

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Highlands East held on  
January 9, 2007 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario.**

**Members Present:**

Reeve	Dave Burton	
Deputy Reeve	Jim Mackie	Ward 1
Councillor	Suzanne Partridge	Ward 2
Councillor	Donna Graham	Ward 3
Councillor	Gary Stoughton	Ward 4

**Staff Present:**

CAO/Treasurer, Sharon Stoughton-Craig  
Clerk, Irene S. Cook  
Roads Superintendent, Barry Dunford  
Environmental/Property Supervisor, Glen Covert  
Fire Chief, Don Middleton  
Chief Building Official, Marie Schutt

*The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m.*

*A quorum was present.*

**Attendance:**

Greg Hoestra	Haliburton Echo
Garnet Jones	
Roger Williams	
Helen DeDieu	
Len DeDieu	
Ann Eppich	
Al Eppich	
Arno Knop	
John Van Den Zahm	
Paul Hazen	
Carol Slighte	
Paul Slighte	

**Delegations**

Ian McNab  
Ross Woods

**Affiliation**

Kawartha Conservation  
The Rally of the Tall Pines

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

In accordance with the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended.

I, Donna Graham as Councillor of the Municipality of Highlands East hereby declare a Pecuniary Interest at a meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East, duly called at 9:00 a.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day January, 2007. I hereby declare a pecuniary interest in respect to Inv. #25 ditching/landfill dated November 27/06 for Graham's Haulage at the Council meeting held on January 9, 2007 Council Chamber in the Lloyd Watson Centre.

And that I hereby agree not take part in any discussion or vote on any question in respect to this matter and shall not attempt in any way whether before, during or after this meeting to influence the voting on any such question, and I may, depending on the nature of the interest, leave the meeting or that part of the meeting during which this matter is under consideration; and I further direct the Clerk to record this declaration of pecuniary interest in the minutes of this meeting or in the event this meeting was a meeting not open to the public, this declaration of pecuniary interest shall be recorded in the next meeting open to the public.

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**Temporary relocation of Council Meeting to the Lloyd Watson Centre.**

*Council deemed it expedient to move the location of the Council meeting to the Lloyd Watson Centre due to large public attendance.*

**Items added/changed to Agenda**

**2007-01**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following items be added/changed on the agenda

- **Recreation: Asphalt Plant:** letters from Al Eppich, Environment Haliburton, Dr. Gregory Rose (Mr. Eppich may wish to speak with council re: Asphalt Plant)
- **Recreation:** letter from Kathy Rogers re: proposed location of sound system at Arena –  
**Discussion**
- **Recreation:** Gooderham Community Action Group Agenda for January 10/07 and minutes of December 6, 2006 - **FYI**

Carried.

**Ian McNab**

**Kawartha Conservation**

Ian McNab from Kawartha Conservation provided Council with an overview of the Clean Water Act that is the thrust behind the implementation of an act to protect water at its source. The five Conservation Authorities have been given the task to develop source water protection plans. Municipalities have the option to develop on their own a watershed protection plan or delegate the task to the Conservation Authority.

**Ross Woods**

**The Rally of the Tall Pines**

Ross Woods from The Rally of the Tall Pines provided Council information regarding the condition of the section of road (spectator area) off Eels Lake Road in Highlands East. The Rally of the Tall Pines volunteers and the Boy Scouts were commissioned with the task of cleaning up the area that was used by the spectators. A letter was received by Council complaining that the road was not suitably cleaned up and Mr. Woods wanted to address that complaint. The Rally of the Tall Pines group checks the area prior to the event and they also returned that evening to commence clean-up and completed the task on Sunday morning. The area was left clean of debris. Ms. Suzanne Partridge stated that she would like to be contacted when they are cleaning up the area and she will meet with them and confirm that everything is satisfactory.

**Asphalt Plant**

**2007-02**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dennis Simmons be invited to attend council to discuss the asphalt plant and to obtain clarification as to whether a temporary or permanent plant is proposed. AND FURTHER THAT the County of Haliburton be asked to submit their comments.

Carried.

