

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Highlands East held on
April 8, 2008 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario.**

Members Present:

Reeve, Dave Burton
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
Environmental/Property Supervisor, Glen Covert
Roads Superintendent, Barry Dunford
Bill Wingrove, Fire Chief

*Regrets: Deputy Reeve, Jim Mackie
Donna Graham, Ward 3 Councillor arrived late.*

Attendance:

Greg Hoestra Haliburton Echo
Liz Danielsen The County Voice
Valerie Hunnius
Gerry Hunnius
Nicole Tyter
Adele Barnes
Robin Simpson
Christina Atvill
Roger Young
Doug Stevens

Delegations

Affiliation

Samantha Brown and Terry Rees, Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association re: Lake Planning Program

Adele Barnes, and Jill Stevens, Loop Troupe – Lloyd Watson Centre – Committee of Council request

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF.

- The Reeve called the meeting to order.
- The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m.
- A quorum was present.
- He reminded Council of the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest as noted on the agenda.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof:

Reeve Dave Burton declared a pecuniary interest in cheque #5599 in the amount of \$180.00.

Open Meeting

2008-160

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee of Council meeting be declared open.

Carried.

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Items added/changed to Agenda

2008-161

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

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

- **Delegation:** Remove 9:00 a.m. Heather Kauffeldt re: Cardiff Multi-Use Arts & Recreation Facility Feasibility Study Proposal
- **Administration:** AMO Alert re: Municipal Infrastructure Funding – Building Canada Fund - **resolution**
- **Environment:** LAS Communication re: new conservation programs – **Discussion**

Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

Samantha Brown and Terry Rees, Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association

Samantha Brown and Terry Rees addressed Council regarding Haliburton Highlands Stewardship - Pilot Project for Lake Planning Program. Through a grant from the Trillium Foundation the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association and the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council is working towards the development of tools and resources that lake associations can access to assist them in the development of their lake plans. They are seeking representatives from across the County of Haliburton to participate in the Pilot Group, with municipal representation. They will be holding a stakeholders meeting on April 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery. Council thanked them for their presentation. Suzanne Partridge agreed to sit in on the Pilot Group as the municipal representative.

Adele Barnes and Jill Stevens, Loop Troupe

Adele Barnes and Jill Stevens addressed Council regarding the possibility of the Loop Troupe becoming a Committee of Council. Council explained to Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Stevens the benefits of becoming a Committee of Council (covered by the Municipal Insurance Policy for liability) and what would be required from them should they decide to become a Committee of Council (annual financial statements and a list of fundraising activities).

Approval of Accounts

2008-162

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT General Accounts in the amount of \$1,185,216.38 be approved.

Carried.

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Building Canada Fund

2008-163

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

Whereas the Federal Government announced its intention to negotiate the Building Canada Framework Agreement with the Government of Ontario;

And Whereas the Building Canada Framework Agreement has funding components for municipalities of all sizes with \$3.1 billion earmarked for Ontario's municipal government;

And Whereas the federal government has signed six (6) of 13 framework agreements with Canada's other provincial and territorial governments;

And Whereas Canada and Ontario have been holding discussions on the Building Canada Framework Agreement since late last year;

Therefore be it resolved that the Governments of Canada and Ontario make a commitment to renewed, dedicated negotiations that will see a Building Canada Framework Agreement signed expeditiously so that Ontario's municipal governments can benefit from additional investment opportunities that a collaborative Canada-Ontario contribution agreement can bring to their significant infrastructure needs.

Carried.

Reimbursement for generator

2008-164

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the reimbursement of \$325.00 to Marlene Lacey for Generator bought from the Highland Grove Fire Station.

Carried.

Summer Student Position

2008-165

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Melissa Bryan be hired for a temporary clerical position for the summer months.

Carried.

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Council meetings – July and August

2008-166

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular council meetings for the months of July and August, 2008 will be held as follows:

- July 8, 2008
- August 12, 2008

Carried.

Surplus Lands – shoreline road allowance

2008-167

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following application for the Closure and Conveyance of Shoreline Road Allowances be declared surplus lands by Council and that the application be approved in principle and be forwarded to Bishop and Rogers for processing:

- RANDALL, Peter, Conc. 5 Pt. Lot 12, geographic Township of Glamorgan (Contau Lake) 901-60100
- Ross, Evelyn; Conc. 15, Part of Lots 9 to 11, geographic Township of Glamorgan (Koslong Lake) Roll #901-19900

Carried.

Consent Application H-014/08 Ross & Ruth Casey

2008-168

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the conveyance of part of lots 20, Concession 10 in the geographic Township of Monmouth by Ross and Ruth Casey be approved.

Conditions to be imposed:

- Municipality of Highlands East Administration fee of \$100.00 per lot;
- Subject to approval of final survey by the Chief Administrative Officer;
- Subject to amendment of Zoning By-law on severed/retained parcel to recognize access to property is via a private maintained road and to recognize lot and frontage size.

