

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALNWICK/HALDIMAND
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009 – 1:00 P.M.**

Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, April 2nd, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor William Finley presiding.

Members Present: Mayor William Finley
Deputy Mayor Dalton McDonald
Councillors: Raymond Bennis
Bill Holmes
Art Jeninga
Cathie Ritchie
Rosemarie Robins

Members Absent with Notification: None

Staff Present: Terrence Korotki, Clerk/Administrator/Planning Coordinator
Bernadette Murray, (Administrative Assistant)

Others Present: Betty Carruthers, ratepayer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finley called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS

II. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Cathie Ritchie declared a pecuniary interest in respect to By-Law 33-2009 and in respect to the Tender process for the office renovations at the Municipal Administration Building in Grafton, Ontario.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS CIRCULATED

Moved by Councillor Bennis and seconded by Councillor Holmes
Resolution #2009-170

"Be it resolved that the Agenda as circulated for the Regular Session of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand of Thursday, April 2nd, 2009, be approved, CARRIED."

IV. DAVID WRIGHT, CHIEF, VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1:01 P.M.

Alnwick/Haldimand Fire and Rescue Report dated March 2009:

- 1) Chief's Meeting Agenda for March 24, 2009 attached
- 2) The dry weather has increased the number of grass fires this year, most of them being along County Road #18.
- 3) Pinnacle Park will resume fire protection and medical assist services starting April 1st, 2009
- 4) Three RFO have been sent out to truck manufacturers and information will be returned by March 31st, 2009

- 5) The Clerk Administrator has suggested that potential sites in the Roseneath area for the construction of a new Fire Station could be viewed when Council does the annual Road Tour, (April 17th, 2009).
- 6) Dianne Nicholls, Administrative Assistant, (Roseneath) is now processing the Ministry of Transportation claims from the Roseneath office.

➤ Goals that need to be completed or started for the department:

Project	% complete
a) Comprehensive emergency plans for high risks	30
b) Risk Assessment for the Municipality	100
c) Master Plan for the development of the department	10
d) M.I.F.P.I.S.S. for the O.F.M. Office	100
e) Bench Marking as legislated	25
f) Building audits for all non-residential buildings	10
g) Public Relations seminars and education	on-going
h) Reaching N.F.P.A. standards for hose, ladders, pumps, etc.	8
i) Proper documentation of secured training records	100
j) Fire inspections all of public assemblies/properties	95
k) Recruit training program	on going

To date we have responded to 58 calls, (37 from Alderville) compared to 47 calls in the same time period in 2008; this is an increase of 23% from last year.

The responses this month were to: (1) Motor Vehicle Collisions
(4) Ambulance Assists
(18) Fire and Alarms
(1) Power Lines down and Alarms

The fire apparatus arrived first on scene for five (5) of the medical assist ahead of the ambulance.

Mayor Finley advised that a ratepayer from the Roseneath area had called him about an open air burning issue in close proximity to Fenella Hall. Fire Chief Wright advised that he had spoken with her and that this is an on-going issue as she is still determining the specific location.

Moved by Councillor Jeninga and seconded by Councillor Bennis
Resolution #2009-171

"Be it resolved that the Alnwick/Haldimand Fire Rescue Report dated March, 2009 as submitted by Fire Chief David Wright, be received and filed, CARRIED."

Councillor Robins expressed the opinion that the municipality would be better served to purchase a full-fledged pumper rather than this new truck and that the older trucks in the department should be replaced first.

Fire Chief Wright stated that Station # 1 and # 3 have the newest trucks and it is now time to address Station # 2's requirements. The recommendation for purchase of this new truck for Station # 2 decision is based upon the recommendation made at a meeting of the Fire Chiefs of the Municipal Fire Department.

Councillor Bennis agreed with the consensus of the fire chiefs, acknowledging that Station # 2 (Centreton) is also a response station for Stations # 1 and Station # 3.

Fire Chief Wright advised that this truck is a small vehicle that could be used for grass fires. Councillor Ritchie questioned the wisdom of purchasing this vehicle

at this time as the grass fire season is nearly over. "Could we spread the purchase out over 2 years?

Fire Chief Wright stated that the truck is also used for rescue and extrication.

Councillor Holmes concurred that the rescue truck responds to both north and south and that 90 % of grass fires are in the north end of the municipality. Councillor Holmes agreed with Councillor Robins in her questioning of the need for a truck to address grass fires.

Fire Chief Wright stated that the purchase of this truck will also enhance our ability to respond to calls concerning the Northumberland County Forest.

Mayor Finley stated that he was in favour of purchasing the vehicle this year as the cost to do so next year could be 7 % to 10% more and further stated that the Council should endorse the Fire Chief's recommendation because the vehicle would serve both the north and the south portions of the municipality.

Resolution RE: Purchase of Fire Truck for Municipal Fire Department – 1:10 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Bennis and seconded by Deputy Mayor McDonald,
Resolution #2009-172

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand support the purchase of a fire truck for the Municipal Volunteer Fire Department which will be designated to be retained in Station # 2 (Centreton).

Councillor Ritchie requested a recorded vote in respect to this resolution.

Yeas:

Nays:

Deputy Mayor McDonald
Councillor Jeninga
Councillor Bennis
Mayor Finley

Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Holmes
Councillor Robins

The resolution # 2009-172 was CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 3 resolution.

Email Correspondence dated March 27th, 2009 from Mark Stabb, Nature Conservancy of Canada RE: Letter from Nature Conservancy of Canada to Mayor and Council regarding Prescribed Burns 2009

Email Correspondence dated March 28th, 2009 from Hugh de Quehen RE: Concerns regarding Prescribed Burns 2009

Email Correspondence dated March 26th, 2009 from Val Deziel RE: Letter of Support of Prescribed Burns 2009

Email Correspondence dated March 26th, 2009 from Bill Newell RE: Comments on Program for Prescribed Burns 2009

Moved by Councillor Jeninga and seconded by Councillor Holmes
Resolution #2009-173

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand direct the Clerk/Administrator to acknowledge receipt of the e-mails received in respect to the issue of the prescribed burns program for the year 2009; and that the correspondence be received and filed, CARRIED.

