

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Highlands East held on  
November 10, 2008 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  
Fire Chief, Bill Wingrove

**Attendance:**

Jenn Watt                               Haliburton Echo  
Liz Danielsen                         The County Voice  
D. A. Wert  
Vanessa Devouge  
Karin Hayes  
Tim Goodale  
John Ewart                             Howell, Fleming Law Firm  
Kourtney O'Dwyer                   Howell, Fleming Law Firm

**Delegations**

Angela Van Berlo  
Carol Browne  
Sue Shikaze  
Barry Freeburn  
Roberta Walsh  
Lorne Devouge

**Affiliation**

Health Unit and Family Health Team  
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Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition  
Staff Sargeant, Bancroft OPP  
Dark Lake Road  
Dark Lake Road

**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 pecuniary interest in cheque #6770, Jane Underwood in the amount of \$1,610.13.

**Open Meeting**

**2008-470**

Moved by: Donna Graham  
Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

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

Carried.

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**Items added/changed to Agenda**

**2008-471**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Donna Graham

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

**Administration:** Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce re: 2009 Destination Guide

**Recreation:** Jennifer Horner and Jason Boylan re: request – basketball court/tennis court Gooderham Community Centre Park

Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**Angela Van Berlo and Carol Browne, Health Unit and Family Health Team**

Angelo Van Berlo and Carol Browne made a presentation to Council regarding the new program called “Falls Prevention” available in the County of Haliburton. 80% of hospital related injuries are falls – falls are predictable and preventable. This program assesses the person’s overall health, lifestyle and living environment and provides guidance to prevent falls, and promotes healthy active communities.

**Sue Shikaze, Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit**

Sue Shikaze made a presentation to Council regarding the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition and the recently completed Cycling Master Plan. The plan represents a year’s worth of effort from the Coalition and creates a picture of what the community thinks about cycling, strengths, assets, and short and long-term recommendations and strategies for including cycling in future planning by municipalities. Ms. Shikaze requested Council adopt the Master Plan as a resource and refer the Master Plan to staff for implementation. The Master Plan can be used as a leverage for future funding and to build a healthy active community.

**Barry Freeburn, Staff Sargeant, Bancroft OPP**

Staff Sargeant Barry Freeburn provided Council with an update on criminal activities in the local area. There has been a decrease in cottage break-ins and overall it was a good summer. They now have seven new recruits that are living in the community. The OPP have been more proactive; Ride Patrol, Cottage Patrol and increasing the manpower at the OPP.

**Roberta Walsh and Lorne Devouge**

Roberta Walsh and Lorne Devouge made a presentation to Council regarding Council’s decision to re-open the section of Dark Lake Road that was previously closed to vehicular traffic. They questioned Council’s reason for re-opening of the road and expressed a number of concerns such as potential environmental impact and financial impact should the road be re-opened. They requested Council to reconsider their decision to re-open Dark Lake Road.

*Council sought the advice of the municipal solicitor, John Ewart, Howell Fleming Law Firm as to whether or not an Environmental Assessment would be required before re-opening the road. As this road is still part of the municipal road system and was stopped up, and closed only to vehicular traffic there is no requirement for an Environmental Assessment*

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**Approval of Accounts**

**2008-472**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT General Accounts in the amount of \$562,106.41 be approved.

Carried.

**2009 Bancroft Destination Guide**

**2008-473**

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes advert in the 2009 Bancroft Destination Guide in the amount of \$1,323.00.

Carried.

**Cardiff Pathways**

**2008-474**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does not accept offer to purchase municipal lands, located between Lot 5, Inst. 172675 and Lot 4, Inst. 254543, Conc. 11 registered Plan 368-A, geographic Township of Bicroft (pathway) from Roger and Carrol Williams.

Carried.

**Le Shack Hunt Club**

**2008-475**

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Highlands East grants permission to the Le Shack Hunt Club to run a water line over the 66' shoreline road allowance owned by the Municipality for the purpose of obtaining water from Hudson Lake.

AND FURTHER THAT the permission is granted only to the Le Shack Hunt Club and is non-transferable. Permission is subject to valid and current Land Use Permit issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources to the Le Shack Hunt Club and Highlands East unopened road allowance agreement.

Carried.

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**January 2009 Council meeting**

**2008-476**

Moved by: Jim Mackie

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the January 13, 2009 council meeting be held on Monday, January 12, 2009.

Carried.

**Volunteer Fire Appointment**

**2008-477**

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Shawn Deterling be appointed as volunteer firefighter to Station 4 & 5.

Carried.

