

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALNWICK/HALDIMAND
REGULAR MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.**

Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, February 17th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the satellite office at the Alnwick Civic Centre with Mayor William Finley presiding.

Members Present: Mayor William Finley
Deputy Mayor Dalton McDonald
Councillors: Raymond Bennis
Bill Holmes arrived at 7:15 p.m.
Art Jeninga
Cathie Ritchie
Rosemarie Robins

Staff Present: Robin van de Moosdyk, Deputy Clerk
Cam Ward, Public Works Superintendent
Mike Godin, Chief Building Official By-Law Enforcement Officer

Others Present:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finley called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Deputy Mayor McDonald declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the Motor Vehicle Event Applications as submitted by Mr. John Maguire.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS CIRCULATED – 7:07 P.M.:

Moved by Councillor Bennis, seconded by Councillor Ritchie;

“Be it resolved that the Agenda as circulated for the Regular Session of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand of February 17, 2010, be approved with two additions, that being, the New Telephone System Proposal and Summer Student Employment Program, as well as, an In Camera Session.

CARRIED.”

IV. CAM WARD, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT – 7:08 P.M.

Mr. Ward advised that the Public Works Department has been brushing in various areas and the Blackburn would be doing some additional work on various roads in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Ward advised that there are a number of culverts that are iced-up and may cause some problems if any additional rains come before they have a chance to thaw.

Moved by Councillor Jeninga, seconded by Councillor Robins;

“Be it resolved that the verbal report as supplied by Mr. Cam Ward, Public Works Superintendent, be accepted.

CARRIED.”

V. MIKE GODIN, C.B.O., BUILDING DEPARTMENT- 7:13 P.M.

Mr. Godin advised that there have been some amendments to the Accessibility Plans/Tender Packages and stated that the opening has been moved to the Regular Council Session scheduled for March 4, 2010.

Mr. Godin provided a brief update with respect to Mr. Murphy’s property and the Pinnacle Park Board issue.

Mr. Godin was requested by Council to obtain copies of various other municipalities Site Plan Control By-laws for review and consideration.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- 7:30 P.M.:

Special Council Session Minutes of January 26, 2010

Moved by Councillor Bennis, seconded by Councillor Holmes;

"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the Special Council Session held on January 26th, 2010, be adopted. CARRIED."

VII. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – 7:34 P.M.:

There was no business arising from previous minutes.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS – 7:34 P.M.:

Grafton Horticultural Society meeting Minutes of January 12, 2010.

Moved by Councillor Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Robins;

"Be it resolved that Minutes of the Grafton Horticultural Society meeting of January 12, 2010, be received and filed. CARRIED."

Roseneath Recreation Committee meeting Minutes of October 20, 2009 and November 17, 2009.

Moved by Councillor Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Holmes;

"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the Roseneath Recreation Committee of October 20, 2009 and November 17, 2009, be received and filed. CARRIED."

Alnwick Civic Centre Board of Management meeting Minutes of January 11, 2010.

Moved by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Jeninga;

"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the Alnwick Civic Centre Board of Management meeting of January 11, 2010, be received and filed. CARRIED."

IX. COMMUNICATION (COUNCIL ACTION) –7:35 P.M.:

Letter from Hospice Northumberland Lakeshore dated February 4, 2010 RE: Request to declare the Week of May 2nd to the 8th, 2010 as National Hospice Palliative Care Week.

Moved by Councillor Robins, seconded by Deputy Mayor McDonald;

"Be it resolved that Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand declare the Week of May 2nd to the 8th, 2010 as National Hospice Palliative Care Week in the Municipality; and further that this declaration be posted on the Municipal Website and forwarded to Hospice Northumberland Lakeshore for their records. CARRIED."

Letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources dated January 28, 2010 RE: Ministry of Natural Resources Peterborough District Emergency Response Overview.