Correspondence

Email Correspondence dated March 20th, 2009 from Todd Farrell, Science and Stewardship Coordinator, Central Ontario and Mark Stabb , (Central Ontario Program Manager) – Nature Conservancy of Canada RE: Application from Nature Conservancy of Canada and the County of Northumberland for Prescribed “Controlled Burns” for Spring, 2009

Mr. Todd Farrell and Mr. Mark Stabb, both representing the Nature Conservancy of Canada and Ms. Mia Frankl, Forest Management Officer, County of Northumberland were in attendance in support of the joint application for permission to have a Prescribed Burn within the boundaries of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand.

Ms. Frankl responded to questions from Council members:

Councillor Ritchie said that she had read the letters of concern that had been submitted to the municipality from Township residents and further stated that the Council had yet to be assured concerning the displacement of animals and birds that may result from controlled burns.

Ms. Frankl introduced two speakers who were in attendance at this meeting to address these issues with Council:

Mr. Ben Walters was present representing the Willow Beach Naturalists and stated that wild life in these habitats can withstand these incidents of controlled “prescribed” burns. The animals will adapt as the fires move from one area to another and small animals will bury themselves into the ground.

Mr. Walters also advised that most birds do not nest before April 30, therefore grass fires that are traditionally planned for early spring will not affect them. Mr. Walters addressed the proclivities of various birds, i.e. killdeers, house sparrows, turkeys, pheasants and reiterated that controlled burns do not impact them greatly.

Councillor Holmes enquired concerning small animals such as rabbits and was advising that rabbits are an example of animals that burrow into the ground. Mr. Walters pointed out that grass fires do not reach high temperatures and are more of a surface phenomena.

Councillor Jeninga stated that he is concerned in the event that a fire gets out of control and enquired, “How are we protected? Who will pay for damages to local residents?”

Ms. Frankl stated that the “Save Harmless Agreement” states that the Township is not responsible. Councillor Jeninga stated again that he concern is not with the science but with the safety and property of area residents.

Ms. Frankl then introduced Mr. Fred Bruin, from Lands and Forests. Mr. Bruin stated that he had worked for years with the Ministry of Natural Resources Fire Control Program and has managed 142 burns in the past ten (10) years. In his 42-year career, he has never had a fire escape or has had to ask for the assistance of municipal fire departments.

Mr. Bruin explained the data collection involved in assessing the forest, stating that this information is plugged into a system that can assess the speed, depth and time length of the controlled burn, including the amount of fuel that will be consumed and how much gas is emitted during the burn.

In response to Councillor Jeninga’s concern regarding liability issues and protection of owners and private properties in the surrounding areas, Mr. Bruin stated that he has insurance policy on every site in question and this policy

names the landowners and parties involved and insures them up to a limit of 5 million dollars. It is expensive but we believe it is a requirement. We have never had a problem.

Mayor Finley commented that municipal firefighters and residents had expressed concerns at the public meetings held concerning the impact of controlled burns on wildlife. Mayor Finley suggested that a walk-through be done after this year's controlled burns have taken place in order to assess the impact on wildlife. Mayor Finley suggested that the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer and the Municipal Fire Department could do a review after this year's burns program has been completed.

Corporation of the County of Northumberland RE: Prescribed Burn (Resolution # 1) – 1:45 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Mayor McDonald and seconded by Councillor Jeninga, Resolution #2009-174

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand approve the issuance of a burn permit for The Corporation of the County of Northumberland to conduct a prescribed burn in the County of Northumberland Forest for land of approximately 3.40 hectares (8.40 acres) situated in Concession 7, Part Lot 10, (former Township of Haldimand), now in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, between April 3rd, 2009 and May 15th, 2009 subject to the signing officer of the County of Northumberland endorsing an "Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement" between The Corporation of the County of Northumberland and The Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand;

and that representatives of the County of Northumberland advise the Fire Chief David Wright forty-eight (48) hours prior to the prescribed burns in respect to the above referenced location, and on a weekly basis (7 day) should the controlled burn be deferred due to weather conditions, (i.e. high winds, etc.).

Deputy Mayor McDonald requested a recorded vote in respect to this resolution:

Yeas:

Councillor Jeninga
Councillor Bennis
Councillor Holmes
Mayor Finley

Nays:

Deputy Mayor McDonald
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Rosemarie Robins

Resolution #2009-174 was CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 3.

1:49 p.m. Nature Conservancy of Canada RE: Prescribed Burn, Mark Stabb and Todd Farrell

Councillor Benn stated his concerns regarding insurance liability in respect to agreements with the municipality.

Councillor Robins enquired if the Nature Conservancy has liability coverage and if this would be based on individual claim.

The Clerk/Administrator advised that the municipality will receive a Certificate of Liability prior to issuance of a fire permit.

Mayor Finley stated that we must be vigilant concerning liabilities especially when the lands in questions involve transfer of ownership or lands that are leased.

Mayor Finley reiterated his position stated in reference to Prescribed Burn Resolution # 1, that an assessment be done after this year's controlled burns have been completed in order to address the issue of ramifications to wildlife. Moved by Councillor Bennis and seconded by Councillor Holmes, Resolution #2009-175

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand approve the issuance of a burn permit for The Nature Conservancy of Canada to conduct a prescribed burn on lands of approximately 4.0 hectares (9.0 acres) situated in Concession 7, Part Lot 8, (former Township of Haldimand), now in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, between April 3rd, 2009 and May 15th, 2009 subject to receipt of a "Certificate of Liability Coverage" from the Nature Conservancy of Canada;
and further that representatives of the Nature Conservancy of Canada advise the Fire Chief David Wright forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the prescribed burns in respect to the above referenced location, and on a weekly basis (7 day) should the controlled burn be deferred due to weather conditions, (i.e. high winds, etc.), CARRIED."

Deputy Mayor McDonald requested a recorded vote in respect to this resolution:

Yeas:

Councillor Jeninga
Councillor Bennis
Councillor Holmes
Mayor Finley

Nays:

Deputy Mayor McDonald
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Rosemarie Robins

Resolution #2009-175 was CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 3.

