

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALNWICK/HALDIMAND
REGULAR MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MAY 7TH, 2009 – 1:00 P.M.**

Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 7th, 2009 at 1:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor William Finley presiding.

Members Present: Mayor William Finley
Deputy Mayor Dalton McDonald arrived at 1:05 p.m.
Councillor Raymond Bennis
Councillor Bill Holmes
Councillor Rosemarie Robins
Art Jeninga arrived at 1:06 p.m.

Members Absent with Notification: None

Staff Present: Robin Van de Moosdyk, Deputy-Clerk
Bernadette Murray, Administrative Assistant
Michael Godin, Chief Building Official/By-Law Enforcement Officer
Fire Chief David Wright, Volunteer Fire Department

Others Present: Betty Carruthers, resident

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finley called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS

Mayor Finley acknowledged the death of Major Michelle Mendes who was born and raised in the municipality.

II. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS CIRCULATED

Moved by Councillor Bennis and seconded by Councillor Holmes,
Resolution #2009-232

"Be it resolved that the Agenda as circulated for the Regular Session of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand of Thursday, May 7th, 2009, be approved. CARRIED."

IV. DAVID WRIGHT, CHIEF, VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1:05 P.M.

Alnwick/Haldimand Fire and Rescue Report dated April 2009:

- 1) Chief's Meeting Agenda for April 28, 2009 attached
- 2) A total of 39 grass fires, most of which were around the County Road # 18 area.
- 3) The Fire Department has been notified that the 2009 budget has been accepted.
- 4) The Fire Department requests that Council invite the three (3) District Fire Chiefs to attend the emergency exercise on December 3, 2009 in Baltimore as this would provide the Chiefs with information in dealing with large-scale emergencies. The cost for this would be \$600.00 for the day but this would be paid out of the fire budget.

5) 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 109 calls compared to 96 calls in the same time period in 2008; this is an increase of 14% from last year.

The responses this month were to: (3) Motor Vehicle Collisions
(4) Ambulance Assists
(42) Fire and Alarms
(3) Power Lines down and Alarms

The fire apparatus arrived first on scene for two (2) of the medical assist ahead of the ambulance.

Moved by Councillor Benns; seconded by Councillor Robins,
Resolution #2009-233

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

A discussion ensued concerning the use of credit cards for the purchase of gas and the possibility of the Fire Department being able to use gas stored at the Municipal Road Department. Council was advised that the Municipal Works Superintendent Cam Ward is investigating the use of the public works pumps at the gasoline storage facilities at the Centreton Public Works garage.

Councillor Jeninga suggested that 500-gallon tanks could be installed in a concrete berm and keys could be made available to Fire Department Captains so that fuel could be stored for separate use by the Volunteer Fire Department.

Mayor Finley advised that this matter could be reviewed at a future captains' meeting. Deputy Mayor Robin van de Moosdyk recommended that fuel suppliers be asked for advice in order to ensure municipal compliancy to safety standards.

It was noted that the Municipal All-Terrain Vehicle By-law states that members of the Northumberland All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Club can be called upon for equipment and labour in the event of an emergency. Councillor Robins pointed out that if people volunteer, their names should be taken for future reference.

Mayor Finley addressed the matter of prescribed (controlled) burns in the municipality, noting that Mr. Mark Stabb, Central Ontario Program Manager, Nature Conservancy of Canada, had been advised that Council was to be notified of the areas where prescribed (controlled) burns were to take place in the event that the Council would like to investigate the site after the fact. Various Council members stated that not enough notice had been provided to let them know that burns had taken place. Mayor Finley stated that the municipality also had the same problem with the County of Northumberland. Mayor Finley noted that Council should review the prescribed (controlled) burn process and the requirements imposed on the Nature Conservancy of Ontario and the County of Northumberland prior to the approval of future controlled burns.

Deputy Mayor McDonald advised that the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.) have two (2) all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) available and that he would discuss this matter at the next Police Services Board meeting in respect to whether these vehicles could be made available for the Fire Department during emergencies.

