

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHAMBERLAIN HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday January 5th, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Kerry Stewart, Cary Hager, Shirley Blackburn, Charles Codd, Calvin Rodgers, and Bruce Knott.

Regrets: Debra Schenk.

Delegation: Nina Wallace.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

2016-001 Cary Hager/Shirley Blackburn

WHEREAS there is a quorum of Council present;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Tuesday January 5th, 2016, is hereby opened for business. –Carried

2016-002 Shirley Blackburn/Cary Hager

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

2016-003 Charles Codd/Shirley Blackburn

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 1st, 2015, are adopted as presented, and the reading thereof dispensed with. –Carried

2016-004 Cary Hager/Shirley Blackburn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts for the month of December 2015, in the amount of \$102,482.32 are to be paid in full. –Carried

2016-005 Charles Codd/Shirley Blackburn

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, c.25, s.239 (2), allows for a municipality to enter into a closed meeting if one of the following are being considered:

- (a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board
- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (g) a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed session at 8:30p.m., pursuant to item (b) above regarding (in general terms) the probationary period for an employee. -Carried

2016-006 Shirley Blackburn/Cary Hager

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council come out of closed session at 8:40 p.m.

FURTHER THAT a resolution regarding this matter will be considered in open session. -Carried

2016-007 Charles Codd/Shirley Blackburn

THAT Steven Brownlee has successfully completed his probationary period.
-Carried

2016-008 Shirley Blackburn/Cary Hager

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Chamberlain has received a request for financial support from the Englehart & Area Historical Museum Board to sponsor a monetary prize for one of the top pieces in the show (Annual Post Card Juried Art Exhibition);

AND WHEREAS the Council supports the role and initiative for all the work completed towards preserving our local history and heritage and your fundraising efforts for the upkeep of the Museum;

AND WHEREAS the Council will soon be compiling the 2016 annual budget;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Chamberlain deter on making any financial obligations until the budget committee and council have finalized the 2016 budget. -Carried

2016-009 Charles Codd/Cary Hager

THAT the Council of the Township of Chamberlain renew the contract with the Englehart Public Library at the rate of \$40.00 per household for library service for the year 2016;

AND THAT Council agrees to forward the Provincial grant for library service once received. -Carried

2016-010 Shirley Blackburn/Charles Codd

WHEREAS the City of Temiskaming Shores has expressed interest in membership within the Temiskaming Municipal Building Association (TMBA);

AND WHEREAS the member municipalities of the TMBA have been asked to consider the possibility of adding the City to the membership;

AND WHEREAS such an arrangement must be beneficial and sustainable and will require significant amendments to the agreement and the structure of the TMBA;

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Chamberlain supports the request put forward by the Township of Eganville that an independent audit/cost benefit analysis be completed and paid for by the City of Temiskaming Shores;

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AND FURTHER THAT upon completion this analysis be reviewed by all current member municipalities. -Carried

2016-011 Cary Hager/Charles Codd

THAT the Public Works Superintendent be authorized to attend the North Eastern Public Works Organization (NEOPWO) Annual Spring Conference and Trade Show on April 27th, 2016, in South Porcupine, ON. -Carried

2016-012 Charles Codd/Shirley Blackburn

THAT Council agrees to join the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) for the 2016 year at a cost of \$168.00. -Carried

2016-013 Charles Codd/Cary Hager

THAT Kerry Stewart will attend the annual general meeting of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) to be held in the City of Timmins on Friday May 13th, 2016. -Carried

2016-014 Cary Hager/Shirley Blackburn

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Chamberlain has received a request for support from the Township of Madawaska Valley regarding doctor recruitment in rural Ontario;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the attached resolution and will forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, MPP John Vanthof, and the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Attached Resolution:

WHEREAS Ontario's growing and aging population is putting an increasing strain on our publicly-funded health care system;

AND WHEREAS since February 2015, the Ontario government has made an almost 7 per cent unilateral cut to physician services expenditures which cover all the care doctors provide to patients - including cuts to programs which are specifically designed to act as incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas;

AND WHEREAS the decisions Ontario makes today will impact patients' access to quality care in the years to come and these cuts will threaten access to the quality, patient-focused care Ontarians need and expect;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is experiencing a growing rural population as retirees move to the countryside;