Mr. Stabb promised that he contact the Clerk/Administrator in order to provide follow-up concerning this year's program and also to discuss plans for next year.

BY-LAWS – 1:55 P.M.:

By-Law No. 30-2009 - Being a by-law to authorize the Signing and Execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand and the Town of Cobourg for the provision of Fire Dispatch Services for a one-year period, (January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009).

Moved by Councillor Robins and seconded by Councillor Holmes,

"Be it resolved that **By-Law No. 30-2009**, Being a by-law to authorize the signing and Execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand and the Town of Cobourg for the provision of Fire Dispatch Services for the period of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, and that this By-Law be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 2nd day of April, 2009, CARRIED."

V. MIKE GODIN, C.B.O., BUILDING DEPARTMENT- 1:55 P.M.

The Chief Building Official, Mr. Michael Godin presented his written report for the month of March, 2009 to Council:

1. Building report for the month of March 2009.

2. Web site has been updated with all forwarded information including minutes of previous meetings, agendas and Councilor Robins photo and contact info. In addition the STORM Coalition Symposium information has been posted with related links.
3. The Office renovation project tender has been created, amended, distributed and posted to the web site. A site visit was conducted on Tuesday, and you have the quotes to open and review today.
4. One dumpster of scrap metal has been removed from 9072 County Road Road # 45 and a second unit has been ordered to the site at the owners' request. The clean up is resulting in positive outcome.
5. Due to past financial circumstances of the owner at 9171 County Rd. # 45, he could not get a dumpster to be delivered to his property. At his request, I made the arrangements and the dumpster is now being filled with the offending garbage.
6. Once these two areas are cleaned up I can turn my attention to the next properties.
7. Memo from Mayor Finley by way of Clerk ~ Disturbances on Curtis Point Road at cottages that are being rented. These cottages are privately owned on a private road. The municipality cannot prevent the rental of these units nor can we police the parking issues. Any Noise issues, as a result of the renters can be usually be dealt by the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.) if they are called. These problems generally occur in the late evening and for that reason the OPP have traditionally gotten those calls.
8. A new seat bottom has been ordered for the damaged council chair in the Roseneath Council Chamber.

Moved by Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor Robins
Resolution #2009-176

"Be it resolved that the Chief Building Official/By-Law Officer's Report for April, 2009 as submitted by Mr. Mike Godin, be received and filed, CARRIED."

Mr. Godin updated Council concerning the tenders received in respect to the renovations.

Mr. Godin is seeking Council approval of his draft letter to Mr. and Mrs. Little which he would like to send out on April 6th, 2009 concerning various traffic and noise complaints on Curtis Point Road.

Moved by Councillor Robins and seconded by Councillor Holmes,

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, approve the circulation of the draft letter dated April 6th, 2009 prepared by Chief Building Official Mike Godin, to Mr. and Mrs. Little in respect to various traffic and noise complaints on Curtis Point Road, CARRIED."

Mr. Godin provided an update concerning a property standards issue on Massey Road, advising that this is an on-going issue that he is working to resolved.

Councillor Jeninga departed from the Council Chambers at 2:00 p.m.

Councillor Holmes requested that Mr. Godin advise Council when Pinnacle Hill Park Campground applies for their annual Campground License.

MOTION TO OPEN TENDERS: - 2:06 P.M.

Councillor Ritchie declared a conflict of interest in respect to this issue and departed from the Council chambers at 2:06 p.m.

Councillor Bennis declared a conflict of interest in respect to this tender and departed from the Council chambers 2:06 p.m.

1. Office Renovations – Main Administration Office, (Grafton, Ontario)

Moved by Councillor Robins and seconded by Councillor Bennis
Resolution #2009-177

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand approve the opening of the tenders which have been received in accordance with the Tender specifications for the office renovations of the Municipal Administration Office at 10836 County Road # 2, (Grafton, Ontario), CARRIED.”

1. Coyle Construction
c/o Hank Coyle
11825 Third Line, Box 53
Roseneath, Ontario K0K 2X0

Contract Price:

Lump Sum: \$3,000.00
G.S.T.: \$ 150.00
P.S.T.: N/A

Total Price \$3,150.00

2. Facility Services
c/o David Wright
P.O. Box 105
Grafton, Ontario K0K 2G0

Contract Price:

Lump Sum: \$4,505.63
G.S.T.: \$ 225.28
P.S.T.: included

Total Price \$4,730.91

3. Broomfield Construction
c/o David Broomfield
R.R. 2
Baltimore, Ontario K0K 1C0

Contract Price:

Lump Sum: \$2,835.00
G.S.T.: \$ 135.00
P.S.T.: N/A

Total Price \$2,970.00

4. Ritchie Contracting
c/o Joe Ritchie
57 Harcourt St.
Port Hope, Ontario L1A 1M3

Contract Price:

Lump Sum: \$3,528.00
G.S.T.: \$ 168.00
P.S.T.: N/A

Total Price \$3,696.00

5. Jeff van de Moosdyk
c/o Jeffrey Construction
114 Chapple Rd.
Grafton, Ontario K0K 2G0

Contract Price:

Lump Sum: \$1,834.45
G.S.T.: \$ 91.72
P.S.T.: 21.15

Total Price \$1,947.32

**MOTION TO AWARD TENDER FOR THE OFFICE RENOVATION AT
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, (GRAFTON, ONTARIO) – 2:15
P.M.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor McDonald and seconded by Councillor Holmes
Resolution #2009-178

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand approve and accept the tender received from Jeff van de Moosdyk, c/o Jeffrey Construction in the amount of **\$1,947.32**, including all applicable taxes, to complete the office renovations at the Municipal Administration Office building in Grafton, Ontario, subject to review by the Chief Building Official as per tender specifications, CARRIED.”

Councillor Ray Benns and Councillor Ritchie returned to the Council chambers at 2:15 p.m.

2. Carpet Installation – Main Administration Office, (Grafton, Ontario)

Moved by Councillor Holmes and seconded by Deputy Mayor McDonald,
Resolution # 2009-179

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand approve the opening of tenders which have been received for the installation of carpeting in the Treasury area of the Municipal Administration Office at 10836 County Road # 2, (Grafton, Ontario), CARRIED.”

