REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION HALL

ON

NOVEMBER 21, 2005

Councilors Present: Reeve Beverley Hine, Andrew George, Joe Bisson, Garfield Pinkerton and John Warren

Staff Present: Andrew Van Oosten, CAO-Clerk-Treasurer and Arden Norwegian, Administrative Assistant

Guest: Peter O'jala, LEA Consultants

Members of the Public: Leon Genovy, Jim Rowan, Anne Commando-Dube, Stanley Secord and Gary Larkman (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

Motions:

05-202 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: John Warren

That the regular meeting be called to order to 6:18 p.m. Carried

05-203 Moved by: John Warren
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That the minutes of the regular meeting of November 7, 2005 be circulated and approved. Carried

05-204 Moved by: Garfield Pinkerton
Seconded by: John Warren

That the minutes of the special meeting held November 9, 2005 be circulated and approved. Carried

05-205 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: John Warren

That Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby supports the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt with their petition to re-introduce the annual spring bear hunt for Northern Ontario North of the French and Mattawa Rivers. Carried

05-206 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That Pay Vouchers 2972 to 3005 in the amount of $31,306.78 be circulated and approved. Carried

05-207 Moved by: Garfield Pinkerton
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That the Township of Matachewan hereby supports the new bridge construction project subject to the amendments proposed at the November 21, 2005 Council meeting and a satisfactory resolution for an alternate route from Georgina Street (i.e. Bernard T-Stop). Carried

05-208 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That Council agrees to close the municipal office, for the holiday season, effective 12:00 p.m. on December 23, 2005 and re-opening January 3, 2006 with regular business hours. Carried

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05-209 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: John Warren

To launch the 2005/06 snowmobiling season, the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby declares November 21 to 27, 2005 as GET READY FOR SNOWMOBILING WEEK in recognition of the social, recreational, economic and healthy lifestyle benefits that organized snowmobiling provides to this community and its residents each winter. Carried

05-210 Moved by: John Warren
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Whereas Ontario dairy, poultry and egg farmers are part of a supply-managed system that matches production to Canadian demand; and

Whereas supply management is a "uniquely Canadian success story" with a solid 40-year old track record of providing high-quality and nutritious food for Canadians; and

Whereas the dairy, poultry and egg industries are a major economic asset to Ontario generating $2.6 billion in farm cash receipts; sustaining more than $14 billion in economic eativity with over 70,000 Ontario jobs depending on supply management; and

Whereas Canada's food supply and Canada's farms may be at rish of being traded away during the World Trade Organization's Doha Round of negotiations continuing with the Sixth WTO Ministerial Conference to be held in Hong Kong, China, 13-18 December 2005; and

Whereas dairy, poultry and egg farmers and Federal and Provincial governments have worked together to create a stable and equitable economic environment that benefits every link in the food chain including consumers and farmers; and

Whereas Canada'a economic fabric, both rural and urban, would unravel without supply management; and

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan supports the preservation of supply management for Canada's dairy, poultry and egg farmers; processors; consumers and other Canadians who depend on a vibrant farm economy;

And be it Further Resolved that this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Andy Mitchell, The Honourable Jim Peterson and Prime Minister Paul Martin requesting that they preserve supply management at the WTO trade table;

And be it Further Resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request that they similarly voice their support for supply management by forwarding a resolution to the Honourable Andy Mitchell, The Honourable Jim Peterson and Prime Minister Paul Martin requesting that they preserve supply management at the WTO trade table.
Carried

05-211 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That Council agrees to purchase the advertising package with the Temiskaming Speaker for $99.00 for 10 weeks advising motorists not to drink and drive. Carried

05-212 Moved by: John Warren
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That Council hereby declares Plan M134T, Lot 503, Parcel 22366SST PT as surplus land. Carried

05-213 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson
Declared Conflict: John Warren

That Council agrees to repair the sidewalk located at 19 Moyneur Avenue subject to quotation by a concrete supplier. Carried

05-214 Moved by: John Warren
Seconded by: Garfield Pinkerton

That the hall be given to those taxpayers (residents) who require it for funerals free of charge hereby rescinding that portion of the user fee By-law only. Carried

05-215 Moved by: John Warren
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That By-law 2005-13, being a By-law to adopt an emergency management program for the protection of public safety, health, the environment, the critical infrastructure and property and to promote economic stability and a disaster resilient community is hereby read a first and second time. Carried

05-216 Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Garfield Pinkerton

That By-law 2005-13 is hereby read a third and final time, enacted and passed in open Council this 21st day of November 2005. Signed, sealed and numbered 2005-13. Carried

