection program \$1,000,000 gross expenditure and a 10% town share via loan to be financed over 5 years of \$95,300 plus related HST financing, Priority #2 - phase 1 paving program \$762,000 gross expenditure and a 10% town share via loan to be financed over 5 years of \$72,600 plus related HST financing, Priority #3 - arena phase 2b and phase 3 \$297,000 gross expenditure and a 10% town share via loan to be financed over 5 years of \$28,300 plus related HST financing, and Priority #4 - sewer outfall repair and replacement \$348,500 gross expenditure and a 10% town share via loan to be financed over 5 years of \$33,000 plus related HST financing, all in favour, carried. (2009-11-06)

Deputy Mayor Crane motioned, second by Councillor Kent adjournment at 10:14 pm, all in favour, carried. (2009-11-07)

Mayor

Town Clerk