Moved by Councillor Jeninga, seconded by Councillor Ritchie;

"Be it resolved that the Letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources dated January 28, 2010 advising of the Ministry of Natural Resources Peterborough District Emergency Response Overview, be received and filed; and further that a copy of this document be forwarded to each member of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand's Emergency Plan Committee and included as an addendum to the Municipal Emergency Plan. CARRIED."

Deputy Mayor McDonald declared a pecuniary interest pertaining to the correspondence received from Mr. Maguire and departed from the Regular Council Session at 7:38 p.m.

Requests from Mr. John Maguire dated February 5, 2010 RE: To hold and conduct Motor Vehicle/Motorcycle Events on May 2, 2010; June 6, 2010 and September 19, 2010.

Moved by Councillor Robins, seconded by Councillor Bennis;

"Be it resolved that the requests received from Mr. John Maguire dated on February 5, 2010 to conduct and operate Motor Vehicle/Motorcycle Events on May 2, 2010; June 6, 2010 and September 19, 2010, be approved subject to meeting the specifications and provisions of the Municipal By-Law. CARRIED."

Deputy Mayor McDonald returned to the Regular Council Session at 7:40 p.m.

Letter from the Rice Lake Tourist Association dated February 8, 2010 RE: Association's position with respect to the new fishing regulations on Rice Lake.

Moved by Councillor Jeninga, seconded by Councillor Bennis;

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand support the concerns of the Rice Lake Tourist Association as stated in their correspondence of February 8, 2010; and further that this correspondence be forwarded to the Ministry of Natural Resources for their consideration. CARRIED."

Proposed Draft Policy "Acceptable use of Electronic Communications" for the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand as composed by Templeman Consulting Group Inc. dated September 29, 2009 (copy of another organization's policy also attached as mentioned by Councillor Bennis).

Moved by Councillor Jeninga, seconded by Councillor Ritchie;

"Be it resolved that the proposed Draft Policy "Acceptable use of Electronic Communications" for the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand as composed by Templeman Consulting Group Inc. and dated September 29, 2009, be circulated to all Staff Members and Mr. Jamie Walters for their comments and concerns; and further that any comments/concerns be brought forward to Council for review and consideration. CARRIED."

X. DELEGATIONS – 7:50 P.M.:

Mike Jarvis, Captain Roseneath Firefighters Association; Fire Chief David Wright and District Area Chief Allan Sheppard.

Thank you for giving me some of your precious time to introduce myself. I am Captain Mike Jarvis of the Alnwick/Haldimand Fire & Rescue, Station #3. I am the Officer that oversees our Municipality's Ice/Water Rescue Division.

When the township of Alnwick/Haldimand decided to put in service our Ice/Water Rescue Division, It was very encouraging step forward for our ratepayers and visitors. In Alnwick/Haldimand Township there are areas of Rice Lake that span over 2 kilometers in width and the only method that the Firefighters have to rescue patients is by walking with safety lines out on to the ice. This action is of course very time consuming and dangerous.

Now that the Ministry has opened up ice fishing on rice Lake, this gives our Municipality another obstacle to overcome, that being, if you go on any hill overlooking Rice Lake you will see several ice huts and vehicles in the middle of the Lake.

On Saturday, January 30th, 2010, Alnwick/Haldimand Fire and Rescue were dispatched out to two fishermen that went through the ice approximately 2 kilometers from shore in the Township's are near Sugar Island. The Alnwick/Haldimand Fire & Rescue will be receiving more of these calls before spring. With this in mind, our Ice/Water Rescue Division feels we need a fast and safe way of rescuing ratepayers and visitors from the icy water of Rice Lake.

A couple of weeks ago, I had someone demonstrate their Argo at the Alnwick/Haldimand Fire & Rescue practice. The Firefighters went to Muskie Bay and took the Argo onto the ice, which all of the firefighters in attendance were very impressed with the ability and performance.

