

THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH MEETING
November 10, 2009

A regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Council: Deputy Mayor Beauregard, Councillors Barry Brownlee,
Tammy Hart

Regrets: Mayor McGillis, Councillor Woods

Staff: Betty de Haan
Dan Pilon
Hilton Cryderman
Kandie Williams
Roger Desjardins
Loriann Harbers

Call to Order/Opening Remarks

The Lords Prayer was recited.

Confirmation of Agenda

Council was advised of the addition of a resolution with regards to the South Nation Conservation and the Fly Creek Drain.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Approval of Minutes

Resolution No. 336/2009 - Minutes

Moved by Councillor Brownlee, Seconded by Councillor Hart

Be it resolved that the minutes of October 5, 14 and 28, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

Committee/Departmental Reports

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

Sergeant Brian Eadie updated Council on the work of the OPP in the Township of South Stormont. A review of the types of investigations and activity that has taken place, including vandalism, break and enter, traffic violations and mischief was provided. Sergeant Eadie advised that Halloween activity was quiet and that a fatality occurred as a result of a traffic accident on Highway 138 in the Township of North Stormont.

Clarification was requested with regards to the requirement to stop when a policeman is stopped on the shoulder of the road when approaching from behind. It was suggested that the charge laid may be for a failure to yield.

Building and Development – Hilton Cryderman
- Reports received and filed.

Public Works Manager advised that a report and recommendation for the sale and purchase of road allowance (Wheeler) will be presented for Council's consideration at the next regular meeting.

The Manager of Building and Development explained the data sensitivity training that was taken with regards to Species at Risk.

Council was advised that a number of calls have been received with regards to drainage work that is taking place on the Bonville Drain, further, Council was asked to forward calls to the Drainage Superintendent for explanation.

Resolution No. 337/2009 – SNC Fly Creek Drain

Moved by Councillor Hart, Seconded by Councillor Brownlee

Whereas Council has removed an obstruction from the Fly Creek Municipal Drain, the effect of such removal being positive with regards to the perceived "Development" by South Nation Conservation (SNC);

And whereas the definition of "Development" under the *Conservation Authority Act, R. S. O. 1990 c. C.27*, can be interpreted to include any amount of disturbance of material within 15 metres of a river or a stream valley;

And whereas Council has received and accepted a recommendation from legal counsel to comply with the requirements of SNC and the "Development";

And whereas Council disagrees with the position taken by SNC and its selective enforcement tactics.

Now therefore be it resolved that Council hereby rescinds Resolution No. 267/2009 and therefore instructs the Township's legal counsel to pursue a resolution without a trial.

Furthermore, Council instructs the Drainage Superintendent to sign the necessary application as required to complete this perceived "Development".

Carried.

Fire Department - Roger Desjardins

- Reports received and filed.

Chief Desjardins proceeded to update Council on the work of the South Stormont Fire Department. Discussion included the postponement of the tanker shuttle accreditation program until the spring and a forthcoming as a result of the underwriters survey.

Chief Desjardins advised that the cost to complete a condition report for the St. Andrews Firehall has been quoted at \$5,900. It was suggested that the funds previously set aside for firehall renovations could be utilized to pay for this report. Discussion included the cost to have the report prepared and the need for a long term firehall plan that will include all four stations.

Council agreed to proceed having the report prepared and available for review and part of the 2010 budget deliberations.

Council was updated with information regarding potential professional dispatch services that may be available at a comparable cost.

Additional discussion included tender specifications for the Newington Water tanker truck, the successful Avonmore communications tower field testing and traffic control training.

Chief Desjardins reviewed the number and types of calls in the month of October.

Finance - Johanna Barkley
- Report received and filed.

Deputy Treasurer Kandie Williams provide an explanation with regards to the support request from the County of Perth.

Discussion included a new photocopier to be leased, generated interest and forthcoming drain maintenance invoicing. It is anticipated that the drain invoices will be mailed shortly.

Additional discussion included property tax arrears and the advisement of the registration process taking place for specific properties.

Council was provided an explanation of the recommendation presented in Finance Department Report No. F-18-2009.

Resolution No. 338/2009 – Support for County of Perth

Moved by Councillor Brownlee, Seconded by Councillor Hart

Be it resolved that Council supports the Corporation of the County of Perth with regards to concerns expressed relating to Residential and Farmland Property Taxes.

Carried.

Resolution No. 339/2009 – Finance Report No. F-18-2009

Moved by Councillor Brownlee, Seconded by Councillor Hart

Be it resolved that Council accepts and approves the recommendation presented in Finance Department Report No. F-18-2009 regarding the Release of Lots Held for Security – Arrowhead Development Company (Phase IV).

Carried.

Resolution No. 340/2009 - Accounts Approval

Moved by Councillor Hart, Seconded by Councillor Brownlee

Be it resolved that Council accepts the Accounts Approval Report dated November 6, 2009 totaling \$432,004.65.

Carried.

Public Works Operations - Dan Pilon

- Reports received and filed.