1. Sines Flooring Cobourg Ltd.
884 Division St.
Cobourg, Ontario K9A 5V3

Contract Price:

To supply and install 73.5 sy of Calibre (28 oz. Solution dyed nylon) carpet in offices **\$1,817.53**

Or

To supply and install 73.5 sy of Specifier (32 oz. Olefin) carpet in offices
\$1,896.91

Note: GST extra

2. Dickson Home Décor
7963 County Road # 2
Cobourg, Ontario
K9A 4J7

Contract Price:

To supply and install Baron III or Specifier 32 in main office and the room
with safe **\$2,183.93**

Or

To supply and install Baron III or Specifier 32 in back room **\$573.68**

Note: GST and PST are included for both above quotes.

3. Stradwicks My Flooring Store
66 Harriett Street
Belleville, Ontario
K8P 1V7

Contract Price:

To supply and install Calibre II Carpet 1799907 Mystic Stone by Direct Glue
Down method in the front office and hallway to the safe **\$2,134.00**
(plus GST)

To supply and install Calibre II Carpet by method in Beth's office and the
stairs to the office **\$497.00**
(plus GST)

To supply and install Specifier 32 Carpet 4501 North Sea by Direct Glue Down
method in the front office and hallway to the safe **\$2,294.00**
(plus GST)

To supply and install Specifier 32 Carpet by Direct Glue Down method in
Beth's office and the stairs to the office **\$518.00**
(plus GST)

**MOTION TO AWARD TENDER CARPETING FOR THE OFFICE
RENOVATION AT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, (GRAFTON,
ONTARIO):**

Moved by Councillor Robins and seconded by Councillor Ritchie,
Resolution # 2009-180

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand approve
and accept the tender received from Sine's Flooring Cobourg Ltd. in the amount
of **\$1,896.91**, including applicable taxes, to install carpeting in the Treasury
area of the Municipal Administration Office at 10836 County Road #2, (Grafton,
Ontario) subject to review by the Chief Building Official, **CARRIED."**

VI. CAM WARD, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT – 2:20 P.M.

Municipal Public Works Report dated March 2009:

- Load Limit signs went up Monday, March 2nd, 2009.
- We have used approximately 85% of our sand reserves to date.
- Len Legg Excavating was cutting brush for two (2) weeks. Roads brushed were, Grills Road, Massey Road, Northumberland Heights Road and Craig Road.
- Only one (1) day was spent sanding (March 9th), and the rest of the month we had good weather.
- Patching and grading on going as weather permits.
- Public Works Department replaced one (1) culvert on 7th Line, which was undermined causing the road to cave in. Road patrols were increased during March to keep problem areas in check.
- Rail Crossing report attached.

Moved by Deputy Mayor McDonald, and seconded by Councillor Robins,
Resolution #2009-181

“Be it resolved that the Public Works Department Report dated March, 2009 as submitted by Cam Ward, Public Works Superintendent, be received and filed.
CARRIED.”

Mr. Ward advised that he has received no adverse feedback on brush cutting.

Councillor Ritchie advised that roads on the east side and west side of Danforth need patching.

Councillor Bennis asked Mr. Ward to contact Mr. Rudy Nemec concerning a problem he is having in respect to ponding on his property.

Councillor Ward advised that Stewart Road needs to be evaluated on the April 17th, 2009 Municipal Road Tour for work this year.

Letter received March 31st, 2009 from Terry & Yona Stadtke, residents RE:
“School Bus Stop Ahead Sign at 5971 Minnetonka Road”

Moved by Councillor Ritchie and seconded by Councillor Robins,
Resolution #2009-182

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand approve the installation of a School Bus Stop Ahead sign at 5971 Minnetonka Road by the Public Works Department,
CARRIED.”

VII. DELEGATIONS – 2:39 P.M.:

Ms. Lynda Thompson, (Warden), Mr. Bill Pyatt, (Chief Administration Officer) and Ms. Jennifer Moore, (Director of Finance), County of Northumberland- RE:
Overview of County of Northumberland Operations

Ms. Thompson, Mr. Pyatt and Ms. Jennifer Moore were present to present an information to Council concerning the budget, the strategic plan, and an overview of what the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus is doing at the County Council level to enhance and encourage community development.

Chief Administration Officer Mr. Pyatt addressed the budget issues by way of a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Northumberland County has arrived at its current financial status and describing the evolution of County services provided from the year 2000 to the present.

Ms. Moore provided a Northumberland County budget overview detailing costs downloaded to the County, (i.e. and costs of maintenance of roads downloaded onto the County, and the costs for the provision of major programs).

Northumberland County current faces issues such as the economic downturn and the provincial broadband contribution, etc.

Councillor Jeninga returned to the Council chambers at 2:45 p.m.

Council was advised that a 3 % levy increase was set for the current year and that staff have been directed to stay within this limit by performing line by line review or all items and by rigorously questioning all programs. Consequently the County of Northumberland has set a 3.16 levy increase for the current fiscal year (2009).

Ms. Jennifer Moore provided an overview of the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus describing the various ways in which the County of Northumberland is impacted, i.e. the increase in assessment and in education taxes. The Caucus' priorities and initiatives have been met and meetings with senior government ministers have been successful.

Councillor Holmes enquired as to why municipalities are being charged for Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) services. Mr. Pyatt stated that this cost had been passed down from the Province of Ontario to the County. The invoice is simply sent to the County and the County has no control over the process of cost recovery.

Councillor Holmes asked if Northumberland County has a financial strategy plan for reserves. The County of Northumberland does have a newly initiated strategy plan and is aiming to reach the provincial average. Before this year, it has not been fiscally possible to address the matter of building up reserves.

Councillor Bennis enquired concerning sustainable funding for infrastructure. Mr. Pyatt stated that, in the past few years, the County has not been able to address road issues but will hopefully be in the position to do so soon.

