



Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 05:00 PM, in the Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Present Were: Mayor M. Coombs
Deputy Mayor S. Arthur
Councillor D. Clark
Councillor T. Gilligan
Councillor E. Van Egmond

Also Present: CAO/Deputy Clerk, C. Brooks
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, J. Oram
Treasurer, N. Leach-Bihun
Manager of Operations, J. Hoskin
Fire Chief, B. Northrup

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Coombs called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Resolution #17-08

Moved by Councillor Van Egmond Seconded by Councillor Gilligan

THAT the agenda be approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution #17-09

Moved by Councillor Van Egmond Seconded by Councillor Gilligan

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of December 20, 2016, be approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

ADOPTION OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolution #17-10

Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Deputy Mayor Arthur

THAT the following items from the proceedings of the Committee of Council meeting held on January 17, 2017 be received:

TREA-01-17, Borrowing By-law

TREA-02-17, Interim Tax Levy

TREA-03-17, Dedicated Gas Tax Funding Agreement

"CARRIED"

OUTSIDE RESOLUTIONS - REQUEST FOR ENDORSEMENT

Property Taxation on Railway Right-of-Way's, correspondence from Fort Frances, dated January 10, 2017

Resolution #17-11

Moved by Councillor Gilligan Seconded by Councillor Van Egmond

"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; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has continued to fall further and further behind in their approach to railroad property taxation over the past 112 plus years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Cramahe call upon the Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario to implement a new system of

municipal property taxation for rail road right-of-way properties based on utilizing a per ton-mile concept; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the new tax system when implemented, be reviewed on a regular basis, similar to the MPAC four-year assessment cycle; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to every Municipal Council within the Province of Ontario seeking their support, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance of Ontario, Ontario MPPs, Local MPs, RRDMA, NOMA, AMO and FONOM."

"CARRIED"

Bill 7, Promoting Affordable Housing Act, amendments to Residential Tenancies Act, correspondence from Township of Madawaska Valley

Resolution #17-12

Moved by Councillor Van Egmond Seconded by Deputy Mayor Arthur

THAT the correspondence regarding Bill 7, Promoting Affordable Housing Act, amendments to Residential Tenancies Act, from Township of Madawaska Valley, be received and filed.

"CARRIED"

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Month End Building Report, December 2016

Resolution #17-13

Moved by Councillor Gilligan Seconded by Deputy Mayor Arthur

THAT the Month End Building Report, December 2016, be received and filed.

"CARRIED"

MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Canada 150 Committee Meeting minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor Arthur Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Canada 150 Committee Meeting minutes dated February 18, 2016, March 3, 2016, April 14, 2016, May 12, 2016, July 26, 2016, August 17, 2016, September 7, 2016, September 28, 2016, November 30, 2016, December 15, 2016, be received and filed.

"CARRIED"

OTHER BUSINESS

Manager of Operations, Jeff Hoskin, advised Council that staff would be enforcing the overnight parking restrictions in the downtown area over the next while. Illegal parking on municipal roads is interfering with snow removal and while advertising has been done on the municipal website, newspaper block ad and information flyers placed on windshields, there are repeat offenders, with cars parked in the downtown, notably along Church and King Street. Jeff advised Council that there would be a "ticket blitz" for the illegal parking with a warning placed on the windshield that the car may be towed. If the car was towed, in addition to the set fine amount, it would be the owner's responsibility to pay impound fees that would include towing charges and storage before the vehicle could be retrieved.

BY-LAWS

By-law 2017-01, Interim Tax Levy

Resolution #17-15

Moved by Councillor Van Egmond Seconded by Deputy Mayor Arthur

THAT By-law 2017-01, Interim Tax Levy, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17th day of January, 2017.

"CARRIED"

By-law 2017-02, Dedicated Gas Tax Funding Agreement

Resolution #17-16

Moved by Councillor Van Egmond Seconded by Deputy Mayor Arthur

THAT By-law 2017-02, Dedicated Gas Tax Funding Agreement, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17th day of January, 2017.

"CARRIED"

By-law 2017-03, Borrowing By-law

Resolution #17-17

Moved by Councillor Van Egmond Seconded by Deputy Mayor Arthur

THAT By-law 2017-03, Borrowing By-law, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17th day of January, 2017.

"CARRIED"

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

By-law 2017-04, Confirmatory

Resolution #17-18

Moved by Councillor Gilligan Seconded by Deputy Mayor Arthur

THAT By-law 2017-04, Confirmatory By-law, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17th day of January, 2017.

"CARRIED"

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Resolution #17-19

Moved by Councillor Van Egmond Seconded by Councillor Gilligan

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

"CARRIED"

MAYOR, Marc Coombs

CLERK, Julie Oram