Carried.

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Fire Department Appointment

2008-169

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints the following to the Volunteer Fire Department:

- Cecil Ryall - Station 3
- Shannon Deterling - Station 4
- Ainsley Dickinson - Station 1
- Aliceson Dooley - Station 5

Carried.

The Reeve was informed that Malcolm (Mac) McGillivray, long-time resident and respected citizen and politician of the former geographic Township of Cardiff passed away earlier today at his home.

A moment of silence was taken to honour the memory Mac McGillivray, former Reeve of the geographic Township of Cardiff and former Warden of the County of Haliburton.

Calcium Chloride Tender

2008-170

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Highlands East accepts the tender for the supply and application of calcium chloride from Ken Morris Chemicals in the amount of \$0.2095/litre.

Carried.

Screening of winter sand tender

2008-171

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Highlands East accepts the tender for the screening of winter sand from Jim Weir in the amount of \$1.88 per tonne.

Carried.

Crushing and stockpile gravel tender

2008-172

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Highlands East accepts the tender for the crushing and stockpile gravel from Jim Weir in the amount of \$2.46 per tonne.

Carried.

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Infrastructure funding for bridges and roads

2008-173

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Highlands East declares that the \$654,368 allocated to the Municipality of Highlands East by the province will be used for municipal road and bridge capital investment needs; and that a final summary report detailing expenditures, use of provincial funding, and outcomes achieved shall be submitted to the ministry and the ministry may request an independent audit of the project; and that any funds intended for the project that are not used in accordance with rehabilitation of municipal road and bridge capital investment needs or the terms outlined above will be returned to the ministry.

Carried.

Houston Road Tender Proposal

2008-174

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the Houston Road tender proposal from G. D. Jewell Engineering Inc. dated April 4, 2008.

Carried.

Donroy Culvert Replacement Proposal

2008-175

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the Donroy Road Culvert Replacement Proposal from G. D. Jewell Engineering Inc. dated April 4, 2008.

Carried.

MTO – Hwy. 118 project

2008-176

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the proposed work on Hwy. 118 as part of the MTO contract for the paving of five sideroads to the end of the radii in the amount of \$10,367.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

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COMRIF

2008-177

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Highlands East supports the resolution of the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh petitioning the Ontario Government and Government of Canada to enter into an agreement for the purpose of delivering Ontario's share of the \$64 million Municipal Rural Infrastructure Program (MRIF) "top-up" funds announced in February 2007 and committing the Ontario Government to contribute matching funds of \$64 million as agreed to under the November 15, 2004, Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF) Agreement; And that allocation of funding to Ontario Municipalities be determined in the same equitable manner as COMRIF Intakes One, Two and Three and in accordance with the guidelines and procedures established by the Management Committee appointed to administer and manage the COMRIF Agreement, in a timely manner, and to reflect the joint nature of the COMRIF;

Carried.

Letter from Wolfgang Pfuhl received by Council and filed.

County wide tender for scrap metal

2008-178

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOVLED THAT Council for the Municipality of Highlands East supports the proposal from the County Waste Management Group to have a county wide tender for scrap metal services.

Carried.

Recreation & Parks Infrastructure

2008-179

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recognizes how our community could benefit from improved recreation and parks infrastructure and that Council requests that the Minister of Finance allocate annual funding to municipalities for recreation and parks infrastructure.

Carried.

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LAS – free energy audit

2008-180

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes an application to LAS for a free energy audit for the Arena and that the Committee for the Municipality of Highlands East be comprised of:

- Reeve
- CAO/Treasurer
- Environmental/Property Supervisor

Carried.

Moratorium on Mining Exploration

2008-181

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

WHEREAS the staking of claims under the Mining Act, and exploration of uranium is already in progress within this municipality as well as other municipalities in this part of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS this exploration and development activity proceeds without any authorization from a municipality, conservation authority or having to undergo an environmental review and, indeed, may be inconsistent with the aims of a municipality's Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS it is believed that open pit uranium mining and associated milling operations may cause degradation of our recreational environment as well as danger to health and financial risks to persons and property through the introduction of recognized toxins into our watersheds, air and land;

AND WHEREAS the context of growth and development in our community has evolved over the years from one of basic resource production to an economy more broadly rooted in tourism and recreational pursuits, concomitant with the booming popularity of cottaging on our numerous lakes, such that Highlands East now envisions itself as a four-season recreational playground;

AND WHEREAS many small and medium-sized local businesses and commercial operations such as grocery stores, marinas, motels, restaurants, lumber yards, hardware stores, artisans and retail shops depend greatly upon the seasonal influx of cottagers and tourists for a very significant portion of their annual sales and the related employment this provides;

AND WHEREAS it is felt that uranium mining, whether open pit or otherwise, is inconsistent with the environmental and recreational reasons that cottagers locate here and tourists visit, and may lead to a negative impact upon land values and commercial enterprise, with a potential net loss of jobs;