Councillor Holmes stated that at the recent Police Services Board Conference he was advised that Fire Departments should notify the police in respect to suspicious fires. The records of the Northumberland Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police indicate that the police were only aware of two out of the 32 fires that took place recently. Fire Chief Wright stated that in the future he will contact the police and advise them of grass fires.

Fire Chief Wright noted that most of the grass fires have been in the Alderville area on vacant land and that it is hard to determine the source of the fire and whether the fire started on public roads or on Alderville 1st Nation's property.

Fire Chief Wright enquired, "Does Council want to establish a dollar value and review sample Agreements prior to their upcoming Joint Meeting with Alderville First Nations?"

Mayor Finley suggested that this matter be scheduled for discussion at a future Regular Council Meeting. Fire Chief Wright stated that he and Fire Prevention Officer Ross Poole would be prepared to attend as a delegation at a Regular Council Meeting in Roseneath. It was noted that the presentation should be in closed session due to the fact that it concerned the drafting of a legal agreement. The Deputy Clerk is to research the protocol (i.e. section of the Municipal Act to be cited in respect to closed meetings.)

Fire Chief Wright stated that he is waiting for staff to author Council resolutions concerning the purchase of fire department vehicles prior to tenders being advertised. Mayor Finley stated that the Council tenders should be presented to Council prior to being sent out.

Fire Chief Wright recommended to Council that three (3) District Fire Chiefs be authorized to attend the emergency exercise to be held on December 3rd, 2009 at Baltimore, Ontario and further that the municipality agree that the Chiefs be reimbursed for their attendance at this event.

Moved by Councillor Bennis; seconded by Councillor Holmes;
Resolution #2009-234

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand approve the attendance of three (3) District Fire Chiefs at the emergency exercise to be held on Thursday, December 3rd, 2009 at the Baltimore, Ontario; and further that the municipality approve that each of the Chiefs be reimbursed the \$200.00 fee for their attendance at this event; and further that it is understood that this total amount of \$600.00 will be charged to the Municipal Fire Department's budget. CARRIED."

V. MIKE GODIN, C.B.O., BUILDING DEPARTMENT- 1:40 P.M.

Mr. Godin provided a written update pertaining to various items/issues with respect to Building matters and Property Standards issues for the month of April, 2009.

1. Building Report for April, 2009 month end. (3 new houses have been added since report done)

2. I have attended at the Craig Road site and the offending vehicles at the garage have been removed, clean up is on going and they have had their planning application meeting with the Clerk. The Skillens have removed the majority of stored vehicles from the back lot. The Ministry of the Environment has been to site and request that all the remaining vehicles be removed. The Ministry of the Environment (M.O.E.) representative will return next to ensure compliance. The Township Clerk has requested that a list of remaining vehicles/equipment for next week. (Mike has asked for a list of inventory on site; a man from the MOE will be checking on the progress of removing of vehicles)
3. Memo from Mayor Finley received May 6th, 2009 – Re: 152 Massey Road excess vehicles.

Council discussed with Mr. Godin the history of the Property Standards By-Law complaints in respect to this property. Mr. Godin described his efforts to contact the owner and to enforce the by-law but that it has been impossible reach the owners by phone, mail or on-site.

Mayor Finley stated that the municipality has to take action and he promised that he will try to make contact with the property owner. Deputy Mayor McDonald explained that at the time of the municipality's amalgamation, a property standards by-law was adopted. At that time, the policy was set that the municipality would only act on the by-law when there was a written complaint received. Councillor Jeninga suggested that Council should review the by-law and Deputy Mayor McDonald concurred, stating that either the municipality would have to enforce the by-law or change it.

Mr. Godin advised that the trailer on Soren Degn's land has been moved to the Township road allowance. Mr. Godin advised that he has not yet been to the site but will check tomorrow. Mayor Finley stated that if the individual needs accommodation, the County of Northumberland is willing to provide him with assistance.

