

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Highlands East held on
October 13, 2009 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 Cook
Roads Superintendent, Earl Covert
Fire Chief, Bill Wingrove
Chief Building Official, Randy Dunsmore
Administrative Assistant, Brittany Ellis

Regrets: Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie

Attendance:

Jenn Watt Haliburton Echo
Liz Danielsen The County Voice
Paul Hazen
Basil Cox
Barry Dickinson

Delegations

Susan Bennett and Ralph Herzog

Affiliation

Animal Control Agreement/Facility

Special Delegations

Robert Fisher and Veronica Hazlewood

Affiliation

Collins Barrow Kawartha, LLP

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:

None declared.

Open Meeting

2009-320

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

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

Carried.

Approve Agenda

2009-321

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

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

Carried.

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DELEGATIONS:

Susan Bennett and Ralph Herzog made a presentation to Council regarding a proposal for a “not-for-profit” Animal Shelter for both cats and dogs. This shelter would be in a central location in order to provide services to the whole County of Haliburton. They would pick up and shelter cats and dogs, trap and catch cats and dogs running at large, provide euthanasia and cremation services in accordance with provincial and SPCA guidelines. Emergency animal care would be provided by the local veterinary clinics in the County.

Cardiff Pathways Tender

2009-322

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender for Cardiff pathways – as per original application less the walking trail behind Sprucedale be approved and advertised.

Carried.

Closed Session

2009-323

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS COUNCIL moves into Closed Session in order to discuss a matter pertaining to:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal local board employees – contract Fire Chief;
- labour relations or employee negotiations - Lead Hand Position.

Carried.

Arise from Closed Session

2009-324

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

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

Carried.

ARISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

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Lead Hand Position – roads department

2009-325

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Eric Barnes be hired as Lead Hand for Roads Department.

Carried.

Fire Chief

2009-326

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bill Wingrove be hired as full-time Fire Chief (same terms as previous contract).

Carried.

Volunteer firefighter appointments

2009-327

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints as follows:

- Dennis Mackey Captain – Station #1
- Jeff Gizuk Captain – Station #6
- Debra Murphy Firefighter – Station #3
- Cheryl Haywood Firefighter – Station #3

Carried.

Fire Master Plan

2009-328

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Fire Master Plan prepared by Peter Corfield and Associates.

Carried.

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Approval of Accounts

2009-329

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT General Accounts in the amount of \$1,277,900.35 be approved.

Carried.

Cardiff Catholic School

2009-330

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cardiff Catholic Church be required to redirect basement water drainage from the municipal sewer system by September 30, 2010.

Carried.

Request to purchase road allowance

2009-331

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council denies the request to purchase the road allowance from John Kozak and Sandra Hodkin.

Carried.

Smart Moratorium on disputed school closures

2009-332

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Donna Graham

WHEREAS communities across Ontario are concerned with the Accommodation Review Committee process and the impact this flawed process has on the socio-economic fabric of our municipalities;
AND WHEREAS many schools are the hubs of their communities, a better accommodation review system is needed to address the educational facility needs of our residents;

AND WHEREAS a system to address the educational facility needs in Ontario must ensure that school boards and municipal councils partner on decisions regarding education infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS greater accountability for school board decisions is needed;

AND WHEREAS a thorough review of the governance model for school accommodation decisions must include an opportunity to appeal these decisions;

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AND WHEREAS the accommodation review process should respect and value the input of students, parents, the community and municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario be petitioned to implement a “smart moratorium” on disputed school closings to provide the opportunity for the Ministry of Education, school boards and municipalities to work together to develop policies addressing such issues as planning for declining enrolments, a mutually agreed upon Accommodation Review Committee process, a review of funding to rural and small community schools, and transparency and accountability between municipalities and school boards.

Carried.

**Surplus Lands – shoreline road allowance
2009-333**

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

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:

- **Roberts, Alan & Joy;** Conc. 7, Lot 11, Plan 365, geographic Township of Cardiff (Paudash Lake) Roll No. 101-73800
- **Gwilliams, Bonnie & David;** Conc. 2, Pt. Lot 29, geographic Township of Cardiff (Paudash Lake) Roll No. 102-14800
- **Bourgeois, Martin;** Conc. 3, Pt. Lots 28 & 29, Plan 4, geographic Township of Glamorgan (Trooper Lake) 901-33400

Carried.

**County of Haliburton Official Plan Review
2009-334**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Highlands East receives the planning report dated October 1, 2009 from Meridian Planning Consultants re: comments on the draft County of Haliburton Official Plan and that this report be forwarded to the County of Haliburton with a request that such comments be considered in the context of the Official Plan Review and Update.

Carried.

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Wilberforce Agricultural Fair

2009-335

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council grants permission to the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair to attach sign promoting the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair to all three "Welcome" signs entering Wilberforce. These signs are to be removed in August.

Carried.

