

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MCDougALL

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2003 AT 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present:	Reeve	P. Spadzinski
	Councillor	D. Adams
	Councillor	D. Robinson
	Councillor	J. Gilchrist
	Councillor	K. Dixon
	And	
	CAO/Clerk-Treasurer	R. Beachey
	Road Supervisor	T. Hunt
	Fire Chief	B. Leduc
	Deputy Clerk	C. Vankoughnett

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

2. **DEPUTATIONS**

- i) John Mosey.
Re: Benefits and Insurance.
John Mosey, president of Mosey and Mosey Benefit Plan Consultants, was present to give an update on the municipal employee's benefit coverage. Mr. Mosey touched on the company as a whole and the municipal purchasing group. He explained the reason for last year's increase and the steps taken to reduce it. Mr. Mosey felt that there was no reason for the Municipality to call for quotes at this time, he opined that the Municipality would not receive a better price than is already being provided by his company.
Councillor Adams noted that the reason the quotes were let out in the fall was because of the increase in coverage fees. Mr. Mosey reiterated the reasoning for the increase.
The Committee thanked Mr. Mosey for his presentation.

Matters Arising.

3. **BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT**

- i) Correspondence from Ratepayer.
Re: Complaint regarding dog running at large.
This complaint was forwarded to staff.

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- ii) Correspondence from Carling Township.
Re: Protective Services Shared Services Committee.
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.

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The CAO noted that a proposal for by-law services is being presented to the Town of Parry Sound on Tuesday, February 4, 2003.

4. PLANNING/BUILDING

- i) Ministry of Natural Resources.
Re: Municipal Planning Workshops to discuss Natural Resource Issues.
The Committee reviewed this correspondence and approved the CAO's attendance to this workshop.

Matters Arising.

Nil.

5. FIRE PROTECTION

- i) Report from the Office of the Fire Chief.
Re: Northeastern Fire Educational Conference.
The Committee directed a resolution be brought forward to the Council meeting of February 5, 2003.

Matters Arising.

- i) Fire Chief Leduc reported on the fire department activity for the month of December, 2002.
- ii) Fire Chief Leduc noted that he had received a letter of thanks and a \$50.00 cheque from Nobel School in regards to a fire at the school on January 19, 2003. Fire Chief Leduc requested permission from the Committee to deposit the \$50.00 cheque into a special account, which would be allocated to the Risk Watch program for Nobel School. The Committee approved this request and directed a resolution be brought forward on February 5, 2003.

6. PUBLIC WORKS

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- i) Tim Hunt, Public Works Supervisor gave a report on the assumption of a portion of Fire Route 105 and 105A. He noted that he had met with Bob Hughes and reviewed the cost numbers associated with this assumption. He also noted that a price from Hydro One had not yet been received. Tim Felsman was present and also received a copy of the said report. Mr. Felsman indicated that he thought the blasting costs were high. Mr. Hunt responded that once the snow melts they would have a better idea of the amount of ditch that requires blasting. Mr. Felsman agreed to the upset amount of the 75/25 cost ratio and agreed to grant permission to allow workers to enter onto his property to commence the necessary construction. The Committee directed that two resolutions be prepared for the next Council meeting. The first will deal with the undertaking of a survey and the second will be for the construction required to bring the standard of this road to be comparable to Felsman Drive.
- ii) Mr. Hunt reported that he and the CAO met with Mr. Gord Stewart regarding the past plowing issue. The Committee directed the CAO to approach Mr. Stewart and the adjacent property owner to inquire if they are interested in the divesting of the municipal property in question.
- iii) Mr. Hunt also reported that he still had not heard from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the proposed work to the George Hunt Boat Launch area. The Committee directed Mr. Hunt to send a letter to the said department and copy it to Andy Mitchell. The Committee also suggested that Mr. Hunt attend the DFO offices in person. Councillor Robinson requested that Mr. Hunt let him know when this would take place and he would accompany him to the said offices.
- iv) Mr. Hunt reported that the first half of the water inspection was completed that afternoon. He noted that there a few recommendations that they are working on.

7. RECREATION

- i) Correspondence from the Town of Parry Sound.
Re: Copy of correspondence addressed to Kathie McGann regarding the new Kinsmen Rink.

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The Committee reviewed this correspondence.

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The CAO noted that the Town of Parry Sound has request permission to have a bonfire at the new kinsman rink on February 14, 2003.
The Committee approved this request.

8. ENVIRONMENT

- i) Golder Associates Ltd.
Re: One day course regarding current state and future directions of groundwater initiatives and protection in Ontario.
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.
- ii) Ministry of the Environment.
Re: Proposed new drinking water regulation.
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.
- iii) Ministry of the Environment.
Re: Notification of annual water treatment and distribution system inspection on January 29, 2003.
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.
- iv) The Canadian Institute.
Re: Conference regarding meeting your obligations under Ontario's New safe drinking water act to be held April 9, 2003 in Toronto.
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.

Matter Arising.

Nil.

9. FINANCE

- i) Accounts payable listing.
Due to a computer problem this listing was unavailable.
- ii) Town of Parry Sound.
Re: Parry Sound Logging Days Festival and Timbersports Sponsorship.
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- iii) The Ontario Trillium Foundation.
Re: New Initiative for Rural and Small Communities, upcoming changes to the eligibility guidelines for grants.
This correspondence was forwarded to the Recreation Committee.