AND WHEREAS many rural municipalities in Ontario have formed physician recruitment and retention committees and strategies to deal with the reality of physician retirements and shortages;

2016-014 (continued)

AND WHEREAS rural areas in Ontario are already at a distinct disadvantage in recruiting family physicians due to a number of factors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in an effort to retain and attract family physicians to our rural Ontario municipality, the Township of Madawaska Valley hereby requests that; the Minister of Health and Long Term Care reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario; and that the Minister return to the table with Ontario's doctors and work together through mediation-arbitration to reach a fair deal that protects the quality, patient-focused care Ontario's families deserve;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the County of Renfrew and all Renfrew County lower-tier municipalities, MPP John Yakabuski, Federal Minister of Health, Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, and municipalities in Ontario.

-Carried

2016-015 Shirley Blackburn/Charles Codd

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Chamberlain has received a request for support from the Township of Oro-Medonte concerning the Municipal Information and Privacy Act (MFIPPA);

AND WHEREAS this request is seeking a review and update of the fee provisions in MFIPPA and in Ontario Regulation 823, to ensure the costs are reflective of actual costs incurred in responding to requests;

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Chamberlain supports this request and agrees to forward a copy of this resolution to AMO (the Association of Municipalities of Ontario), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, and MPP John Vanthof for their support. -Carried

2016-016 Charles Codd/Cary Hager

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Chamberlain has received a request for support from the Council of The Municipality of Port Hope regarding the attached resolution which denies an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment application from a company wishing to locate a power generation facility utilizing the incineration of waste due to numerous concerns including associated health risks;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Municipality of Port Hope's opposition to incineration, and their request that AMO (the Association of Municipalities of Ontario) advise the Standing Committee on Social Policy (currently reviewing Bill 73) that the Township of Chamberlain does not support the AMO's position on supporting "Energy From Waste" facilities, but does support expanding options to improve on strategies to divert waste from landfills by reducing, reusing, and recycling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be forward to AMO.

2016-016 (continued)

Attached Resolution:

WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of Port Hope passed Resolution 95/2014 to deny an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment application from a company wishing to locate a power generation facility utilizing the incineration of waste due to numerous concerns including associated health risks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Port Hope requests that the Ontario Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Ontario Minister of Energy prohibit incineration and related means of waste disposal, including "Energy from Waste" facilities, as these facilities result in significant release of toxic substances and greenhouse gases, and thus their use is in conflict with the Province's goal of reducing greenhouse gases;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Port Hope submits to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Minister of Energy the attached document prepared by Dr. Stan R. Blecher, which addresses his review of the Environmental Screening Report process, his critique of this process, and his suggestions for improvements to this process to protect communities from harmful and dirty industries;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Port Hope request a meeting together with the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and the Minister of Energy to discuss issues surrounding our opposition to incineration facilities; to discuss the opposing positions being taken by these Ministries with respect to Energy From Waste facilities; to discuss the promotion of clean waste management practices with emphasis on recycling; and to discuss our interest in exploring the establishment in the Municipality of Port Hope, of a Centre of Excellence in Recycling, with focus on attracting recycling industries to the area, and establishing, in collaboration with neighbouring institutions, a Learning and Research Hub in Recycling Technologies;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be presented to Northumberland County Council to seek their support in opposing incineration and the banning of "Energy From Waste" facilities in the waste management strategies of Northumberland County;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be circulated to all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario for their support;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to inform them of the Municipality of Port Hope's opposition to incineration, and to request that the AMO advise the Standing Committee on Social Policy (currently reviewing Bill 73) that the Municipality of Port Hope does not support the AMO's position on supporting "Energy From Waste" facilities, but does support expanding options to improve on strategies to divert waste from landfills by reducing, reusing, and recycling.

-Carried

2016-017 Shirley Blackburn/Cary Hager

WHEREAS The Council for the Township of Chamberlain has received a request for support from West Nipissing regarding the re-classification of winter highway classes (as attached);

NOW THEREFORE Council supports this initiative and agrees to forward a copy of this resolution of support to the Minister of Transportation, to AMO (the Association of Municipalities of Ontario), to FONOM (the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities), and to MPP John Vanthof.