Councillor Bennis stated that he had received a call from a ratepayer in the Centreton area who was concerned about his existing business in light of the selection of Barrett Xplornet as the successful bidder to provide broadband services for the County of Northumberland. The ratepayer wished to know if his business will be protected in the future. Mr. Pyatt assured Councillor Bennis that the work being done by Barrett Xplornet is simply field-testing and will, in no way, impact the ability of other companies to offer similar service in the area.

Ms. Paula Preston, Project Manager for the County's Broadband initiative was in attendance at the meeting and commented to Council that, in the role of consultant, she is working with Barrett Xplornet and that she wishes to assure Council that the field-testing will not interfere with local providers from a technological point of view. Councillor Bennis sought and obtained Ms. Preston's permission to refer the ratepayer to her for further information.

Mayor Finley suggested that some overall information could be provided that would list all the providers in order to be fair to local companies.

Councillor Jeninga commented that he is a supporter of having reserves and enquired if they are scheduled as a 5 or 10-year strategic plan. Councillor

Jeninga also stated that he would like to see a policy to prevent the reserves being stripped. Ms. Moore stated that each department is being scrutinized and soon the County will have a process whereby policies are developed to protect reserves.

Councillor Jeninga enquired as to how much unemployment there is in our area. Ms. Moore stated that unemployment in the County is approximately 12 ½ %.

Councillor Robins asked how much money is currently debentured and was advised that there is currently \$ 6 million in debenture. Northumberland County is currently looking at \$500,000.00 a year in re-payment interest. Mr. Pyatt stated that the County is under the provincial average in debentures, even though the County does not have large amounts of money in the bank.

Councillor Ritchie asked if it would be better if the County were to align their long range plans to match with the terms of Council. Mr. Pyatt stated that the County's strategic plan is aligned with the term of Council.

3:12 p.m. to 3:28 p.m. - Clive Lavers, ratepayer RE: Concerns as to Drainage Easement on Clitheroe Road

Public Works Superintendent Cam Ward was in attendance for this portion of the meeting.

Gerald Taylor (ratepayer) and Clive Lavers (ratepayer) were present to ask Council's assistance concerning water accumulation in the area of the easement east of Clitheroe Road. Mr. Lavers stated that the land west of his property which is owned by the Logel family is overgrown with vegetation. The water is accumulating and not flowing properly. Mr. Lavers stated that he has been trying to get the municipality to rectify this situation for the past three years.

Mr. Lavers is requesting that the municipality provide simple maintenance and presented photos of the property for Council's consideration. It was his suggestion that a controlled burn to eliminate the bulrushes might help to free up the flow of water.

Mr. Ward stated that the problem is what to do with the material that the municipality would dredge from the easement. In response to Mr. Lavers' suggestion, Mr. Ward advised that a controlled burn would not be effective as bulrushes do not burn well and the resulting material would still have to be dredged.

Mr. Taylor asked, "Isn't the Township responsible for this easement?" Mr. Taylor advised that it is generally agreed that the easement on the east side of Clitheroe Road is municipally owned. The Logel property, located on the west side of Clitheroe Road, is not municipally owned. It has long grasses and bulrushes growing on it. The property is private property and the municipality would need permission of landowners in order to enter onto the property.

Mr. Taylor stated that once the water accumulates on the field at the Logel property, most of the neighbours are being affected by this existing situation.

Mr. Ward reviewed the information, stating that there are two (2) culverts on Clitheroe Road. One is dry and the other has sediment and needs to be dredged. Mr. Ward promised that it will be addressed in the future.

Mayor Finley stated that the private property owners, the municipality and the County of Northumberland will have to work on this together to resolve the issue.

It was suggested that this matter be placed on the Agenda for the annual Municipal Road Tour on April 17, 2009. Mayor Finley stated that the municipality should obtain the surveys for the east and west side of Clitheroe Rd.

Mr. Ward was asked when it could be done and he advised Council that it could be done this summer. He further stated that due to the need to clear out the bulrushes, the work of dredging would have to be done on an on-going basis. Mr. Ward also advised Council that the municipality would need to obtain permission prior to entering on private property.

3:28 p.m. to 3:55 p.m. - Beth Turner, Thompson, Rogers Law Firm and Andrew Pask, (Manager, Municipal Affairs, Bell Mobility Inc.) RE: Consultation Process for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

The following were in attendance as observers at the invitation of the municipality: Ken Hurford, (Planner), Ron Warne, (Planner, Port Hope), Jim Peters, (Planner, Township of Hamilton), Glenn McGashon, (Planner, Cobourg), Dan Borowec, (Economic Development Officer, County of Northumberland) and Paula Preston, (Project Manager for the County of Northumberland's Broadband Program).

Ms. Turner and Mr. Pask were present to advise Council concerning the public consultation process in respect to the provision of wireless telecommunications facilities. Ms. Turner advised that Thompson, Rogers Law Firm represents all the telecommunications providers.

Ms. Turner provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Protocol" and invited Council questions in respect to the information provided.

Ms. Turner explained that while Industry Canada's process is good, their company can provide a more tailored consultation process.

In her presentation to Council, Ms. Turner referenced Page 7 of the presentation where it is stated that for uninterrupted service, each telecommunications tower can carry about 300 calls. On Page 8, it was stated that when a cell phone reaches its capacity and more users come on board, the cell will shrink and create a gap in coverage. Inevitably, the strongest signal will win out.

Ms. Turner stated that the tower does not cover the needs over time. More towers will be needed in the way of infill capacity towers. The threshold for service capacity was "tipped" in December 2008.

Ms. Turner pointed out that the municipality has choices concerning the visual impact of the tower installations.

Councillor Ritchie asked if installation can occur on a hydro pole without municipal input and stated that an internet communications box was installed near her house.

Ms. Turner advised Councillor Ritchie that, for installations of less than 15 metres in height, no consultation is required. There are exemptions but in their company's proposed process, the municipality would be advised but the local property owners may not be.

Council thanked Ms. Turner and Mr. Pask for their presentation in respect to adopting this process.

COUNCIL BREAK - 4:00 TO 4:20 P.M.