Some of the positive conclusions were:

- 2 minutes from the shores of Muskie Bay to Sugar Island
- Ability to float and maneuver on water – transition from ice to water and back to ice again without difficulties
- Ability to maneuver on very uneven terrain
- Very stable
- Holds up to 6 passengers
- Keeps rescuers warm and dry
- Light weight

The Roseneath Volunteer Firefighters' Association felt so strongly about the abilities and safe methods of rescuing victims from Rice Lake, that they gave me permission to look into purchasing an Argo. I received prices from \$23,000.00 to \$26,000.00, plus taxes and additional charges for a 2010 model. When I called Sills Argo, he informed me that his good friend Colin Crews, has a 2005 fully loaded Argo in mint condition with only 111 hours on it that he was thinking of trading in. I contacted Mr. Crews to ask for details and he confirmed that he has a 2005 Argo with the following accessories, including rubber tracks that are only a few weeks old, winch (for front or back), and full enclosure including windshield and roof. I asked Mr. Crews how much he was asking, which he told me that he wasn't sure if he wanted to sell it, however, he would sell it to the Alnwick/Haldimand Fire & Rescue with a purchase price of \$15,500.00.

The Roseneath Volunteer Firefighters' Association feels so strongly about purchasing this unit for the Municipality, that they are willing to put forth 50% of the total cost, which is approximately \$8,757.50, and the Association is hoping that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand will put forth the remainder. There is still an access of funds left in the 2009 Operating Budget and Capital Budget that would cover this amount.

Our Association would also be willing to purchase a trailer for the Argo and the Rescue Van is already equipped to tow the trailer and Argo. Our Association could store the Argo in Station #4 (old Fire Hall in Roseneath).

In conclusion, the Argo would be a great asset to our municipality, not only for ice/water rescue but also be useful for grass fires, snowmobile and ATV accidents, and other emergencies in the County Forest. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Moved by Councillor Robins, seconded by Councillor Holmes;

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand Township suspend the provisions of the Municipal Procurement By-Law #15-2010 in order to permit the purchase of the Ice/Water Rescue Unit – Argo, from Mr. Colin Crews, at a cost of \$15,500.00 plus applicable taxes, by the Roseneath Volunteer Firefighters' Association on behalf of the Municipality of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, as this is an extraordinary situation. CARRIED."

Moved by Councillor Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Jeninga;

"Be it resolved that the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand Council approve of the purchase of the Ice/Water Rescue Unit – Argo from Mr. Colin Crews, by the Roseneath Volunteer Firefighters' Association on behalf of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand at a total cost of \$15,500.00 plus applicable taxes and licensing requirements; and further that payment in the amount of \$8,757.50 has been submitted by the Roseneath Firefighters' Association representing their contribution to the purchase price of the Argo; and further that the remaining 2009 Budgeted monies from the Fire Department Operating and Capital Budgets be utilized to cover the remaining outstanding cost of the Argo; and further that if additional funding is required for the purchase of this unit that it be allocated in the 2010 Budget. CARRIED."

XI. BY-LAWS – 9:31 P.M.:

By-Law No. 14-2010 - Being a by-law to Regulate the Proceedings of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand.

Moved by Councillor Jeninga, seconded by Councillor Holmes;

"Be it resolved that **By-Law No. 14-2010**, being a by-law to regulate the proceedings of Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, as amended, be read and deemed to be PASSED this 17th day of February, 2010. CARRIED."

By-Law No. 15-2010 - Being a by-law to Establish Policies and Procedures for the Procurement (Purchasing) of Goods and Services for the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand.

Moved by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Robins;

"Be it resolved that **By-Law No. 15-2010**, being a by-law to establish Policies and Procedures for the Procurement (Purchasing) of Goods and Services for the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, as amended, be read and deemed as PASSED this 17th day of February, 2010. CARRIED."

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Councillor Jeninga, seconded by Councillor Robins;

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand adjourn to an In Camera Session, in accordance with Section 239(2)(b) and (d) of the Municipal Act 2001, at 8:22 p.m. CARRIED."

