

# Minutes

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NAIRN AND HYMAN



**Tuesday, September 8, 2009**

There was a regular council meeting held at the Nairn Community Centre on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Brian Channon	Mayor
	Rod MacDonald	Councillor
	Brigita Gingras	Councillor
	Bonnie Vataja	Councillor
	Riet Wigzell	Councillor
	Robert Deschene	CAO

### **OPEN MEETING**

#### **RESOLUTION #2009-14-193**

MOVED BY: B. Vataja

SECONDED BY: R. MacDonald

RESOLVED: that the meeting of September 8, 2009 do now open for business.

**CARRIED**

### **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None were declared.

### **DELEGATION**

Wayne McDonald from the firm KPMG presented the 2008 Township of Nairn and Hyman Consolidated Financial Statements to council.

### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

#### **RESOLUTION #2009-14-194**

MOVED BY: R. MacDonald

SECONDED BY: B. Vataja

RESOLVED: that the following council minutes be accepted as presented:

- a) July 15, 2009.
- b) August 4, 2009.

**CARRIED**

**ACCEPTED ITEMS**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-195**

MOVED BY: B. Vataja

SECONDED BY: R. MacDonald

RESOLVED: that the following items be accepted as presented:

- 1) Township of Nairn & Hyman - 2009 Council Remuneration Summary.
- 2) Township of Nairn & Hyman Property Standards Committee minutes - July 30, 2009.
- 3) Township of Nairn & Hyman Performance Measurement Program - 2008 results.

**CARRIED**

**NOTED ITEMS**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-196**

MOVED BY: R. MacDonald

SECONDED BY: B. Vataja

RESOLVED: that the following items be noted as being received:

- 1) Township of Nairn & Hyman Fire Department Fire Training - July 14, 2009.
- 2) East Algoma Chief's, Mayors' and Reeve's Council special meeting - August 21, 2009.
- 3) Township of Nairn & Hyman Fire Chief's Report - July 2009.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-197**

MOVED BY: R. MacDonald

SECONDED BY: B. Vataja

RESOLVED: that council appoint Rebecca Seltzer to sit on the Nairn and Hyman Community Parks and Recreation Committee for the current term of this council.

**CARRIED**

**TV ONTARIO CONTRACT RENEWAL**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-198**

MOVED BY: B. Gingras

SECONDED BY: R. Wigzell

RESOLVED: that council advise TV Ontario that the Township of Nairn and Hyman is interested in renewing the contract for another 20 years for the existing LPRT (Low Power Repeater Transmitter) equipment in order to have continued over the air delivery of the TV Ontario signal in Nairn Centre.

**CARRIED**

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Brigita Gingras declared a conflict of interest with resolution 2009-14-199.

## **RURAL AND SMALL POST OFFICES**

### **RESOLUTION #2009-14-199**

MOVED BY: B. Vataja

SECONDED BY: R. MacDonald

**WHEREAS** the report of the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR) recommends that the current moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns be replaced with a mechanism involving new rules and procedures, including the ability to replace public post offices with private outlets.

**WHEREAS** the report also recommends that rural mailbox delivery be reconsidered.

**WHEREAS** these recommendations, if implemented by the federal government, would undermine public postal service and jobs in our community and fundamentally change the nature of Canada Post's retail and delivery network.

**WHEREAS** the report proposes the Canada Post's highly inadequate community consultation process be used when closing or "rationalizing" a post office/outlet and that a similar process be used when replacing rural mailbox delivery with delivery to a community box, green box or post office.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Township of Nairn & Hyman write to Rob Merrifield, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, and request that the government preserve public postal service and jobs in our community by rejecting CPCSR recommendations that would:

1. Put an end to the moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns and give Canada Post the flexibility to close post offices covered by the current moratorium or convert these public post offices to private outlets.
2. Cut delivery to rural mailboxes without exploring all options or properly consulting with residents or representatives of rural delivery workers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we request that Minister Merrifield consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making fundamental changes to Canada's Post's retail and delivery network.

**CARRIED**

## **COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE**

### **RESOLUTION #2009-14-200**

MOVED BY: R. MacDonald

SECONDED BY: B. Gingras

**RESOLVED:** that council appoint Bonnie Vataja as a councillor representative on the Nairn and Hyman Community Parks and Recreation Committee for the current term of council.

**CARRIED**

**NOTED CORRESPONDENCES**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-201**

MOVED BY: B. Vataja

SECONDED BY: R. MacDonald

RESOLVED: that correspondences 7a) to 7j) on the September 8, 2009 council agenda be noted as being received.

**CARRIED**

**DISBURSEMENT SHEETS**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-202**

MOVED BY: B. Gingras

SECONDED BY: R. Wigzell

RESOLVED: that the following disbursements sheets be authorized for payment:

a) 2009-GEN-8	General	\$ 36,930.64
b) 2009-PW-8	Public Works	\$208,199.93
c) 2009-REC-8	Recreation	\$ 13,410.09
d) 2009-FIRE-8	Fire	\$ 11,084.66

**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONAL INVOICE SUMMARY**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-203**

MOVED BY: R. Wigzell

SECONDED BY: B. Gingras

RESOLVED: that additional invoice summary number 2009-9, dated September 8, 2009 in the amount of \$5,428.44 be authorized for payment.

**CARRIED**

**TAX WRITE OFFS**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-204**

MOVED BY: B. Gingras

SECONDED BY: R. Wigzell

RESOLVED: that summary of tax write offs dated August 27, 2009 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**JANITOR APPOINTMENT**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-205**

MOVED BY: B. Gingras

SECONDED BY: R. Wigzell

RESOLVED: that council agree to the hiring of Tammy Hodgins as the janitor for the Township of Nairn and Hyman effective immediately.

**CARRIED**

**DEPUTY MAYOR**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-206**

MOVED BY: B. Vataja

SECONDED BY: R. MacDonald

RESOLVED: that the CAO prepare the necessary by-law to appoint Brigita Gingras as Deputy Mayor.

**CARRIED**

**STAFF DIRECTION**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-207**

MOVED BY: R. Wigzell

SECONDED BY: B. Gingras

RESOLVED: that staff and employees shall take direction from the CAO or Council as a whole as stated in By-law 2007-36 and further that the head of council shall not unilaterally direct the CAO, staff and/or employees.

**CARRIED**

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING SESSION**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-208**

MOVED BY: B. Gingras

SECONDED BY: R. Wigzell

RESOLVED: that the municipality invite the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to conduct another education and training session for council and further insist on the mandatory attendance from the Head of Council.

**CARRIED**

**APPLICATIONS FOR REBATE OF PROPERTY TAXES**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-209**

MOVED BY: R. Wigzell

SECONDED BY: B. Gingras

RESOLVED: that council authorize the applications for rebate of property taxes for vacancies on industrial buildings as per the list dated August 27, 2009.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-210**

MOVED BY: B. Gingras

SECONDED BY: R. Wigzell

RESOLVED: that council go in camera at 8:27 pm to discuss personal matters.

**CARRIED**

**RETURN TO COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-211**

MOVED BY: B. Gingras

SECONDED BY: R. Wigzell

RESOLVED BY: that council return to the open council meeting at 8:55 pm.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION #2009-14-212**

MOVED BY: B. Gingras

SECONDED BY: R. Wigzell

RESOLVED: that the council meeting of September 8, 2009 do now adjourn to meet again on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009 at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Mayor.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 p.m.

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk/CAO**

**These minutes shall not be considered as official minutes until they have been approved by council at their next meeting.**