**Volunteer Fire Appointment - Removal**

**2008-478**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Iner Musclow, Station 2 and Carmen Coumbs, Station 5 be removed from the volunteer fire department.

Carried.

**County of Haliburton – request for dog pound**

**2008-479**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Haliburton look at providing a dog and cat pound for the County – lower tier municipalities.

Carried.

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**Canine Control Officer**

**2008-480**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Highlands East does hereby support exploring the idea of the Municipal Dog Pound Board hiring a Canine Control Officer (whom would be used by all member municipalities of the Municipal Dog Pound Board) for providing the services of Canine Control. Being it understood that the Canine Control Officer would be an employee of the Municipal Dog Pound Board and would be paid an hourly rate and mileage as determined by the Board, and

- a) Invoicing for the services would be done on a monthly basis from information obtained from the Canine Control Officer (i.e. hours and mileage spent providing the services in each municipality);

or

- b) Include the cost of the service in the annual requisition that is currently being paid by each member municipality.

Carried.

**Town of East Gwillimbury re: road and bridges**

**2008-481**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Highlands East supports the resolution of the Town of East Gwillimbury's request to the Provincial and Federal Governments provide more funding that is both predictable and sustainable to municipalities to support aging municipal roads and bridges.

Carried.

**Tender for insulated shed**

**2008-482**

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council for the Municipality of Highlands East accepts the tender from Robert Donovan for purchase of the 12' x 20' insulated shed for the amount of \$210.00.

Carried.

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**Community Social Service Workers Appreciation Day  
2008-483**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge  
Seconded by: Jim Mackie

Whereas community social service workers are vital to the quality of life within all Canadian communities;

Whereas greater recognition and understanding of the critical role these workers play in our communities are needed to ensure the continued availability and improvement of services; and

Whereas awareness and support to these services begin at the local level;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proclaims November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as Community Social Service Workers Appreciation Day.

Carried.

**Gooderham Committee for Kids - Christmas Party  
2008-484**

Moved by: Donna Graham  
Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Highlands East donates \$100.00 to the Gooderham Committee for Kids 2008 Family Christmas Party.

Carried.

**Gooderham Ice Rink  
2008-485**

Moved by: Donna Graham  
Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council grants permission to the Gooderham Community Action Group to use the basketball/tennis courts in Gooderham as an Ice Rink and further that the Environmental Property Supervisor review area and address any safety concerns.

Carried.

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

**Ward Councillor Report**

Highlights:

Ward 1: Jim Mackie mentioned that things were looking pretty good and that they were working on the rink.

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- Ward 2: Suzanne Partridge reported that it was pretty quiet other than calls regarding the re-opening of Dark Lake Road. The Highland Grove Heritage Group is making good progress on the building.
- Ward 3: Donna Graham reported that the Halloween Party held in October had a total of 28 children and parents in attendance. There will be a Christmas Dinner on December 6<sup>th</sup> and on December 7<sup>th</sup> a Christmas Party for the children. The Walking Trail is still in the works. Ball hockey has started and takes place on Fridays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. They have 16 children registered with a registration fee of \$20.00 for t-shirts, and refreshments.
- Ward 4: Gary Stoughton reported that he has not heard anything more about cats except reports of cats around the Grace River Road. There will be a Christmas Party in Wilberforce on December 7<sup>th</sup> and a Santa Claus Parade.

**Adjourn Committee of Council**

**2008-486**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

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

Carried.

**Meeting Declared Open**

**2008-487**

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

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

Carried.

**Adopt Agenda for Council meeting**

**2008-488**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

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

Carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

**2008-489**

Moved by: Jim Mackie

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Highlands East approves the minutes of October 14, 2008 and October 28, 2008 council meetings.

Carried.

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**Approve Resolutions**

**2008-490**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the resolutions from the Committee of Council of a Whole meeting of Monday, November 10, 2008 be adopted.

Carried.

**By-laws**

**2008-491**

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-laws Nos:

2008-68 Being a by-law to prohibit the unauthorized disposal of waste and regulate waste disposition at authorized sites within the Municipality of Highlands East.

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

Carried.

**Closed Session**

**2008-492**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

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**

**2008-493**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council arise from the closed session to report.

Carried.

**ARISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**No report.**

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**Confirm Proceeding of Meeting  
2008-494**

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Jim Mackie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2008-69 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council at its regular meeting of November 10, 2008, be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Carried.

**Adjournment  
2008-495**

Moved by: Jim Mackie

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

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Reeve, Dave Burton

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Clerk, Irene S. Cook