Mr. Godin advised that the garbage at Roseneath Garage (9171 County Road 45) has been cleaned up and the dumpster is being removed this week. In reference to the refuse at 9092 County Road # 45, the garbage will be placed in a dumpster and it will be removed. The invoice will be forwarded to the municipality and the amount will be charged to the renter. In the event of non-payment, the amount will be added to the property owner's tax bill.

Moved by Councilor Holmes and seconded Councillor Robins,
Resolution #2009-235

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

Memo dated April 22nd, 2009 to Council RE: Roseneath Fair Tube Slide

Mr. Godin provided Council with a written report detailing his observations concerning the tube slide structure at the Roseneath Fair Grounds.

Council discussed the implications concerning liability, insurance and safety issues in respect to the slide. It was pointed out that in the annual insurance review the slide was not considered to be a safety issue at that time.

Councillor Robins recommended that a letter regarding these findings be forwarded to the Roseneath Recreation committee.

Moved by Councillor Jeninga Robins; seconded by Councillor Holmes,
Resolution #2009-236

"That the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand approve that Councillor Jeninga bring Mr. Godin's recommendation to the Roseneath Recreation Committee for their consideration. CARRIED."

Councillor Holmes enquired concerning the roof leak and the sulphur smell in the water at the Alnwick Civic Centre and it was noted that the water committee should be updated for the June Meeting of the Roseneath Civic Centre concerning the need for a follow up.

It was noted by the Deputy Clerk Robin van de Moosdyk that the All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) By-law should be brought forward for Council consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 20th, 2009.

VI. CAM WARD, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT – 2:22 P.M.

Municipal Monthly Road Report for April 2009

- Load limits came off on April 28th, 2009
- Blackburn Brush Cutters have been brushing this month. Roads brushed were Thomas, Lakeport, Telephone (east of Vernonville to Cramahe Boundary), McGregor Lane, Hofer, Highland View, parts of Vernonville, Old Danforth (seasonal), Purdy, McMaster, Lilac Valley, Curtis Point, and parts of 3rd Line, Edgewater and Grandview Drive.
- Mr. Ward is waiting for two (2) Stop Sign By-Laws to be prepared in reference to Craig Road and Campbell Road.
- Tenders for a new backhoe went out on April 27th, 2009 and must be back to Township May 19th, 2009.
- Harris Construction has started forestry work on Montgomery Road for upgrading the seasonal portion for Mrs. Elaine Longhurst.
- Plowed snow on April 6th, 7th and 8th.
- Put up 60 km/ hour speed limit signs on Archer and Lakeshore Roads April 9th, 2009.
- Sweeping roads ongoing this month.
- Most seasonal roads have been patrolled and repaired.
- Public Works Department spent all day Monday, April 27th, 2009 picking up garbage collected by volunteers during "Pitch In Week" County clean up.
- Patching and grading ongoing.
- Our Township roads came through the spring break up in fairly good shape this year. Mayor Finley stated that he will bring back information from the County of Northumberland in reference to the issue of Spring half-loads.
- Rail Crossing report attached.

Moved by Councillor Jeninga and seconded by Councillor Holmes,
Resolution #2009-237

"Be it resolved that the Public Works Department Report for April, 2009 as submitted by Cam Ward, Public Works Superintendent, be received and filed.

CARRIED."

Mr. Ward advised that the Surplus equipment is ready to be sold and the backhoe will be traded-in.

Councillor Robins enquired in respect to the blocking off of the 50-foot right of way in the area of Sandercock's Camp and her concern that the public should have access. Mr. Ward stated that, according to 2009 assessment roll, the dock and the water is owned by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). The Deputy Clerk stated that she had sent a letter to this Department last year and did not receive an answer.

Mayor Finley suggested that Mr. Ward, Clerk Administrator Terrence Korotki and Deputy Clerk Robin de Moosdyk investigate this issue and report to Council.

