

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHAMBERLAIN HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday March 7th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Kerry Stewart, Carol Tucker, Shirley Blackburn, Cary Hager, Charlie Codd, and Calvin Rodgers.

**Regrets:** Bruce Knott.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 p.m.

2017-48 Charles Codd/Carol Tucker

**WHEREAS** there is a quorum of Council present;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular meeting of March the 7th, 2017, is hereby open for business. -Carried

2017-49 Shirley Blackburn/Charles Codd

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda of Council for this meeting is hereby adopted as presented. –Carried

2017-50 Charles Codd/Shirley Blackburn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the accounts for the month of February 2017, in the amount of \$56,911.24 are to be paid in full. -Carried

2017-51 Cary Hager/Shirley Blackburn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday February 7th, 2017, and the minutes of the Special Council meeting of February 13th, 2017 are adopted as presented, and the reading thereof dispensed with. -Carried

2017-52 Cary Hager/Carol Tucker

**WHEREAS** the Town of Englehart will be temporarily short-staffed and have inquired about contracting a member of the Public Works staff from Chamberlain Township;

**AND WHEREAS** the Clerk-Treasurer/CAO and Public Works Superintendent agree with this proposition, providing that when requested the employee is not required by the Township of Chamberlain;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council agree to this proposal and authorize the Clerk-Treasurer/CAO to bill the Town of Englehart at a rate of \$35/hour for the employee’s services. -Carried

2017-53 Charles Codd/Shirley Blackburn

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Township of Chamberlain has given careful consideration to the issue of an overall wage increase to its employees;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council hereby authorize a 2% wage increase to all positions on the employee wage grid, effective March 1st, 2017. –Carried

2017-54 Carol Tucker/Shirley Blackburn

**WHEREAS** the Englehart & Area Museum has requested an additional \$ .75 per capita for area municipalities in order to operate the facility for the 2017 season;

**AND WHEREAS** the requested increase is \$326.00 above the 2017 contribution amount as budgeted for in the Township of Chamberlain budget;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Township of Chamberlain will not contribute the additional amount of \$326.00 to the Englehart & Area Museum.

-Carried

2017-55 Charles Codd/Cary Hager

**WHEREAS** it has been identified that railway companies in the province of Ontario do not pay a proportionate share of municipal property tax as compared to other properties in their class, or compared to any other municipal tax class;

**AND WHEREAS** in other provinces and jurisdictions the railway companies do remit a more equitable share of taxes to the local tax base;

**AND WHEREAS** taxes in other jurisdictions for railway properties are calculated using a ton-mile concept;

**AND WHEREAS** said fees are reviewed and adjusted on a regular basis according to inflation and ongoing current conditions;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Chamberlain supports the resolution passed by the Town of Parry Sound and calls upon the Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario to implement a new system of municipal property taxation for railroad right-of-way properties based on utilizing a per ton-mile concept;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

-Carried

2017-56 Shirley Blackburn/Carol Tucker

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has proposed a change to the Building Code, B-08-09-03, requiring mandatory five year septic tank pump-out and records retention by owner;

**AND WHEREAS** that same change requires municipalities to administer and enforce this change;

**AND WHEREAS** the change document fails to identify any transfer of Provincial funding to offset these downloaded costs;

**AND WHEREAS** many municipalities already have by-laws to regulate septic systems especially near waterways;

**AND WHEREAS** the majority of homeowners pump-out their septic tanks on a regular basis whether regulated to or not;

**AND WHEREAS** there are many more important issues on which to spend taxpayer's money than 'enhancing' maintenance on existing functioning systems;

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**AND WHEREAS** adequate legislation already exists to correct malfunctioning systems;

**AND WHEREAS** Premier Wynne stated on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the ROMA conference that the Province recognizes that 'one size fits all' solutions do not always work in rural Ontario;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Chamberlain supports the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria, and does hereby request the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to rescind proposed Building Code change B-08-09-03;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution is sent to the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, and Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party.

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution is sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

-Carried

2017-57 Cary Hager/Charles Codd

**WHEREAS** the Township of Chamberlain recognizes the value that libraries bring to the Township and area by providing essential services to members of the public, including the computer and internet access where it may otherwise be unavailable;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Chamberlain has been notified that public libraries have recently lost funding for Internet Connectivity;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Township of Chamberlain hereby requests that the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS), and Southern Ontario Library Service maintain funding for Internet Connectivity;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated to MTCS, Southern Ontario Library Service, MP Charlie Angus, MPP John Vanthof, and the Premier of Ontario, Kathleen Wynne.