Discussion included the recycling and garbage collection statistics, possible avenues to increase the Township diversion rate and bale wrap recycling. Waste Diversion Ontario personnel advised that bale wrap recycling is not feasible at this time. WDO is working towards a plan for plastics in the future. Discussion included leaf and yard waste collection and the use of plastic bags versus compostable paper bags.

Council discussed the need to have the skate sharpening machine and the score board repaired. Mr. Pilon provided an overview of arena board advertising program.

Council reviewed the 2009 Farran Park statistics. In summary the total revenue was \$278,795.61; the 2009 budgeted amount was \$240,000. A comparison report with regards to previous years will be prepared.

Mr. Pilon provided an overview of the 2010 Pond Hockey Tournament and Winter Carnival plans. Discussion included the positive work of the committee and the possibility that the funds raised be put back into the Township's Recreation Department. Members also stated that charity is part of the marketing and promotion of the event.

Resolution No. 341/2009 – Pond Hockey 2010

Moved by Councillor Hart, Seconded by Councillor Brownlee

Be it resolved that Council accepts and approves the recommendation presented in Public Works Department Report No. PW-41-2009 regarding the 2010 South Stormont Pond Hockey Tournament and Winter Carnival.

Council.

Discussion included the proposed use of the removed garage doors. Council was advised that they may be used for the salt storage building and the remaining doors sold through an auction.

Resolution No. 342/2009 – Tender No. 21-2009

Moved by Councillor Brownlee, Seconded by Councillor Hart

Be it resolved that Council accepts and approves the recommendation presented in Public Works Department Report No. PW-42-2009 regarding Tender No. 21-2009, Supply and Install Seven (7) Garage Doors at the Public Works Garage.

Council.

Resolution No. 343/2009 – Fall Road Tour Minutes

Moved by Councillor Brownlee, Seconded by Councillor Hart

Be it resolved that Council adopt the minutes of the Fall Road Tour, held on October 30, 2009.

Council.

Mr. Pilon explained that the Road Management Plan currently addresses existing asphalt and surface treatment. Once these roads are up to standard, the Township can begin to surface treat gravel roads.

Discussion included the required upgrade to the Township grader that is required; the cost is approximately \$26,000 for a re-built transmission.

Council was provided an overview of the proposal to purchase the previously rented water tanker. It was explained that the remaining two payments can be made and the purchase take place in January. Council concurred with this recommendation.

Members discussed arrangements for the OGRA/ROMA conference in February, 2009 and the Township Christmas Dinner, scheduled for December 5, 2009.

Discussion included the installation of fibre optic cable from Winchester through to Alexandria and the work that is taking place along Hunters Road, etc. Additional details will be obtained.

Council was advised of the process to burn at the landfill site and what materials are permitted to be burned.

Administration - Betty de Haan
- Report received and filed.

Council was advised that the Enabling Accessibility Fund application for the Ingleside Library was not approved. CAO/Clerk de Haan discussed the application response with MP Guy Lauzon and expressed disappointment.

Council discussed the Parents Reaching Parents organization and the desire to invite them to attend a forthcoming Council meeting.

Discussion included the potential municipal election date change; additional details will be provided to Council.

Motions

The OPP / Municipal Office conceptual drawings were unveiled. Mrs. de Haan provided an overview of the building and future progress plans. The following press release was read:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH STORMONT (November 10, 2009) - South Stormont will soon have a new town hall, thanks to partnerships of the Federal and Provincial governments and the Ontario Provincial Police. A conceptual drawing for the construction project, currently underway, was unveiled at the November 10, 2009 Council meeting.

The new building site, including Ontario Provincial Police and Municipal facilities, will provide updated amenities including high speed connectivity, serve as the Township's Emergency Operations Centre in addition to incorporating a community hall where public meetings, social functions and community events can take place.

Mayor McGillis stated, "this concept drawing makes this exciting project seem real. We anticipate a late spring move and when completed, residents will see a first-rate modern facility that will be completely accessible. The 15,000 square foot Town Hall will provide easy central access and the necessary services for our taxpayers. This facility reflects a positive future for the Township of South Stormont."

Photos of the progress of the construction are posted on the Township's website on a regular basis. Please visit www.southstormont.ca and click on the construction logo to follow the development of the project.

By-Laws

Resolution No. 344/2009 - By-Laws

Moved by Councillor Brownlee, Seconded by Councillor Hart

Be it resolved that the following By-laws be read and passed in open Council, signed and sealed this 10th day of November, 2009:

- 2009-109 A By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council (October)
2009-110 A By-law to Enter into Agreements for Parking Lot Snow Removal

Carried.

New Business

Members discussed the construction of the new ambulance station in the east end of Cornwall and the displeasure regarding the lack of consultation that appears to have taken place prior to making this decision.

Additional discussion took place concerning the Emergency Medical Service and emergency response. Chief Desjardins explained the tiered response process and thereafter, Council re-iterated their strong support for simultaneous dispatch.

Closed Session - nil

Adjournment

Resolution No. 345/2009 - Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Hart, Seconded by Councillor Brownlee

Be it resolved that Council adjourn this regular meeting of Council at 9:07 p.m., and return to the call of the chair.

Carried.

Mayor



Clerk