COUNCIL BREAK – 2:33 TO 2:40 P.M.

VII. DELEGATIONS – 2:40 P.M.

2:40 p.m. 3:15 p.m. - John Hinman and Representatives of Board of the Haldimand Courts Apartments, (The Reverend Phyllis Dietrich, and Board Members Jackie Innis, Joan Rahme, Leila Olson, Lynne Palmer, Patrick McGilly, Bill Bachellier, Chairperson) RE: Request for Council Consideration for Reclassification of Property

Email correspondence dated April 9th, 2009 was distributed to Council prior to this meeting, providing background information concerning the matter that Mr. Hinman and the representatives of the Board of the Haldimand Courts Apartments wish to discuss with Council today.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Haldimand Court Apartments, Mr. Hinman addressed Council concerning a request from the Board of the Haldimand Courts Apartments for a reclassification of the Haldimand Courts Apartments property.

Mr. Hinman provided a brief history of the Haldimand Court Apartments stating that the project is a mainstay of the Village of Grafton, created almost 30 years ago by the three local churches and run as a not-for-profit, seniors' facility by a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of the clergy and two parishioners from each of the churches. Mr. Hinman explained, "For decades we have offered low cost, all inclusive rental (in some cases rent subsidies) to residents of Alnwick/Haldimand in a facility that we feel is second to none. We are requesting a re-designation for the purpose of property tax calculation from Multiple Unit Residential to Single Family Residential. That would effectively reduce our tax bill by 50% and lessen what has become an onerous burden. This is standard practice throughout the Province of Ontario when housing units similar to this are created. We are not suggesting a recalculation of our assessment as this would involve Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and we feel our assessment is fair. It is, however, well within the power of Council to change our classification and that is what we are requesting."

At this afternoon's meeting, Mr. Hinman provided a further detailed written report to Council elaborating on the information provided in his e-mail of April 9th, 2009.

In the report, Mr. Hinman noted that the Board of the Haldimand Court Apartments is requesting firstly, that an agreement be struck between the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand and Haldimand Court Apartments to reflect an "flat rate" realty tax of \$5,000.00 per year for a 5 year period beginning this year and ending after payment in 2013, and secondly that a by-law be created changed the "status" of Haldimand Courts Apartments from Multi Residential to Residential for the purpose of calculating Realty Taxes, (this to take effect after the 2013 taxation year and be permanent.")

Mr. Hinman stated that the rational for bringing forward these two initiatives is to put the Haldimand Court Apartments "on an equal footing with other affordable housing complexes province-wide, and would allow the Board some breathing

room to pursue projects made necessary by the age of the building and its systems while ensuring that there is never a deterioration in the level of service and accommodation offered its tenants."

Following his verbal presentation, he submitted a copy of this report to the recording secretary and advised Council that he would be pleased to answer any questions he might have.

Deputy Mayor McDonald enquired if the Council has the authority to change the property classification and was advised by the Deputy Clerk that the municipality does have the authority but that the Township would have to absorb the shortfall for the municipal tax portion, the County of Northumberland and the Board of Education.

Councillor Jeninga stated his concern that improvements to the property include "low flow" toilets that would have an impact upon the Hamlet of Grafton Communal Water System in that the system is only using 15% of its capacity at present. The implementation of "Low flow" toilets would compound this problem, and also perhaps may cause odour problems in the facility.

Mayor Finley stated that the municipality has an obligation to lead by example by introducing energy-saving solutions in facilities.

It was acknowledged that any such by-law would have to take into account the issue of the impact any such Agreement would have on the Hamlet of Grafton Communal Water System.

Mr. Hinman stated that the Board is simply trying to bring down the costs and to obtain grant funding.

Councillor Bennis asked how the reclassification would impact the MPAC assessment and was assured that it would not. The Municipal Council would simply have to pass a by-law allowing the municipal mill rate to be calculated at a lower amount for this particular property.