-Carried

2017-58 Charles Codd/Carol Tucker

**WHEREAS** Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest and have been proven to be life-saving during the waiting time period for emergency services;

**AND WHEREAS** for every minute a person in cardiac arrest goes without being successfully treated by defibrillation, the chance of survival decreases by 7 percent in the first, and decreases by 10 percent per minute as time advances past 3 minutes;

**AND WHEREAS** Andrew Stoddart, a 15 year old boy, passed away while playing soccer in Kintore, Ontario, an AED on site may have increased his odds of survival. Andrew's Legacy Foundation has currently purchased 22 AEDs for across Oxford County, including all three elementary schools in Zorra Township;

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**AND WHEREAS** Thames Valley District School Board has yet to put together a policy for having AED' s in place in all, or any, of their public elementary and secondary schools;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of Thames Centre requests that the Premier, and Minister of Education, develop a policy that enables all schools and school boards in Ontario, including the Thames Valley District School Board, that allows individual elementary and secondary schools to have an AED installed in their schools;

**AND THAT** the Municipality of Thames Centre request that the Thames Valley District School Board and all other schools in Ontario develop a policy to install AEDs in all schools as soon as possible for the safety of our children;

**AND THAT** this resolution be sent to the Premier, Minister of Education, AMO, Thames Valley District School Board; Middlesex County; and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support. –Carried

2017-59 Carol Tucker/Shirley Blackburn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2017-08, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of current estimates and tax rates for 2017, and further to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof, be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017. –Carried

2017-60 Charles Codd/Cary Hager

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2017-09, being a by-law to appoint a Chief Building Official, be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017. –Carried

2017-61 Shirley Blackburn/Charles Codd

As a municipality, the Township of Chamberlain is required to follow the accounting standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board. With the introduction of tangible capital asset accounting in 2009, the new accounting standards do not require budgets to be prepared on the same basis as actual are recorded. The Township of Chamberlain continues to prepare budgets on a modified accrual basis. The annual budget of a municipality is an important exercise; one which plans for current and future activities and acquisitions. A key outcome of the annual budget is a tax rate which Council is asked to approve. This tax rate is based on annual cash requirements and therefore does not include the PSAB requirements around accrual accounting and accounting for “non-financial assets and liabilities”.

The Province of Ontario introduced Ontario Regulation 284/09 (O. Reg. 284/09) that allows municipalities to exclude from its annual budget estimated expenses related to the following:

- 1) Amortization,
- 2) Post-employment benefits,
- 3) Solid waste landfill closure and post-closure.

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The regulation requires that the municipality report on the impact of these excluded costs and, before adopting a budget for the year that excludes any of the expenses listed above, Council must adopt the report by resolution.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Township of Chamberlain’s 2016 proposed budget and associated tax levy excludes the following:

- 1) Amortization expense: \$95, 518

The result of the above exclusions in the budget will cause the Township to incur operating deficits and a decrease to the accumulated surplus. The Township will assess how it will fund future tangible capital assets by way of their asset management plan to ensure future acquisitions are properly funded. -Carried

2017-62 Cary Hager/Carol Tucker

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2017-10, being a by-law to adopt a municipal investment policy, be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017. -Carried

2017-63 Charles Codd/Carol Tucker

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2017-11, being a by-law to provide for the administration and collection of fees for Municipal Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy requests be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017. -Carried

2017-64 Charles Codd/Cary Hager

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting be adjourned until the next regular meeting March 7th, 2017, or at the call of the Chair. -Carried

**ADJOURNED:** 9:05 p.m.

**Correspondence:**

- Town of Englehart re: annual “Day in the Park” event opportunity
- OPP CERB Call Volume and Service Level January 2017
- Community Living re: donation request of 30 cents per capita
- Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum re: sponsorship donation request of \$200
- Northern College re: Event Let’s Connect Community & College, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Milestone 2017 (OACA) Ontario Association of Committees of Adjustment Conference
- Minister of Seniors Affairs re: Nominations for 2017 Senior of the Year Award
- Regional Municipality of Peel re: **res of support** Community Water Fluoridation Committee
- Town of Parry Sound re: **res of support** Railway Companies to pay a proportionate municipal tax
- Townships of Head, Clara & Maria re: **res of support** Mandatory Septic Pump Outs
- Township of Armstrong re: **res of support** library funding for internet connectivity
- Thames Centre re: **res of support** AED’s
- Ontario Good Roads Association 2017 Membership

**Minutes/Reports:**

Chamberlain Recreation Committee, **January 2017 Minutes and Financials**

Earlton - Timiskaming Regional Airport, **February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes**

Earlton – Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority, **February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes**

Englehart and Area Fire Department, **February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting info**

Englehart and Area Historical Museum, **Letter regarding increased budget request, Minutes of**

**Sept/Oct/Dec 2016**

Englehart Public Library Board, **Minutes of January/Feb 2017**

Ontario Provincial Policy, Englehart and Area Community Policing Detachment Commander's Report

Reeve: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk-Treasurer/CAO: \_\_\_\_\_