Attached Resolution:

WHEREAS *the Auditor General of Ontario released a review of winter highway maintenance in April 2015; wherein the Minister of Transportation was directed to develop and deliver an action plan to address the Auditor General's recommendations;*

AND WHEREAS *the Provincial Highways Management Division of the Ministry of Transportation released the **Winter Highway Maintenance Action Plan** in June 2015; wherein highway maintenance will be tailored to the individual highways based on their classification;*

AND WHEREAS *the Provincial Highways Management Division is responsible for maintaining and repairing the King's Highway under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act and they are also stewards of Ontario's provincial highway network, managing the engineering, construction, operations and maintenance activities performed for the network's upkeep and expansion;*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing urges the Ministry of Transportation to expedite its re-classification of all winter highway classes in Northern Ontario to ensure that each one receives the appropriate level of maintenance required during the winter months thus ensuring the safety and security of all northern travellers;*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT *a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Transportation, to Northern Ontario municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requesting their support in this important matter.* -Carried

2016-018 Charles Codd/Shirley Blackburn

WHEREAS Council has received a request for support from West Nipissing requesting that the Minister of Energy consider expanding accessibility to natural gas services in all of northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Council supports this initiative for expansion so that all residents and businesses have equal opportunity to a variety of sources for heating and the potential for savings over other heating alternatives;

2016-018 (continued)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Energy, to AMO (the Association of Municipalities of Ontario), to FONOM (the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities), and to MPP John Vanthof.

-Carried

2016-019 Shirley Blackburn/Charles Codd

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Chamberlain has received a request for support from West Nipissing regarding amendments to the Northern Health Travel Grant that includes amending the qualifying criteria to ALL roundtrips exceeding 100km in total distance travelled as opposed to the current 100km one-way criteria;

AND WHEREAS Council supports this initiative to provide that all northern residents travelling outside of their community for specialized health care services beyond the proposed 100km total distance become eligible to apply for the Northern Health Travel Grant;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, to AMO (the Association of Municipalities of Ontario), to FONOM (the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities), and to MPP John Vanthof, requesting their support of this initiative. -Carried

2016-020 Shirley Blackburn/Charles Codd

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2016-01, being a By-Law authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the council of the Township of Chamberlain in the amount of \$100,000, be read a first, second and third and final time and passed this 5th day of January 2016. -Carried

2016-021 Cary Hager/Charles Codd

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2016-02 being a By-Law to adopt an insurance package in the amount of \$27,452.00 plus applicable PST for the 2016 year be read a first, second and third and final time and passed this 5th day of January 2016. -Carried

2016-022 Charles Codd/Shirley Blackburn

THAT this meeting be adjourned until the next regular meeting February 2nd, 2016, or at the call of the Chair. -Carried

ADJOURNED: 10:15 p.m.

Correspondence:

North Eastern Ontario Public Works Organization Annual Spring Conference and Trade Show
FONOM Membership

Township of Madawaska Valley re: Doctor Recruitment in Rural Ontario

Port Hope re: Opposition to Incineration of Waste

Township of Oro-Medonte re: Municipal Freedom of Information and Privacy

City of Kingston re: Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians

West Nipissing re: Expansion of Natural Gas Services, Re-classification of Highway Classes, and Amendment to the Northern Health Travel Grant

Township of Hilliard re: DTSSAB freezing of non-union positions

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Correspondence (continued):

TransCanada-Energy East Updates

Bryan Searle, Municipal Affairs and Housing, 2014 Financial Indicator

Coleman Township re: Retirement of Claire Bigelow March 31st, 2016

Ministry of Energy re: Bill 135 Long-term Energy Planning/Funding for Municipal Energy Plans

AMO Communications re: Bill 151, Waste Free Ontario Act

AMO Report to Member Municipalities re: Highlights of November Board Meeting

Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs re: 2015 Rural Roadmap: The Path Forward for ON

Griffin Koerth re: Rail Crossings New Regulations

Christmas card from Chamber of Commerce with update on proceeds from basket auction

Reeve: _____

Clerk-Treasurer/CAO: _____