4:21 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. Robert Biron (President and CEO) Northumberland Hills Hospital Information Session to provide municipality with an update on the hospital, including budget balancing strategies

Mr. Biron advised that as representative on behalf of the Board of the Northumberland Hills Hospital, his attendance at today's meeting has a two-fold purpose:

- 1) To provide an update concerning the budget of the Northumberland Hills Hospital, and;
- 2) To advise Council as to the Hospital's current monetary deficit.

Mr. Biron made a verbal presentation to Council advising them that the Northumberland Hills Hospital must address their own budgetary concerns without promise of further government assistance.

Mr. Biron advised that in order to address the \$2 million dollar operating deficit as of December, 2008 1.5 million dollar cost reductions were made across the system (Phase 1) but \$600, 000.00 still needs to be addressed.

In order to raise the \$600,000.00 the Hospital Board is proposing Phase 2 of their initiative which is entitled, "Shared Challenge, Shared Solution", a process that will review the process of service reduction. The goal of the initiative is community engagement which is seen as desirable in itself in that the community is drawn into the consultation process and also because provincial government legislation now requires input from community in respect to the budget process.

Mr. Biron explained that public consultation will begin in mid to late April by way of a telephone survey to research needs and to determine how the public wishes to be involved in the budget process, (i.e. use of the media, community advisory groups, web tools) and, following this then to form a structure that uses multiple approaches.

In early May, the hospital web site will be updated detailing the complexity of issues and telling the story of the hospital and its history of services in order to help the public understand the issues at hand and provide informed input. The web site will be monitored in order to receive the public's comments. Beginning in June, the results of the public's response to the telephone survey will be available.

Councillor Jeninga enquired, "Will the Bowmanville Hospital close down?" and Mr. Biron advised that he is monitoring that issue.

Councillor Bennis asked "Will the health system benefit from the new budget?" and commented that health care inflation rates always tend to increase so the formula is against us (i.e. inflation adjustments may mean reduction in services).

Councillor Bennis also enquired concerning labour contracts and was advised that there are three (3) separate contracts within the hospital and negotiations are structured at different times. It was noted that the funding increase is only 2 percent.

Holly Kassay, UEY Community Coordinator and Clare Paterson, Executive Director, Northumberland Child Development Centre RE: "Understanding the Early Years in Northumberland County"

Ms. Kassay presented a Powerpoint presentation for the purpose of describing to Council the study that was undertaken in Northumberland County to determine the needs of pre-school children. Ms. Kassay described the results of the three (3) years of research that were conducted:

Specifically, in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, there are 3,755 children under the age of 5 and 10% of these children are part of one parent families.

Ms. Kassey described a new tool known as the Understanding the Early Years (UEY) Initiative. This tool has helped to prove that children who participate in pre-school programs do better at school.

As a result of this research, it is considered desirable to establish pre-school programs and advise parents about the plan to remove barriers to attendance through various means. Especially important in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand is the provision of programs in rural areas which do not have a large variety of children's program which are offered to the public.

A meeting to inform the public will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at Victoria Hall in Cobourg. Similar information meetings will take place on April 28th and 29th, 2009 in Port Hope.

Councillor Holmes asked if survey included the Alderville First Nations area of the municipality and was assured that it did.

Councillor Jeninga noted that he had concerns about the "flash sticks" (USB's) that were given to Council members to access the Powerpoint presentation by way of their computers and mentioned that perhaps in the future assurances could be provided in respect to the integrity of the information contained on these devices. Ms. Holley thanked Councillor Jeninga for his suggestion in respect to the memory sticks and will take it under advisement for future presentations.

VIII. BETH VOSBOURGH, TREASURER-4:55 P.M.:

Financial Reports – Voucher No. 7 (General Accounts) - Includes the 1st Payments on the County and School Board levies for 2009)

Moved by Councillor Bennis and seconded by Councillor Holmes,
Resolution #2009-183

"Be it resolved that the Financial Accounts – Voucher # 7, be approved as follows:

Voucher # 7

General	in the amount	\$ 1,388,605.76	CARRIED."
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Financial Reports – Hamlet of Grafton Communal Water Expenditures

Moved by Councillor Jeninga and seconded by Councillor Holmes
Resolution #2009-184

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand approve December, 2008 Water Expenditures in the amount of **\$7,936.60**, CARRIED."

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 4:55 P.M.

Moved by Councillor Bennis and seconded by Deputy Mayor McDonald
Resolution #2009-185

"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Session held on Wednesday, March 18th, 2009 be adopted, CARRIED."

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS – 5:00 P.M.

Grafton Horticultural Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of March 3rd, 2009

Moved by Councillor Robins and seconded by Councillor Holmes
Resolution #2009-186

“Be it resolved that Minutes of the Grafton Horticultural Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of March 3rd, 2009, be received and filed. CARRIED.”

Grafton Horticultural Society General Meeting Minutes of March 10th, 2009

Moved by Councillor Ritchie and seconded by Councillor Bennis,
Resolution #2009-187

“Be it resolved that Minutes of the Grafton Horticultural Society General Meeting of March 10th, 2009, be received and filed. CARRIED.”

Lower Trent Source Protection Authority Meeting – Minutes of Meeting 1 and 2, held on March 12th, 2009

Moved by Councillor Bennis and seconded by Councillor Robins,
Resolution #2009-188

“Be it resolved that Minutes of the Lower Trent Source Protection Authority Meetings 1 and 2, held on March 12th, 2009, be received and filed. CARRIED.”

Alnwick/Haldimand Community Police Committee agenda for March 16, 2009 meeting and Meeting Minutes of February 16th, 2009

Moved by Councillor Robins and seconded by Deputy Mayor McDonald,
Resolution #2009-189

“Be it resolved that Minutes of the Alnwick/Haldimand Community Police Committee of February 16th, 2009, be received and filed. CARRIED.”

Haldimand Memorial Arena and Park Board Meeting Minutes of March 19th, 2009

Moved by Councillor Ritchie and seconded by Deputy Mayor McDonald,
Resolution #2009-190

“Be it resolved that Minutes of the Haldimand Memorial Arena and Park Board of March 19th, 2009 be received and filed, CARRIED.”