As a member of the County's Social Services Committee, Mayor Finley recommended that a letter be sent to the County of Northumberland in respect to grant funding and Mr. Hinman advised that this has already been done.

Mr. Hinman stated that there is a waiting list now for people wanting to live in the Haldimand Courts Apartments. At present, the criteria is that the tenants have to be 60 years old or disabled. The units are all self-contained with separate kitchens and bathroom facilities. No nursing is provided but the Victorian Order of Nurses and Home Care come to the facility to attend clients.

Deputy Mayor McDonald asked if this request is being put forward for implementation this year and Mr. Hinman assured him that the Board is willing to work within any time frame.

Councillor Robins asked if the anticipated savings would go into operating funds and capital projects rather than reduction of tenant's fees. Mr. Hinman stated that the tenancy rates would not be reduced in the future.

Moved by Councillor Jeninga; seconded by Councillor Bennis
Resolution #2009-237

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand defer a decision pending staff investigation in respect to the impact that the anticipated lower water consumption use would have on the Hamlet of Grafton Communal Water System, and investigation concerning the impact of this initiative on total tax revenues (municipal taxes and the tax levies for the County of Northumberland and Boards of Education), CARRIED."

VIII. BETH VOSBOURGH, TREASURER-3:16 P.M.:

Moved by Councillor Bennis; seconded by Councillor Holmes,
Resolution #2009-238

"Be it resolved that the Financial Accounts – Voucher # 9, be approved in the amount of **\$12,775.57,** CARRIED."

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS – 3:22 P.M.

Roseneath Revitalization Volunteer Committee RE: Minutes of the Meeting of April 8th, 2009

Moved by Councillor Robins; seconded by Councillor Jeninga,
Resolution #2009-239

"Be it resolved that Minutes of the Roseneath Revitalization Volunteer Committee Meeting of April 8th, 2009, be received and filed. CARRIED."

Mayor Finley offered to make available his laptop computer to any of the community groups for their use during their on-growing programs. The computer is presently being stored in the Municipal Office in Grafton.

Lower Trent Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of April 9th, 2009

Moved by Councillor Jeninga; seconded by Councillor Holmes,
Resolution #2009-240

"Be it resolved that Minutes of the Lower Trent Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors Meeting of April 9th, 2009 be received and filed. CARRIED."

Alnwick/Haldimand Community Policing Committee Minutes of March 16th, 2009

Moved by Councillor Holmes; seconded by Councillor Bennis,
Resolution #2009-241

"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the Alnwick/Haldimand Community Policing Committee of March 16th, 2009 be received and filed. CARRIED."

Haldimand Memorial Arena and Park Board Minutes of April 16th, 2009

Moved by Councillor Holmes; seconded by Deputy Mayor McDonald,
Resolution #2009-242

"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the Alnwick/Haldimand Community Policing Committee of April 16th, 2009 be received and filed. CARRIED."

X. COMMUNICATION (COUNCIL ACTION) – 3:28 P.M.

Letter received April 14th, 2009 from Northumberland Senior Games RE: Request for Financial Support

Moved by Councillor Ritchie; seconded by Councillor Bennis,
Resolution #2009-243

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand request a letter in December, 2009 from the Northumberland Senior Games Committee formally requesting a financial contribution, and that this letter be filed for consideration during the 2010 budget deliberations. CARRIED."

Email received April 18th, 2009 from Maureen Anderson, Town of Uxbridge RE:
Request for support of Initiative to Protest Bill 150, the Green Energy Bill

Moved by Councillor Jeninga; seconded by Councillor Robins,
Resolution #2009-244

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand to support
the Towns of Uxbridge's initiative to Protest Bill 150, (the Green Energy Bill).
CARRIED."

Letter dated April 20th, 2009 from Jennifer Darrell, resident RE: Barnum House
Museum

Moved by Councillor Robins; seconded by Councillor Bennis,
Resolution #2009-245

"Be it resolved by the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand that the
letter from Jennifer Darrell, resident RE: Barnum House Museum be received
and filed. CARRIED."

