

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MCDougALL**

**GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

Present: Mayor D. Robinson  
Councillor D. Adams  
Councillor K. Dixon  
Councillor J. Gilchrist  
Councillor J. Johnson  
and  
Administrator G. Eaton  
Public Works Supervisor T. Hunt  
Fire Chief B. Leduc  
Deputy Clerk C. Vankoughnett

The Regular meeting of Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and was chaired by Chairman Dixon.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

2. **DEPUTATIONS**

- i) Marney Cook.  
Ms. Cook was present to review the proposed kennel by-law with the Committee. She brought forward several items of concern. The Committee noted that they are still in the review process and would be taking her concerns into consideration.  
The Committee thanked Ms. Cook for her input and presentation.

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Nil.

3. **BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Nil.

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**4. PLANNING/BUILDING**

- i) Application to use Road Allowance.  
Re: Sean Mulligan, Concession 7, Part lot 20, Mountain Basin.  
The Committee reviewed this application expressing concerns regarding the access to the road allowance.  
The Committee requested staff to look into this matter.
- ii) Parry Sound Area Planning Board.  
Re: Decision concerning application No. B38/2003(McD) Michaelis.  
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.
- iii) Howard Oldham, Mill Lake Cottage Resort.  
Re: Proposed application to convert the ownership structure of Mill Lake Cottage Resort to a Condominium Corporation.  
The Committee reviewed this correspondence noting concerns regarding the septic, water system and roads for the proposed condominium.  
The Committee directed that this be forwarded to the Municipal planner for his comments.
- iv) Application from Bev Cleland to purchase road allowance.  
The Committee reviewed this correspondence and directed staff to obtain comments from the Municipal planner.

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Nil.

**5. FIRE PROTECTION**

- i) Correspondence from Ray Lamore, Sounder Ski Tournament.  
Re: Expressing appreciation for the fire departments presence during the Sounder Ski Tournament.  
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.
- ii) Correspondence from Erna Schulwitz, 14 Taylor Cres.  
Re: Thanking the fire department for their medical response.  
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.

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**6. PUBLIC WORKS**

- i) Memo from Tim Hunt, Public Works Supervisor.  
Re: New entrance permit forms.  
The Committee reviewed these forms and directed staff to implement them.

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- i) The Committee questioned the volume of business the road department sends to Turner's garage, noting that we have garages in the area whose services could be utilized. The Public Works Supervisor responded that Turner's was the only garage who could do the repair work immediately.

**7. RECREATION**

- i) Muskoka Parry Sound Health Unit.  
Re: Water advisory for Waubamik Hall.  
The Public Works Supervisor noted that the water sample came back with a high sodium count, therefore it had to be posted.

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Nil.

**8. ENVIRONMENT**

- i) Ontario Clean Water Agency.  
Re: McDougall Landfill Facility Operations Report.  
The Public Works Supervisor gave a verbal report on this.  
The CAO also noted that the current contract with OCWA has expired and that a renewal is being drafted and will be brought forward.
- ii) Memorandums from Public Works Supervisor, Tim Hunt.
  - a) Re: Water Hypochlorination and Disinfection Workshop.
  - b) Re: Class 2 Water Treatment Course.
  - c) Re: Water exams.

The Committee requested that a resolution be brought forward regarding the above requests.

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**9. FINANCE**

- i) Accounts payable listing.  
The Committee requested a resolution be brought forward.  
Councillor Adams declared a pecuniary interest in regards to a cheque on the payroll and did not participate in discussion or vote on the matter.
- ii) Parry Sound Area Chamber of Commerce.  
Re: Request for contribution.  
This item was referred to budget review.
- iii) Almaguin Highlands Strategic Plan Implementation Committee.  
Re: Request for funding to help with the marketing of the Almaguin Highlands logo.  
The Committee reviewed this correspondence with no action indicated.
- iv) Dianne Ditchburn, Parry Sound Community Service Partners – Job Fair Committee.  
Re: Request for contribution towards the 2004 Parry Sound and Area Job Fair.  
The Committee reviewed this correspondence with no action indicated.

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Nil.

**10. ADMINISTRATION**

- i) Association of Municipalities of Ontario.  
Re: 2004 AMO conference to be held in Ottawa, August 22-25.  
The Committee directed a resolution be brought forward.
- ii) Belvedere Heights.
  - a) Re: Minutes of a meeting held January 21, 2004.  
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.

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- iii) Township of McKellar's By-law regarding All Terrain Vehicles on Municipal Roads.  
After discussing the issue of opening all the roads to ATV traffic or just a select few, the Committee directed a draft by-law be brought forward.
- iv) Industrial Park Board.
  - a) Re: Minutes of a meeting held January 29, 2004.  
Councillor Dixon updated the Committee on this meeting noting that there were concerns regarding the hauling of sludge to the lagoon.
  - b) Re: Operating agreement.  
Mayor Robinson reviewed the areas of concern regarding this agreement and noted that the Committee members should look this over and bring forward any concerns they may have.