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**Approval of Accounts – December 2006**

**2007-03**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT General Accounts for 2006 in the amount of \$538,281.46 be approved.

Carried.

**Approval of Accounts – 2007**

**2007-04**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT General Accounts for 2007 in the amount of \$24,075.33 be approved.

Carried.

**Medical Care Practitioner Shortage**

**2007-05**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from the Township of Madawaska Valley requesting that the government of Ontario take immediate action both administratively and fiscally to resolve the medical care practitioner shortage in Ontario.

Carried.

**Appointment to Land Division Committee**

**2007-06**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be appointed to the Land Division Committee:

- Craig Pettit

Carried.

**Appointment to Committee of Adjustment**

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**2007-07**

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be appointed to the Committee of Adjustment:

- Helen McIntyre (Ward 2)
- Craig Pettit (Ward 3)
- Ken Noble (Ward 4)

AND FURTHER THAT the following fee structure apply:

- \$50.00 per meeting
- \$50.00 per site investigation
- Plus mileage (set from time to time by Council resolution)

AND FURTHER THAT these appointments be for the term of Council.

Carried.

**Public Information Officer**

**2007-08**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints the following Council member as the Public Information/Communication Officer for the Community Emergency Response Plan:

- Suzanne Partridge

Carried.

**Hwy. 28 & Tory Hill Firehall Open House**

**2007-09**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Fire Chief to arrange and hold an Open House at the Hwy. 28 and Tory Hill firehall to provide information to potential volunteers and to recruit qualified volunteers. Council will be present during both Open Houses.

Carried.

**Closed Session of Council**

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**2007-10**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council moves into a Committee of a Whole in order to discuss a matter pertaining to:

- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

Carried.

**Arise from Closed Session**

**2007-11**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council arise from the closed session.

Carried.

**Removal of emergency lights, siren**

**2007-12**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fire Chief is to remove the emergency lights, siren, forward flashing lights from his vehicle and return them to the municipality.

Carried.

**Bancroft and Minden CPAC**

**2007-13**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following council member be appointed to the Bancroft CPAC:

- Jim Mackie

and the following council member be appointed to the Minden CPAC:

- Jim Mackie

Dave Burton to be alternate.

Carried.

**Municipal Dog Pound Committee**

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**2007-14**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be appointed to the Municipal Dog Pound Committee:

- Suzanne Partridge

Carried.

**Pound Keeper, Fence Viewer, Weed & Trench Inspector**

**2007-14A**

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Marie Schutt be appointed Pound Keeper, Fence Viewer, Weed and Trench Inspector and Stock Evaluator and that Bob Young and Grant McCrea be appointed Fence Viewer and Pound Keepers.

AND FURTHER THAT resolution no. 2005-461 be rescinded.

Carried.

**Renaming of Monmouth Rail Trail**

**2007-15**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the road name change of Monmouth Rail Trail to the IB & O Rail Trail and authorizes the Clerk to forward the necessary paperwork to the County of Haliburton to commence the process. AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the payment of \$1,200 to the County of Haliburton as required by their by-law.

Carried.

**Crowe Valley Conservation Appointment**

**2007-16**

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following council member be appointed to the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority:

- Suzanne Partridge

Carried.

**Location of Sound System at Arena**

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**2007-17**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Environmental/Property Supervisor and CBO to contact Kathy Rogers (Wilberforce Recreation) to discuss the location of the sound system at the arena and report back to council.

Carried.

**Algonquin Gateway Tourist & Business Association**

**2007-18**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be appointed to the Algonquin Gateway Tourist and Business Association as Council representative:

- Gary Stoughton

Carried.

**Cardiff Community Association**

**2007-19**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following persons be appointed to the Cardiff Community Association:

Steve Kauffeldt

Darlene Dale

Heather Kauffeldt

Connie Thompson

Jennifer Reus

Rose Boyle

Marielaine Mackie

Jim Mackie                    ad hoc council liaison

Carried.

**Ward 1 Recreation Committee**

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**2007-20**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ward 1 Recreation Committee for 2007 consist of the following members:

Darlene Thomas

Noreen Howe

Kathy Gray

Jim Mackie                    ad hoc liaison for Council

Carried.