Mayor Finley explained that the issue that Ms. Darrell was addressing in her
letter has now been resolved by the Ontario Heritage Trust and that a letter has
been sent out today to Ms. Darrell advising her of the outcome and thanking her
for her concern as a resident of the municipality.

Copy of PowerPoint Presentation dated April 22nd, 2009 entitled "Connecting
Northumberland" presented by Paula Preston, Actionable Intelligence Inc.

Moved by Councillor Holmes; seconded by Councillor Jeninga,
Resolution #2009-246

"Be it resolved that the copy of the PowerPoint presentation dated April 22nd,
2009 entitled "Connecting Northumberland" be received and filed. CARRIED."

Letter dated April 14th, 2009 from Ministry of Natural Resources RE: "Bear Wise
Community Funding 2009"

Moved by Councillor Holmes; seconded by Councillor Robins,
Resolution #2009-247

"Be it resolved that the letter dated April 14th, 2009 from Ministry of Natural
Resources in respect to "Bear Wise Community Funding 2009" be received and
filed. CARRIED."

XI. DEPUTY CLERK'S NEW BUSINESS 3:35 P.M.

Report dated April 8th, 2009 from Bill Pyatt, C.A.O. County of Northumberland
RE: County response to Alnwick/Haldimand dated March 12th, 2009 – "Municipal
Position Relating to the Proposed County of Northumberland Forest Management
Plan (Forest Advisory Committee)"

Deputy Mayor McDonald would like to review this material in preparation for the
delegation from the County of Northumberland who will be attending the
Wednesday, May 20th, 2009 Regular Council Meeting. Deputy Mayor McDonald
suggested that interested parties in our municipality be advised of this scheduled
delegation in case they wished to attend. Councillor Jeninga advised that
Municipal Staff reserve the larger room at the Alnwick Civic Centre for that
night's meeting in order to accommodate the group of spectators.

Moved by Deputy Mayor McDonald; seconded by Councillor Bennis,
Resolution #2009-248

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand defer this correspondence for review in preparation for the attendance of County of Northumberland representatives, Bill Pyatt, C.A.O. and Mia Frankl, Forestry Manager Officer and Mayor Peter Delanty, Chairperson, Forest Advisory Committee at the next Regular Council Meeting of Wednesday, May 20th, 2009 at the Roseneath Satellite office. CARRIED."

Letter dated April 23rd, 2009 from Mia Frankl (Forest Advisory Manager) County of Northumberland RE: Copy of letter to Mr. Jim Cunningham relating to dog sledding and the local demographics

Moved by Deputy Mayor McDonald; seconded by Councillor Bennis,
Resolution #2009-249

"Be it resolved that the letter dated April 23rd, 2009 from Mia Frankl (Forest Advisory Manager) County of Northumberland concerning correspondence from Mr. Jim Cunningham in respect to dog sledding be received and filed. CARRIED."

Joint Meeting to be Scheduled with Township of Alnwick/Haldimand and Alderville First Nation – RE: Request from Angela Gillies, (Band Administrator) To Obtain Two (2) Possible Dates from Council

Councillors acknowledged that the preferred dates for them to meet with the Alderville First Nations would be either Friday, June 5th, or Friday, June 12th, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at the Grafton Municipal Office, (upstairs). Ms. Angela Gillies is to be advised of Council's preference for the meeting.

XII. BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS – 3:47 P.M.

Councillor Ritchie advised that she has been approached by residents who would like to see the flagpole put back in place at the new Grafton Parkette in the Hamlet of Grafton.

Moved by Councillor Ritchie; seconded by Deputy Mayor McDonald,
Resolution #2009-250

"That the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand direct staff to send a letter to Mr. John Liptay, Contact for the Grafton Horticultural Society's Park Committee requesting that the flagpole be re-installed, AND FURTHER that Municipal Staff procure a Canadian flag from Hon. Rick Norlock's office, M.P. – Northumberland. CARRIED."