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Nil.

**11. NOTICES AND INFORMATION**

- i) Municipality of Whitestone.  
Re: Representation for Ward #3 on the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association.  
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.
- ii) Association of Municipalities of Ontario.  
Re: Changes to Deputy Minister Appointments.  
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.

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Nil.

**12. REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT**

- i) Township of McMurrich/Monteith.  
Re: Requesting support of a resolution which requests the province of Ontario to pass regulations permitting A.T.V. vehicles to travel on public roads in the Province of Ontario.

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The Committee reviewed this request with no action indicated.

- ii) Corporation of the Township of Ramara.  
Re: Requesting support of a resolution which asks the Liberal provincial Government to retain all Power Generation in public ownership.  
The Committee reviewed this request and directed a resolution be brought forward.
- iii) Submission to Council from an informal group of citizens requesting consideration regarding how characteristics of the current value assessment process impact the financial stability of both property tax payers and municipalities.  
The Committee reviewed this correspondence with no action indicated.
- iv) Association of Municipalities of Ontario.  
Re: Requesting support of a resolution regarding the NOW (Negotiating Ontario's Wellbeing) Alliance development of a Rural Health Action Plan to address the chronic shortage of doctors across communities in Ontario.  
The Committee requested a resolution be brought forward.

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Nil.

13. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- i) By-law for uses on Park to Park Trail.  
No Activity
- ii) Ownership of Lock Erne Cemetery.  
No Activity
- iii) Scars Family Cemetery.  
No Activity
- iv) Hydro One pole rental agreement.  
No Activity

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- v) Repairs on Municipal property located at 8 Haines Lake Road.  
Re: Report of the Chief Building Official.  
The Committee reviewed this report noting the recommendations.
  
- vi) Barkers Welding  
Re: Correspondence from Piddington & Newman.  
The Committee reviewed this correspondence and requested the CAO to prepare a report on the matter.
  
- vii) Budget information.
  - a) Re: 2003 Operating Statement and review.  
The CAO projected a surplus of \$88,000. Subject to the final audit.  
The Committee accepted this format to be used for quarterly reporting.
  
  - b) The CAO reviewed the capital program – priority schedule with the committee and gave a report on all the departmental figures.
  
  - c) Re: 2004 Fire Budget review.  
The Fire Chief reviewed the 2004 proposed Fire budget with the Committee.  
After reviewing the proposed budget reports, the CAO requested the Committee to bring forward any additional capital project items.
  
- viii) Elizabeth Island Cottagers' Association Agreement.
  - a) Re: Correspondence from Clark Smith.  
The CAO noted that he has been corresponding back and forth with Mr. Clark regarding the concerns expressed by Mr. Healey. He also noted that there are some concerns that will have to wait until spring to be reviewed but that he would correspond with Mr. Healey regarding the membership structure of the Association.  
The CAO noted that a draft agreement would be brought forward.
  
- ix) Ownership of Boathouse located on Trout Lake.  
The CAO reviewed with the Committee the location of the boathouses at this location.  
The Committee directed that this area be visited during the 2004 roads tour.

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- x) Town of Parry Sound.  
Re: Rebuilding the Waste Water Treatment Plant.  
After reviewing this correspondence the Committee noted that they would have no use for this facility.
  
- xi) Township of McKellar.  
Re: Rotation summary for Board representation.  
The Committee noted that they were satisfied with the current procedure and will not be endorsing either the Township of McKellar's or the Township of Carling's proposals.
  
- xii) Municipality of McDougall Strategic Plan.  
This item has been added to capital budget.

**Matters Arising.**

Nil.

14. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Robinson reported on a meeting he attended with the West Parry Sound Area Business Development Team noting that a set of guiding principals have been put forward for acceptance by the area Municipalities. After discussion of the said guiding principles, the Committee directed a resolution be brought forward.

15. **REPORT OF THE CAO**

- i) Report #CAO 2004-06  
Re: Property tax sale.  
The CAO reported on the recent property tax sale noting that there is one dispute that has been given 30 days to commence action.
  
- ii) Report #CAO 2004-07  
Re: Waste Disposal TOR, Public comments and response.  
The CAO gave an update on the above noted as well as a request from the Ministry of Transportation regarding landfill birds and aviation.

16. **BUDGET CHANGES AND REVISIONS**

Nil.

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17. **CLOSED SESSION**

There was one item for closed session.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 10:35 p.m.