**Highland Grove Recreation Committee**

**2007-21**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Highland Grove Committee for 2007 consist of the following members:

- Joanne Burroughs
- Brenda Bowen
- Shirley Finlay
- David Hayes
- Elaine Hayes
- Jody McGurren
- Suzanne Partridge                    ad hoc liaison for council

Carried.

**Gooderham Community Action Group**

**2007-22**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gooderham Community Action Group for 2007 consist of the following members:

- Barb Bader
- Marilyn Wooder
- Elva Bates
- Donna Paul
- Peggy Parnell
- Donna Graham                    ad hoc liaison for Council

Carried.

**Wilberforce Figure Skating Club**

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**2007-23**

Moved by: Jim Mackie

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Wilberforce Figure Skating Club be appointed as Committee of Council and that the following persons be appointed to the Wilberforce Figure Skating Club:

- Jodi Rupnow
- Barb Davies
- Lynn Waugh
- Gary Stoughton                      ad hoc liaison for Council

Carried.

**Wilberforce Curling Club**

**2007-24**

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following persons be appointed to the Wilberforce Curling Club:

- Douglas Stephen
- Cathy Garland
- Melanie Lewis
- Harold Bebbington
- Jim Donovan
- Joe Martinek
- Tammy Vaughan
- ad hoc liaison for Council – Gary Stoughton

Carried.

**Essonville Church Committee**

**2007-25**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council appoints the following to the Essonville Church Committee:

Bob McCrea	Joanne Coumbs
Ronald Dack	Paul Way
Ruby Way	Leslie Finlay
Elois Somerville	Ken Jones
Cheryl Riley	Kelly Walsh
Ken Noble	Roger Walsh
Gary Stoughton	ad hoc liaison for Council

Carried.

- **Department Reports were submitted, reviewed and filed for future reference.**

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**Ward Councillor Report**

Highlights:

- Ward 1: Jim Mackie reported that there is still no ice at the outdoor rink as there still is no snow and weather is still relatively mild. There have been a few complaints regarding barking dogs, and parking issue on streets that is being looked after by the CBO. Mr. Mackie commented that he was pleased that the roads are being plowed early in the morning.
- Ward 2: Suzanne Partridge requested that consideration be given to having four tax installments instead of the three that we presently have. The Crowe Valley passed in principle their 2007 budget with a 5% increase in levy.
- Ward 3: Donna Graham reported that lumber has been donated to build a rink under the pavilion but no work has been done as of yet. There will be a Youth Group dance on March 8<sup>th</sup> for ages 11 – 17.
- Ward 4: Gary Stoughton reported that he has received complaints about the arena not being open for figure skating over the Christmas holidays. He has received no complaints regarding the roads.

**Adjourn Committee of Council  
2007-26**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee of Council meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

**Meeting Declared Open  
2007-27**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council meeting be declared open.

Carried.

**Approval of Minutes  
2007-28**

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Highlands East approve the minutes of December 12, 2006, December 18, 2006 and December 29, 2006 council meetings.

Carried.

**Committee of Council Resolutions  
2007-29**

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Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the resolutions from the Committee of Council of a Whole meeting of Tuesday, January 9, 2007 be adopted.

Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Deputy Reeve, Jim Mackie discussed the re-organization of the work spaces/de-amalgamation of the municipal office. Councillor Mackie suggested that the Chief Building Official be relocated to the Gooderham Office and the Fire Chief relocated to the Ward 1 Office. He also suggested that the Highway 28 firehall be used as a communal training facility for the Fire Department. Mr. Mackie requested that demographics of the area showing location of firehalls to households be made available to Council to assist in their decision making process. Mr. Mackie suggested that fire equipment be relocated to those halls that have the most need. Councillor Suzanne Partridge commented that public input should be sought prior to any decisions that are made by Council in this regard.*

**Confirm Proceeding of Meeting  
2007-30**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2007-01 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council at its regular meeting of January 9, 2007, be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Carried.

**Adjournment  
2007-31**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at **4:25 p.m.**

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Reeve, Dave Burton

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Clerk, Irene S. Cook