Alnwick/Haldimand Police Services Board Meeting Minutes of February 17th, 2009

Moved by Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor Ritchie,
Resolution #2009-191

“Be it resolved that Minutes of the Alnwick/Haldimand Police Services Board Meeting of February 17th, 2009 be received and filed, CARRIED.”

XI. COMMUNICATION (COUNCIL ACTION): - 5:01 P.M.

Email correspondence from Municipality of South Bruce dated March 10th, 2009
RE: Organization of Lobby Group to demand fair funding from Provincial
Government to the Thirty-Six Ontario Conservation Authority – Request for
Support of Resolution

Moved by Councillor Jeninga and seconded by Councillor Bennis,
Resolution #2009-192

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand agree to
support the initiative of the Municipality of South Bruce to demand fair funding
from the Provincial Government for the Thirty-Six (36) Ontario Conservation
Authorities, specifically that:

1. Conservation Ontario implement and prioritize a major lobby effort
against the Provincial Government and the Ministry of Natural
Resources to demand fair funding, and
2. that our Members of Provincial Parliament support this mandate and
demand the government significantly increase funding to the thirty-six
Ontario Conservation Authorities, CARRIED.”

Letter from Glynnis Tomkinson (resident) dated March 9th, 2009 RE: Property
Assessment Concern

Moved by Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor Bennis,
Resolution #2009-193

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
acknowledge receipt of this letter, and to also advise Glynnis Tomkinson that the
municipality has no jurisdiction over the evaluation of property assessment
values. Mr. Tomkinson is also to be informed about the April 21st, 2009 Public
Meeting concerning the setting of the municipality’s fiscal, operating and capital
budget for 2009, CARRIED.”

Email from Municipality of Middlesex Centre dated March 4th, 2009 RE:
Resolution to petition the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to review and
shorten the time frame required for approval of drainage maintenance,
construction and bridge reconstruction

Moved by Councillor Bennis and seconded by Councillor Jeninga,
Resolution 2009-194

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand support
the Municipality of Middlesex Centre’s resolution to petition the Department of
Fisheries and Oceans to review and shorten the time frame required for approval
of drainage maintenance and construction and bridge reconstruction requests to
allow for a more flexible and reasonable construction/maintenance season,
especially where weather conditions warrant an extended season, CARRIED.”

Letter dated March 18th, 2009 from the Ontario Provincial Police RE: 2009 Cost
Estimate Revision due to New Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Moved by Councillor Holmes and seconded by Deputy Mayor McDonald,
Resolution #2009-195

“Be it resolved that the correspondence received from the Ontario Provincial
Police regarding the 2009 Cost Estimate Revision due to New Memorandum of
Understanding (MOU) be received and filed, CARRIED.”

Doug Horses, Gaillind Corporation – RE: Awarding of 2009/2010 Janitorial
Contract

Moved by Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor Bennis,
Resolution #2009-196

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand that direct the Clerk/Administrator to author a letter to Mr. Doug Horses, (Gallind Corporation) advising him that, as cautioned in the advertisement for "Invitation to Tender", the contractor submitting the lowest bid will not necessarily be awarded the contract as the selection process also includes other criteria; and that the Clerk/Administrator is to author a letter advising of the Council's decision, CARRIED."

Email Correspondence dated March 24th, 2009 from Jeff Art, Supervisor, Corporate Correspondence Unit, Ministry of the Environment RE: Implementation of the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement

Moved by Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor Jeninga
Resolution #2009-197

"Be it resolved that the correspondence from Jeff Art, Supervisor, Corporate Correspondence Unit, Ministry of the Environment regarding Implementation of the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement be received and filed, CARRIED."

XII. COMMUNICATION (RECEIVE AND FILE – LISTED): 5:05 P.M.

Letter from Sheila Croxon, Coaches Association of Ontario received March 16th, 2009 RE: Initiatives for Celebration of Ontario Coaches Week

Moved by Councillor Ritchie and seconded by Councillor Robins,
Resolution # 2009-198

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand direct the Clerk/Administrator to draft a resolution for consideration for the next Regular Council Meeting of Wednesday, April 15th, 2009 declaring April 18th to 26th, 2009 to be "Coaches Week" in recognition of the hours of service provided to the community by volunteer coaches who help build teams, develop sports skills and make the young athletes proud of their accomplishments, CARRIED."

Letter dated January 29th, 2009 from Dan Hefkey, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services RE: Letter of Congratulations to municipality for completing mandatory emergency activities required under the Emergency Management and Civic Protection Act for 2008

Moved by Councillor Ritchie and seconded by Councillor Holmes,
Resolution #2009-199

"Be it resolved that the correspondence from Dan Hefkey, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services regarding the Letter of Congratulations to municipality for completing mandatory emergency activities required under the Emergency Management and Civic Protection Act for 2008 be received and filed, CARRIED."

Letter from Lynda Kay, Executive Director, Northumberland United Way dated March 19th, 2009 RE: Mayor's Cup Challenge Fundraiser

Moved by Councillor Ritchie and seconded by Councillor Jeninga,
Resolution #2009-200

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand approve that two representatives will attend at the Northumberland United Way's "Mayors' Cup Challenge Fundraiser", and that these representatives are to be determined at a future date, CARRIED."

XIII. NEW BUSINESS – CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR – 5:15 P.M.

Councillor Ritchie departed from chambers at 5:15 p.m.

By-Law No. 33-2009 - Being a by-law to authorize the Signing and Execution of a Transfer/Deed of Land between The Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand and Cathie Annette Ritchie and Anthony John Ritchie – Part Lot 31, Concession 1, Being Part 1 on Plan 39R-11868, (former Haldimand Township) now in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand

Moved by Councillor Jeninga and seconded by Councillor Holmes,

"Be it resolved that **By-Law No. 33-2009**, Being a by-law to authorize the signing and Execution of a Transfer/Deed of Land between The Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand and Cathie Annette Ritchie and Anthony John Ritchie – Part Lot 31, Concession 1, Being Part 1 on Plan 39R-11868, (former Haldimand Township) now in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand and that this By-Law be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 2nd day of April, 2009, CARRIED."

Councillor Ritchie returned to the Council chambers at 5:17 p.m.