MOTION TO RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Moved by Councillor Bennis, seconded by Councillor Robins;

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand Township reconvene to Regular Session, at 9:25 p.m.

Human Resources – Staff Issues:

Moved by Councillor Bennis, seconded by Councillor Jeninga;

"Be it resolved that the recommended action to be taken with respect to the Human Resources – Staff issue as reviewed during the In Camera Session, by Mayor Finley and Deputy Mayor McDonald, be approved.

Councillor Ritchie requested a recorded vote:

Councillor Bennis	Yea	
Councillor Holmes	Yea	
Councillor Jeninga	Yea	
Councillor Ritchie		Nay
Councillor Robins	Yea	
Deputy Mayor McDonald	Yea	
Mayor Finley	Yea	

MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 1."

Fire Department – Legal Issue:

Moved by Councillor Robins, seconded by Councillor Holmes;

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand direct that Mr. Jeff Paine of Templeman Meninga, Municipal Solicitors, be given approval to respond to the correspondence received pertaining to the Alnwick/Haldimand Fire Department – Station #2. CARRIED."

XII. NEW BUSINESS – 9:57 P.M.:

Request to Submit an Application Summer Students for 2010:

Moved by Councillor Jeninga, seconded by Councillor Robins;

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand approve the submission of an application(s) by the Municipal Treasurer, Beth Vosbough, for seven (7) Summer Student Job Positions, under the 2010 Summer Student Program for a total Grant Funding request of \$16,210.80. CARRIED."

Deputy Mayor McDonald to Chair Meeting:

Moved by Councillor Bennis, seconded by Councillor Holmes;

"Be it resolved that Deputy Mayor McDonald Chair the Regular Council Session at 9:58 p.m. CARRIED."

Request to Purchase New Telephone System for Grafton Municipal Office:

Moved by Councillor Jeninga, seconded by Councillor Holmes;

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand approve the purchase and installation of the NEC Univerge SV8100 Telephone System for the Grafton Municipal Office, as proposed and submitted by Alliance Security Systems dated February 2, 2010 at a total cost of \$7,300.00 plus applicable taxes; and further that this purchase will include a no-charge extended five-year warranty; time for training, setup of extensions, voicemail and any other features as required. CARRIED."

XIII. BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS – 9:59 P.M.:

Councillor Bennis:

Councillor Bennis advised that he would be on vacation from February 26th, 2010 to March 5th, 2010.

Councillor Bennis also noted that he would be seeking the position of Chairperson for the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority.

Councillor Jeninga:

Councillor Jeninga requested firm dates for the review of the 2010 Budget.

Councillor Robins:

Councillor Robins advised that concern has been expressed by several individuals pertaining to the removal of a portion or portions of the stage unit from the Alnwick Civic Centre.

Councillor Holmes noted that he would investigate this matter to ensure that the stage unit that had been removed from the Centre is still intact and in one piece, as well as, investigate the cost of a storage container.

Mayor Finley:

Mayor Finley noted that he could not attend the Business Achievement Awards this year due to a prior commitment and asked Deputy Mayor McDonald to attend on behalf of the Municipality. Deputy Mayor McDonald noted that he would attend.

XIV. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS/PUBLIC/GALLERY – 10:14 P.M.

There were no questions from the Press/Public/Gallery.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW – 10:14 P.M.:

By-Law No. 18-2010 - Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council Session held on Wednesday, February 17th, 2010 of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand.

Moved by Councillor Jeninga, seconded by Councillor Ritchie;

"Be it resolved that **By-Law No. 18-2010**, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council session held on Wednesday, February 17th, 2010 of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, be read and deemed as PASSED this 17th day of February, 2010. CARRIED."

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – 10:15 P.M.:

Moved by Councillor Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Jeninga;

"Be it resolved that the Regular Council Session held on Wednesday, February 17th, 2010, be adjourned at 10:15 p.m. CARRIED."

Mayor, William Finley

Deputy Mayor, Dalton McDonald

Deputy Clerk, Robin van de Moosdyk