

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLACK RIVER-MATHESON



MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2011
6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, Matheson

PRESENT: Mayor M. Milinkovich
Councillor W. Dubien
Councillor D. Pettefer
Councillor J. Cashmore
Councillor R. Renaud
Councillor G. Desmarais
Councillor A. Gadoury

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: H. Smith, Clerk/Treasurer

GUESTS:

DELETIONS:

ADDITIONS: 6.j) New Business – Councillor Pettefer re. Northern Ontario Bus Coalition

DECLARATIONS:

Moved By: Councillor Renaud 2011 - 33
Seconded By: Councillor Cashmore Approve
Agenda
THAT the agenda for the Council meeting held April 18, 2011 be approved, as amended.
Carried.

Moved By: Councillor Cashmore 2011 – 34
Seconded By: Councillor Renaud Adopt
Minutes
THAT the following minutes are hereby adopted:
Minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 21, 2011,
Minutes of the special Council meetings of March 14, March 24 and
March 30, 2011,
Minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting of March 28,
2011,
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 4, 2011.
Carried.

Moved By: Councillor Cashmore 2011 – 35
Seconded By: Councillor Desmarais Grant
Alice Laurin
Hall
THAT Council approves of a grant to the Alice Laurin Community Hall as per the Grants to Organizations Policy.
Carried.

Moved By: Councillor Desmarais
Seconded By: Councillor Gadoury
THAT Council acknowledges the vacancy on the Library Board and an advertisement is to be placed on the local newspaper seeking a replacement member.
Carried.

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Library Board
Vacancy

Recorded Vote:

Yeas	Nays
Councillor Cashmore	Councillor Dubien
Councillor Renaud	Councillor Pettefer
Councillor Desmarais	Mayor Milinkovich
Councillor Gadoury	

Moved By: Councillor Cashmore
Seconded By: Councillor Desmarais
THAT Council adopts the 2011 municipal operating and capital budget.
Carried.

2011 - 37
Adopt
Budget

Moved By: Councillor Dubien
Seconded By: Councillor Desmarais
THAT Council approves the final Drinking Water System Financial Plan dated March 14, 2011 prepared in accordance with the prescribed requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002.
Carried.

2011 – 38
Drinking
Water
Financial Plan

Moved By: Councillor Dubien
Seconded By: Councillor Gadoury
THAT Council approves of the revised Grants to Organizations Policy.
Carried.

2011 - 39
Revised
Grants Policy

Moved By: Councillor Pettefer
Seconded By: Councillor Gadoury
THAT Council approves the Township Vehicle/Equipment Policy, as amended.
Carried.

2011 - 40
Vehicle/Equip
ment Policy

Moved By: Councillor Gadoury
Seconded By: Councillor Dubien
THAT Council approves of the following individual(s) attending the NEOMA meeting to be held in the City of Timmins on April 30, 2011: Mayor Milinkovich.
Carried.

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NEOMA

Moved By: Councillor Desmarais
Seconded By: Councillor Gadoury

2011 - 42
Sale of

THAT Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson has no objection to the sale of a portion of ONR land located in the township of Matheson.
Carried.

Portion
ONR Land

Moved By: Councillor Pettefer
Seconded By: Councillor Cashmore
WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson believes the decision of Northeast Tri-Board Student Transportation to award bus contracts to foreign and southern Ontario based companies will have a significant negative impact on the local economy and the local tax base;
AND WHEREAS the lack of communication between the Northeast Tri-Board Student Transportation with local government prohibited municipal councils from providing input and/or feedback on the implications of the bus tender process;
AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario move to tendered contracts that can only be accommodated by large corporations and will create a monopoly in school busing with fewer companies operating the majority of routes;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Northeast Tri-Board Student Transportation rescind its decision related to the awarding of the school busing contract;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Black River-Matheson hereby strongly petitions the Province of Ontario to first conduct socio-economic studies to determine the impact on lives and livelihoods of all people living in Northern Ontario including First Nations before passing legislation or launching such programs;
AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Education, Northeast Tri-Board Student Transportation, our local MPP, FONOM, AMO and municipalities within the jurisdiction of the Northeast Tri-Board Student Transportation.
Carried.