Councillor Jeninga advised Council that he had been approached by Heather Grundy of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit in respect to the "Get Fit for a Day" initiative. The purpose of the program is to promote fitness to the general public. Municipalities are invited to enter the competition, which involves citizens calling in to a phone number to register the activity they participated in. Ms. Graham is asking that the municipality provide a phone number that could be used to chart these calls during this one day. Councillor Jeninga suggested that the Municipal receptionist's number at the Grafton office be provided in order that we may receive and chart these calls on behalf of the Health Unit. Further information will be forthcoming from Ms. Heather Grundy.

Moved by Deputy Mayor McDonald; seconded by Councillor Jeninga
Resolution #2009-251

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand instruct administrative staff to assist Ms. Heather Grundy, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit in implementing the one-day initiative known as "Get Fit for a Day" by providing the services of the Municipal receptionist to assist in receiving calls and charting telephone calls placed by participants. CARRIED."

Councillor Jeninga advised that a Family Barbeque, "Meet and Greet" will be held on July 11th, 2009 at the Centreton Park. This event will be hosted by the Centreton Recreation Committee and will commence at 4:00 p.m. There is no admission charge for the event but families in attendance can provide a donation of their own choosing. Interested parties are invited to respond to the invitation so that the hosts will be able to make arrangements for the number of attendees.

Councillor Jeninga updated Council concerning his attendance at the Oak Ridges Moraine Symposium that took place on April 30th and May 1st, 2009. Councillor Jeninga advised that he was the only municipal politician and farmer in attendance. He was pleased to note that the "pendulum has swung back in favour of rural municipalities" and that all the separate groups, i.e. Moraine for Life Coalition, Save The Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) Coalition, and Friends of the Moraine are attempting to organize under one umbrella. Councillor Jeninga advised that he met with members of the Save The Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) Coalition who advised that students would be available to come to our area and perform a case study with the intention of forming the policies for the target year of 2014. The students would be able to assess the cost impact of this legislation to the municipality and the loss of lots of record. Existing lots could also be re-examined. Overall Councillor Jeninga's experience at the symposium was very positive and the outlook seems brighter than in prior years.

Councillor Robins advised that the Roseneath Spring Festival will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, 2009 and that t-shirts for the event are available at a cost of \$20.00 each. There is to be a pancake breakfast hosted by the firefighters on the morning of the event. Mayor Finley advised that he would like to donate two (2) pies for the Festival.

In answer to Deputy-Mayor McDonald's enquiry, Councillor Robins advised that many groups will be involved in the Festival including storytellers from the library and the Northumberland Woodcarvers will be in attendance. The Roseneath Agricultural Fair Board will be operating the Roseneath Carousel and the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Municipal Fire Department and the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.) will also be present.

Councillor Bennis advised Council that he attended as the Municipal representative at the gathering of Conservation Authorities across Ontario. Councillor Bennis stated that the discussions concerning the Oak Ridge Moraine were similar to Councillor Jeninga's findings from the Oak Ridges Moraine Symposium. Councillor Bennis also advised that as Acting Chair he also attends the Source Water Protection Committee meetings.

Councillor Bennis advised that Mayor Finley and he had attended a meeting at the Grafton Community Centre on Tuesday, May 4th, 2009 which had been organized by a group of concerned citizens who live in Nawautin Shores Subdivision. Councillor Bennis has been asked to be a liaison between the committee and the municipality. The purpose of the meeting was to make recommendations to the Council concerning the design and repair work that has to be done before the beginning of winter. The Subdivision Agreement between the original developer and the Township states that no work can be done without municipal permission. Councillor Bennis stated that he had been advised that one shore well has been damaged and has to be repaired. Beyond the need for

the repair of this one shore well, it is Councillor Benns' understanding that all the shore wells will need repairing because they are inverted culverts and have rusted out over time.