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AND WHEREAS municipal tax revenues from recreational waterfront properties alone make up the largest portion of all tax revenues received in Highlands East, any negative impact upon property values or assessments would result in a diminution of revenues, necessitating a curtailment of services offered to all residents;

AND WHEREAS the Municipalities and Townships of Kingston, Frontenac, Perth, Carleton Place, Lanark Highlands, Lanark County, North Frontenac, Central Frontenac, South Frontenac, Tay Valley, Beckwith and the City of Ottawa have, for reasons of similar concern, all passed resolutions calling on the Province of Ontario to place a moratorium on all mining and exploration in Eastern Ontario, to make changes to the Mining Act and to begin settlement plans for all related native land claims;

AND WHEREAS concerned local citizens groups have begun organizing petitions and letters of objection from residents opposed to uranium exploration and mining in Highlands East;

AND WHEREAS these concerned local citizens groups have asked the Municipality of Highlands East to support and assist in protecting the local environment, recreational tourism, health, the furtherance of our local economy and overall well-being of residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Highlands East

1. Petition the Province of Ontario and Premier Dalton McGuinty to initiate an immediate moratorium on uranium mineral prospecting, exploration, mining or other processing in Highlands East and its watershed areas until such time as all environmental and health issues related to uranium mining are resolved;
2. Request the Province of Ontario and Premier Dalton McGuinty to give favourable consideration to those similar petitions submitted by other municipalities in Ontario;
3. Petition the Province of Ontario to undertake an immediate, comprehensive, public review of the Mining Act, 1990, with a view to curtailing the present system whereby the sub-surface rights of mineral claims dominate the surface rights of private landowners and, in particular, the situation in which 'open pit' mining is permitted to literally destroy the pre-existing surface such that the original 'surface' no longer exists.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, Ontario, to Barry Devolin, MP, and to Laurie Scott, MPP, and the County of Haliburton, seeking their support.

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Gooderham Post Office

2008-182

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the increase of cheque amounts at the Post Office to \$200.00 – for postage only.

Carried.

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

Ward Councillor Report

Highlights:

Ward 1: No report from Jim Mackie – absent from meeting.

Ward 2: Suzanne Partridge reported that the Conservation Authorities are monitoring the water levels/flood conditions 24/7 and she commends them for all their efforts.

Ward 3: Donna Graham reported that the Easter Party that was held had an attendance of 50 adults and 40 children. Brunch, an Easter egg hunt, and pictures taken with the Easter Bunny were among the activities of the day. Mrs. Mabel Winder was presented her certificate from Council by Donna. \$450.00 was donated by the Gooderham Community Action Group towards the trophy shelf.

Ward 4: Gary Stoughton reported that he has had no problems reported to him other than ice on the roads and the water level at the school.

REEVE: Reeve Burton had nothing to report from the County. The Source Water Protection Committee meeting with municipalities took place in Lindsay and went very well. He will bring back to Council a copy of the minutes from that meeting as soon as he receives them.

Adjourn Committee of Council

2008-183

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

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

Carried.

Meeting Declared Open

2008-184

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be declared open.

Carried.

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Adopt Agenda for Council meeting

2008-185

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Council meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

Approval of Minutes

2008-186

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Highlands East approves the minutes of March 11, 2008 and March 25, 2008 council meetings.

Carried.

Approve Resolutions

2008-187

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the resolutions from the Committee of Council of a Whole meeting of Tuesday, April 8, 2008 be adopted.

Carried.

By-laws

2008-188

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-laws Nos:

2008-22 Being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates for 2008 and to adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year

2008-25 Being a Shoreline Road Allowance for lands in front of Part Lot 7, Conc 4 geographic Township of Cardiff (Eels Lake) Applicant: Beveridge, Brian

2008-26 Being a by-law to amend zoning by-law 2005-29 with respect to lands located in Part of Lot 33, Conc. 13, geographic Township of Glamorgan Roll No. 4601 902 000 88800 0000 (Applicant: Robert Crittenden)

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- 2008-27 Being a by-law to deem part of a registered plan not to be registered, Lot 5 on Registered Plan 502, Part Lot 4, Conc. 1, geographic Township of Cardiff – Sharon Kravis Roll No. 4601 101 000 03500 0000)
- 2008-28 Being a by-law to amend zoning by-law 2005-29 with respect to lands located in Part of Lot 4, Conc. 2, geographic Township of Cardiff Roll No. 4601 101 000 03500 0000 & 4601 101 03600 0000 Applicant: Sharon Kravis

be read a first, second and third time, passed and signed and the Corporate Seal attached.

Carried.

Confirm Proceeding of Meeting

2008-189

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2008-29 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council at its regular meeting of April 8, 2008, be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Carried.

Adjournment

2008-190

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Reeve, Dave Burton

Clerk, Irene S. Cook