SUMMER JOB SERVICE – 2009 PROGRAM – 5:23 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Robins and seconded by Councillor Benns,
Resolution #2009-201

"Be it resolved that Council of The Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand hereby approve the submission of an application to Fleming College, Cobourg campus, for the **Summer Jobs Service 2009 Program** funded by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities providing a wage subsidy of \$2.00/hour per student, between April 1st, 2009 and ending by September 30th, 2009 for the following positions:

Public Works Department:

Public Works Junior General Labourers
Two (2) students – 16 weeks – 40 hours per week
Hour rate: \$10.00 per hours – Estimated cost of \$14,752.00
(Hourly rate will be \$11.00 per hour if the summer student is returning for the second year), CARRIED."

COUNCILLOR BENEFITS – HEALTH and DENTAL – 5:25 p.m.

Councillor Benns declared a conflict of interest in the following matter and departed from the Council chambers.

"Moved by Councillor Robins and seconded by Deputy Mayor McDonald,
Resolution #2009-202

"Be it resolved that the Municipal Treasurer, Beth Vosbough, enroll Councillor Raymond Bennis in the Family Plan pertaining to the Health and Dental Benefits Program provided by Green Shield for his term on the Municipal Council for the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, to be effective May 1st, 2009, CARRIED."

BY-LAW – 5:30 P.M.:

Municipal By-Law **35-2009** – Being a By-Law to Authorize the Signing and Execution of a Transfer/Deed of Land Between The Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand and Norma Jean Pidgeon and Edward Leslie Pidgeon, Part Road Allowance between Lots 16 and 17, Concession 8, (former Haldimand)

Moved by Councillor Ritchie and seconded by Deputy Mayor McDonald,

"Be it resolved that Council of The Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand hereby approve Municipal By-Law **35-2009**, Being a By-Law to Authorize the Signing and Execution of a Transfer/Deed of Land Between The Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand and Norma Jean Pidgeon and Edward Leslie Pidgeon, Part Road Allowance between Lots 16 and 17, Concession 8, (former Haldimand), CARRIED."

Councillor Jeninga stated that he would have liked more lead time prior to allow Councillors concerning this by-law in order that research could be carried and review made of the background material prior to rendering a decision.

The Clerk/Administrator advised that he and two lawyers, as well as Mr. Jim Ansey, (Sylvester and Brown Surveyors Ltd.) had worked to resolve and complete this matter in order that it would be completed by the transaction dated (April 15th, 2009).

XIV. NEW BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS: - 5:30 P.M.

Moved by Councillor Jeninga and seconded by Councillor Bennis,
Resolution #2009-203

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand directs the Clerk/Administrator to send correspondence requesting the written support of the other Municipalities in the County of Northumberland in respect to allowing the usage of motorized vehicles in the County of Northumberland Forest and that the written comments of Deputy Mayor Dalton McDonald be provided along with this correspondence; and that this resolution be directed to all municipal Councils in the County of Northumberland, CARRIED."

Councillor Robins commented on the upcoming tender for stone pillars at the Alnwick Civic Centre and also asked if the Spring 2009 dump vouchers had been sent out yet. The Clerk/Administrator advised that the dump vouchers are being mailed out through the County of Northumberland to the home addresses of all ratepayers and that to his knowledge this has not yet been done.

Deputy Mayor McDonald enquired as to Mayor Delanty's status report and the Mayor's absence due to holidays. The Clerk/Administrator advised that he had

contacted Mr. Delanty and was advised that he could attend the meeting on Regular Council Meeting of Thursday, May 7th, 2009.

The Clerk/Administrator will contact Mayor Delanty to invite him to the Regular Council Meeting to be held in Roseneath on May 20th, 2009.

Mayor Finley had two items:

1) Canada Build Fund – Intake 2 – The Council will have to determine its priorities. Mayor Finley asked, “Is the selection wide-open to all aspects of infrastructure and the Clerk/Administrator advised that, yes, the funding includes any aspect of infrastructure.

2) Mayor Finley advised that clarification of issues concerning the Shearer Point subdivision will have to be discussed and determined by June or July. In order to obtain this clarification, Mayor Finley suggested that the municipality request a status update regarding every aspect of the subdivision that needs addressing.

Moved by Councillor Bennis and seconded by Councillor Holmes,
Resolution #2009-204

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand direct the Clerk/Administrator to author a letter to Mr. Garth Watson, (P. Eng., AECOM Ltd.) requesting in writing a status update concerning outstanding matters to be completed by the Developer, (i.e. grading, drainage, etc.) relating to the subdivision known as Rice Lake Estates in Concession 4, Part Lots 8 and 9, (former Township of Alnwick), now in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand,
CARRIED.”

It was requested that this correspondence be received in order that it be addressed at the Municipal Planning Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2009,
CARRIED.”

XV. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS/PUBLIC/GALLERY: - 5:45 P.M.

Mrs. Betty Carruthers enquired about the telephone survey to be conducted by the consultants on behalf of the Northumberland Hills Hospital and wondered who would be composing the questions to be asked.

Mrs. Carruthers was advised to contact Mr. Sid Trevail who is a member of the Northumberland Hospital Board in order to obtain answers to her questions about the telephone survey.

Mrs. Carruthers enquired from Council concerning the municipality’s role in receiving and processing the letters sent to the Township in respect to the planning matters concerning the Robin’s pit. The Clerk/Administrator advised that the municipality is waiting for formal application to be made by the Robins family, specifically an Official Plan Amendment application and a Rezoning By-Law application.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW: - 5:49 P.M.

By-Law No. 32-2009 - Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council Session held on Thursday, April 2nd, 2009 of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand.

Moved by Councillor Ritchie and seconded by Councillor Bennis,

“Be it resolved that **By-Law No. 32-2009**, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council session held on Thursday, April 2nd, 2009 of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, be read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 2nd day of April, 2009.

CARRIED.”

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor Robins,
Resolution #2009-205

"Be it resolved that the Regular Council Session held on Thursday, April 2nd,
2009, be adjourned at 5:50 p.m., CARRIED."

Mayor, William Finley

Clerk/Administrator, Terrence Korotki