Council members received a copy of the Water Easement Agreement that formed part of the original Subdivision Agreement and it was noted that Clause 5 of the Agreement states that the each individual property owner is responsible for his or her own shore well. Council concurred in the perception that the municipality will to some extent be drawn into the process as it concerns the design and scope of the work.

Moved by Councillor Benns; seconded by Councillor Jeninga,
Resolution #2009-252

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand waive the fee of \$20.00 paid by Mr. William Rowland on behalf of the Nawautin Shores Subdivision Citizens' Group for the rental of the Community Room of the Grafton Community Centre in consideration of the fact that the group is coming together for a collective purpose and therefore Council deems the meeting to be in the interest of the public and therefore not subject to the customary rental fee charged for service clubs, on-going classes, and social events. CARRIED."

Mayor Finley stated that it is his understanding that six (6) or seven (7) properties are involved. It was noted that the firm, Totten Sims Hubicki did the original engineering drawings and the surveying company Sylvester and Brown Ltd. did the layout.

Councillor Benns suggested that the municipality will need to seek legal advice in order to provide an interpretation of the Subdivision Agreement.

In answer to the question as to who would be putting up the money for the preliminary work that needs to be done, Mayor Finley suggested that each property owner may want to contribute a sum, (i.e. \$100.00 each) to begin the process.

Moved by Councillor Benns; seconded by Deputy Mayor McDonald,
Resolution #2009-253

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand direct staff to seek advice from the Municipal Solicitor concerning Clause 5 of the Water Easement Agreement between Nawautin Estates Subdivision and the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand. CARRIED."

Moved by Councillor Benns; seconded by Councillor Jeninga,
Resolution #2009-254

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand direct the Clerk/Administrator to assemble the existing files and to contact the principals (i.e. Edgar Benson and the Estate of Robert and Margaret Marshall) concerning the Nawautin Estates Subdivision in order to obtain as much information as possible to use as research during the investigative process in respect to the shore well issue, CARRIED."

Mayor Finley made enquiries in reference to the municipality's Active Cemetery Committee in respect to the Bethesda North Cemetery, the Bethesda North Cemetery and the Bethany (Macklin) Cemetery. Specifically, Mayor Finley asked if the Clerk/Administrator had received any legal information from the Municipal Solicitor. The municipality needs to renew the insurance policies and provide the local funeral directors with information concerning the municipal contact person to call whenever funeral arrangements are being made.

Mayor Finley also mentioned that he would appreciate more advance notice in future, for he and the other members of Council, in respect to advice concerning cancellation of meetings.

XIII. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS/PUBLIC/GALLERY – 4:30 P.M.

Mrs. Betty Carruthers sought and was given clarification concerning the Public Meeting process as dictated by the Ontario Planning Act in respect to the Robins' family Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendment applications.

Mrs. Betty Carruthers enquired as to which areas of the municipality are serviced by broadband internet and was advised by Mayor Finley that three (3) or four (4) companies are competing for the provision of local service.

Mrs. Betty Carruthers asked if anyone was investigating the charge for reception of U.S. television channels and was advised by Mayor Finley that digital converters are available at Canadian Tire stores.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW: - 4:37 P.M.

By-Law No. 44-2009 - Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council Session held on Thursday, May 7th, 2009 of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand.

Moved by Councillor Ritchie and seconded by Deputy Mayor McDonald,

"Be it resolved that **By-Law No. 44-2009**, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council session held on Thursday, May 7th, 2009 of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, be read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 7th day of May, 2009. CARRIED."

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – 4:40 P.M.

Moved by Councillor Bennis and seconded by Councillor Ritchie,
Resolution #2009-255

"Be it resolved that the Regular Council Session held on Thursday, May 7th, 2009, be adjourned at 4:40 p.m., CARRIED."

MAYOR, WILLIAM FINLEY

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR, TERENCE KOROTKI