Waste Reduction Week

2009-336

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

As a municipality, we are committed to conserving resources, protecting the environment and educating the community. We recognize the generation of solid waste and the needless waste of water and energy resources as global environmental problems and endeavor to take the lead in our community toward environmental sustainability.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Highlands East declares October 19 to 25th, 2009 as Waste Reduction Week in the Municipality of Highlands East.

Carried.

Halloween Constables

2009-337

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bill Foote, Barry Dickinson, Roger Williams, and Dennis Mackey be appointed Special Constables for Halloween night, October 31, 2009 to patrol from 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Rate of pay to be basic labour rate plus mileage at 0.45c kilometer.

Carried.

Snow Removal Agreement – School

2009-338

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an agreement be entered into with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board for snow removal at the Cardiff Elementary School for the term January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, and further the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to sign same on behalf of the municipality.

Carried.

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SPECIAL DELEGATIONS:

Robert Fisher and Veronica Hazlewood from Collins Barrow Kawartha, LLP presented Council with the 2008 Consolidated Financial Statement. The municipality has undertaken an inventory of all assets and the auditors will audit this inventory. A line by line review of the 2008 financial statement was undertaken and the auditors also presented a report discussing possible financing for the capital costs for both the Cardiff/Dyno and Wilberforce Water Systems.

**Cardiff /Dyno Capital Financing
2009-339**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality proceed with the financing of the Cardiff/Dyno water systems through reserves, surplus property sales fund belonging to Ward 1 and financing the balance over 15 years. Funding to be financed with Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation.

Carried.

**Wilberforce Capital Financing
2009-340**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality proceed with the financing of the Wilberforce water systems through reserves, surplus property sales fund belonging to Ward 4 and general levy as outlined in the auditor's report.

Carried.

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

Ward Councillor Report

Highlights:

Ward 1: Jim Mackie's ward report was presented by the CAO, Sharon Stoughton-Craig. Residents on Hemlock are pleased with the work done on the ditching and asphalt touch-ups are required on the driveways. Jim has received concerns from ratepayers concerning the moving and closing of fire hall, Ward 1 and Ward 2 as outlined in the Corfield Report. Public meetings should be set-up to address the ratepayers concerns.

Ward 2: Suzanne Partridge reported that she had met with the Highland Grove firefighters and they are not happy with the proposed amalgamation of the new facilities. The volunteers have concerns about losing volunteers and they have suggested having an auxiliary hall where they can report to. Suzanne also mentioned holding public meetings. Suzanne attended a meeting with Lewis Road residents and these residents have expressed concerns about speed limits, increased truck traffic due to a gravel pit, safety, noise and excessive braking

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around the corners. Suzanne requested that Council look at our road speed limit by-law over the winter months. It was also suggested that speed signs be posted and “No jake brake” signs, etc. PARC has worked well together and put together recommendations to keep open both schools, one for primary students only and the other for the more senior students. They are awaiting the decision from the Board. Suzanne also had a phone call from a resident on Jordan Lake regarding the Plan of Subdivision on that lake. The back lots are still not sold. The owner is concerned that the shore lot that was given to the municipality to provide water access for the back lots will be sold and has requested if something could be put on title acknowledging the lot as “access” to the lake.

Ward 3: Donna Graham reported that the playground equipment is all set up and they held an opening ceremony (not well attended). The Station 3 firehall now have the Jaws of Life and are waiting for training. The volunteer firefighters are hoping to have training the 2nd week of November. They are waiting for the hydro poles for the rink.

Ward 4: Gary Stoughton stated that he supported the recommendations from PARC. Gary requested that staff contact the County of Haliburton to clear around the Wilberforce signs, so that they are more visible. Few problems with cats and some requests to purchase road allowances. The Arena is now open for skating.

**Adjourn Committee of Council
2009-341**

Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

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

Carried.

**Meeting Declared Open
2009-342**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

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

Carried.

**Adopt Agenda for Council meeting
2009-343**

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

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

Carried.

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Approval of Minutes

2009-344

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge
Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Highlands East approves the minutes of September 8, 2009, September 19, 2009 and September 21, 2009 council meetings.

Carried.

Approve Resolutions

2009-345

Moved by: Donna Graham
Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the resolutions from the Committee of Council of a Whole meeting of Tuesday, October 13, 2009 be adopted.

Carried.

By-laws

2009-346

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge
Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-laws Nos:

2009-56 Being a By-Law to authorize the execution of the Contribution Agreement between the Municipality of Highlands East and the Government of Canada for application made under the Community Adjustment Fund

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

Carried.

Confirm Proceeding of Meeting

2009-347

Moved by: Donna Graham
Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2009-57 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council at its regular meeting of October 13, 2009, be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Carried.

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Adjournment

2009-348

Moved by: Gary Stoughton

Seconded by: Donna Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at **1:20 p.m.**

Reeve, Dave Burton

Clerk, Irene S. Cook

Unapproved minutes of Council meeting