Matters Arising.

Nil.

10. **ADMINISTRATION**

- i) Township of Carling.
Re: Copy of a resolution regarding the appointment of Bill Church to the District Social Services Administration Board to represent Area 3.
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.
- ii) Muskoka Parry Sound Health Unit.
Re: Funding Advocacy for Communities implementing 100% smoke-free tobacco by-laws.
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.
- iii) Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario.
Re: Training workshop on 2003 Municipal Elections.
The Committee directed a resolution be prepared for the Council meeting of February 5, 2003.
- iv) District of Parry Sound Municipal Association.
Re: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission Hearing.
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.

NOTICES AND INFORMATION

The Committee reviewed the following notices and information with no action indicated with the exception of items ix and xii.

- i) Ministry of Transportation.
Re: Acquisition of property (old golf course).
- ii) Ministry of Natural Resources.
Re: Ontario's Living Legacy consultation regarding draft planning documents for conservation reserves.

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- iii) Muskoka Parry Sound Health Unit.
Re: Minutes of a meeting held December 19, 2003.
- iv) Federation of Canadian Municipalities.
Re: A call to action: Open letter to PM stresses commitments to Municipal Governments.
- v) The Ottawa Journal.
Re: Modern infrastructure for a prosperous Canada.
- vi) Ministry of Agriculture and Food.
Re: Bear Damage to Livestock Compensation program.
- vii) Parry Sound Station Gallery.
Re: Expressing appreciation for donation.
- viii) Rural Ontario Municipal Association.
Re: Rules and procedures for the conduct and operation of the ROMA.
- ix) Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.
Re: Eves Government announces appointments to northern Ontario heritage fund board of directors.
The Committee requested a copy of this correspondence.
- x) Belvedere Heights.
Re: Minutes of a meeting held December 18, 2002 and a schedule of regular meetings for 2003.
- xi) District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board.
Re: Parry Sound District Housing Corporation has been hired by the Municipal Non-profit Housing Corporation to provide property management and tenant administration services.
- xii) Township of Seguin.
Re: A proposed zoning by-law amendment.
The Committee requested a copy of this amendment.
- xiii) Association of Municipalities of Ontario.
 - a) Re: AMO reacts to Minister Chris Hodgson's Resignation.
 - b) Re: New water regulations released for comment.

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- c) Re: Draft Blue Box Plan Presented to WDO.
- xiv) City of Regina.
Re: Invitation to participate in the Municipal Leaders Forum on Implementing Kyoto to be held April 27 to 29, 2003 in Regina.
- xv) City of Timmins.
Re: Copy of City of Timmin's resolution respecting Highway 144.

REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT

- i) Joint Resolution of the County of Perth, City of Stratford and Town of St. Marys.
Re: Requesting support of a resolution regarding urging the Government of Ontario to assume at least 80% share of the \$25,000 per unit anticipated in the Federal Housing Initiative.
The Committee directed a resolution be brought forward to the Council meeting of February 5, 2003.
- ii) Township of McMurrich/Monteith.
Re: Requesting support of a resolution which requests the Provincial Government to create funding to alleviate the extreme hardship on some home owners due to the stringent standard for heating systems.
The Committee directed a resolution be brought forward to the Council meeting of February 5, 2003.
- iii) The Municipality of West Elgin.
Re: Requesting support of a resolution requesting that all rural school closings be stopped, and the Province recommit to adequate funding of education and further a process be established where broader social costs are considered and quantified before decisions are made to close rural schools.
The Committee directed a resolution be brought forward to the Council meeting of February 5, 2003.
- iv) The Regional Municipality of Niagara.
Re: Requesting support of a resolution which petitions Municipal Affairs and Housing to change the legislation so that Councillors, on an individual basis, may opt out of the one – third tax-free provision.
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.

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11. REPORT OF THE CAO

The CAO gave the following report:

- i) the service charge on the MCS statement was for the rental of the glass bin at the transfer station.
- ii) anyone wishing to attend the Ontario Good Roads conference is to let the CAO know.
- iii) a ratepayer had suggested that McDougall respond to correspondence from the Town of Parry Sound which was published in the North Star regarding amalgamation.
It was the decision of the Committee not to respond at this time.
- iv) the road supervisor and the CAO will be meeting with Henderson and Paddon on Thursday, January 30, 2003.
- v) a request to exchange land was received from Leemore Johnston.
The Committee directed a resolution be prepared for the next Council meeting.

Matters Arising.

- i) Councillor Dixon reported that he had been approached by residents of Pineridge Drive who expressed concerned regarding Pineridge being used as a construction access route for the new four lane highway.
He questioned whether McDougall could request MTO enter into a maintenance agreement . It was noted that the resolution passed by Council, indicated that proper maintenance of the road must be done throughout the construction.
- ii) The CAO brought forward a notice by-law for the Committee's approval.
The Committee indicated that they would like to see a separation of the different notice types.
- iii) The CAO questioned whether the Committee would like to go forward with quoting for benefits and insurance coverage or renew with Mosey and Mosey. The Committee directed a resolution be brought forward to the next Council meeting.

12. CLOSED SESSION

There was one item for closed session.

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13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 9:25 p.m.