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School
Busing
Contract

Moved By: Councillor Desmarais
Seconded By: Councillor Gadoury
THAT By-law No. 06-2011, being a by-law to govern the proceedings of the municipal council, be read a third time and finally passed this 18th day of April, 2011.
Carried.

2011 - 44
Procedural
By-law

Moved By: Councillor Cashmore
Seconded By: Councillor Dubien
THAT By-law No. 10-2011, being a by-law to regulate the setting of fires, be read a first and second time, read a third time and finally passed this 18th day of April, 2011.
Carried.

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Fire By-law

Moved By: Councillor Renaud
Seconded By: Councillor Cashmore
THAT By-law No. 11-2011, being a by-law to amend the fire department by-law, be read a first and second time, read a third time and finally passed this 18th day of April, 2011.
Carried.

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Amend Fire
Dept
By-law

Moved By: Councillor Desmarais
Seconded By: Councillor Gadoury
THAT By-law No. 12-2011, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Fred Dean for legal services, be read a first and second time, read a third time and finally passed this 18th day of April, 2011.
Carried.

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Legal
Services

Moved By: Councillor Desmarais
Seconded By: Councillor Gadoury
THAT By-law No. 13-2011, being a by-law to establish tax ratios, be read a first and second time, read a third time and finally passed this 18th day of April, 2011.
Carried.

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Tax Ratio
By-law

Moved By: Councillor Desmarais
Seconded By: Councillor Gadoury
THAT By-law No. 14-2011, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a tax arrears extension agreement, be read a first and second time, read a third time and finally passed this 18th day of April, 2011.
Carried.

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Tax
Extension
Agreement

Moved By: Councillor Gadoury
Seconded By: Councillor Desmarais
THAT By-law No. 15-2011, being a by-law to authorize the levying of water fees and charges, be read a first and second time, read a third time and finally passed this 18th day of April, 2011.
Carried.

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Water Fees

Moved By: Councillor Pettefer
Seconded By: Councillor Cashmore
THAT By-law No. 16-2011, being a by-law to authorize the levying of sewage fees and charges, be read a first and second time, read a third time and finally passed this 18th day of April, 2011.
Cashmore.

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Sewer
Fees

Moved By: Councillor Pettefer
Seconded By: Councillor Cashmore
WHEREAS the introduction of the HST on July 1, 2010 and its application to gasoline and diesel sales will result in a new revenue for the Government of Ontario;
AND WHEREAS a lack of sufficient funding for essential transportation infrastructure construction, maintenance and rehabilitation has created

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Infrastructure
Fund

a situation where many municipalities do not have the financial capacity to sustain existing transportation infrastructure;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Black River-Matheson requests the Government of Ontario consider directing a portion of the revenue derived from the HST charged on gasoline and diesel sales to a new predictable funding mechanism that will allow municipalities to make the critical investments needed to be effective stewards of transportation infrastructure.
Carried.

Moved By: Councillor Cashmore
Seconded By: Councillor Pettefer
THAT Council for the Township of Black River-Matheson now comes into a portion of the meeting that shall be closed to the public at 7:35 p.m. in accordance with Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act S.O. 2001, c.25 for discussion of a legal matter.
Carried.

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Into Closed

Moved By: Councillor Renaud
Seconded By: Councillor Gadoury
THAT Council for the Township of Black River-Matheson hereby comes out of the closed portion of the meeting at 8:12 p.m.
Carried.

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Out of Closed

Moved By: Councillor Gadoury
Seconded By: Councillor Renaud
THAT this regular meeting of Council is hereby adjourned at 8:13 p.m. until the next Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for May 2, 2011.
Carried.

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MAYOR

CLERK