05-217 Moved by: John Warren
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That By-law 2005-14, being a By-law to adopt an Employee Policy Manual is hereby read a first and second time. Carried

05-218 Moved by: Garfield Pinkerton
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That By-law 2005-14 is hereby read a third and final time, enacted and passed in open Council this 21st day of November 2005. Signed, sealed, and numbered 2005-14. Carried

05-219 Moved by: John Warren
Seconded by: Garfield Pinkerton

That By-law 2005-15, being a By-law to authorize participation in the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) in respect of the employees of the Township of Matachewan is hereby read a first and second time. Carried

05-220 Moved by: Garfield Pinkerton
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That By-law 2005-15 is hereby read a third and final time, enacted, and passed in open Council this 21st day of November 2005. Signed, sealed and numbered 2005-15. Carried

05-221 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: John Warren

That By-law 2005-16, being a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporations of the Townships of Armstrong, Brethour, Casey, Chamberlain, Coleman, Evantural, Harley, Hudson, Harris, Hilliard, James, Kerns, Larder Lake, Matachewan, McGarry, and the Towns of Englehart and Cobalt, the Municipality of Charlton and Dack and the Village of Thornloe to provide for the joint hiring of a Chief Building Official and building enforcement is hereby read a first and second time. Carried

05-222 Moved by: Garfield Pinkerton
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That By-law 2005-16 is hereby read a third and final time, enacted and passed in open Council this 21st day of November 2005. Signed, sealed and numbered 2005-16. Carried

05-223 Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Garfield Pinkerton

That By-law 2005-17, being a By-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to execute the Municipal Funding Agreement for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenue be read a first and second time. Carried

05-224 Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Garfield Pinkerton

That By-law 2005-07 is hereby read a third and final time, enacted and passed in open Council this 21st day of November 2005. Signed, sealed and numbered 2005-17. Carried

05-225 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: John Warren

That Council agrees to purchase turkeys, for the holiday season, for Council, the Volunteer Fire Department and Municipal Staff. Carried

05-226 Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Garfield Pinkerton

That the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m. for an in-camera discussion. Carried

05-227 Moved by: Garfield Pinkerton
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That an in-camera meeting be hereby opened. Carried

05-228 Moved by: Garfield Pinkerton
Seconded by: John Warren

That the in-camera meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:29 p.m. Carried

Discussions:

1. Peter O'jala, LEA Consultants – Presented final drawings of proposed bridge to Council. Peter delegated through the process of construction of the bridge. Engineers and professionals have researched the possibility of retaining the section of the current highway that is to be removed. However, it is not feasible for safety concerns. An alternate route through the municipality will be negotiated between Council and the Province for easy accessibility to those located near the bridge as of to date. Mr. O'jala request from Council a resolution accepting the proposed bridge as presented subject to the approval of an alternate route to Bernard Street. Other fine details to finalize include: Upgrading the Boat Launch, removal of 6 ft by 6 ft Crib located in the Montreal river, and placing outlooks at both locations of the current bridge.

2. Placing a streetlight at Davidson Street – Clerk was requested to provide quotes for the installation. Clerk states that the quote has not yet been received. Deferred.

3.Correspondence : NEOnet Satellite High-Speed Internet – Broadband service is proposed for the area within the next year and a half.

Thanks for Pitching In – a Town cleaning initiative scheduled for April 2006 should Council decide to participate

Miller Maintenance Quote – Councillor Joe Bisson request a price comparison of services done in the past.

4. Swimming Pools – Council has decided, in the past, that the swimming pool owner water rates will be adjusted so that a one time fixed rate and to the regular rate of residential units. Council request that Water By-law be amended accordingly.

5. Andrew George states that there is a hole in the front of a resident's home that retains water in the spring. She would like the municipality to fill it. Council determined that the hole not caused natural causes or Acts of God and will not proceed with the request. As well, if the municipality repairs one driveway, everyone will request the municipality to repair their driveway.

6. Donation Monies for Christmas Party – Anne Commando-Dube asks if the Lions Club is going to have any money available for the annual Christmas Party and if the municipality has any money for donations for this event. Clerk will investigate the budget for donations available.

7. Tenders: Unsuccessful tenders will be re-tendered publicly.

- Wood: 8 cords are still required for the skating rink and landfill site. Gordon Langford is requested to place in a bid for the tender.
- Fire Hydrant Snow Removal: Currently 8 valves are above ground level and stakes marking the hydrants and valves make it difficult to remove the snow. Council will ensure that the valves are covered properly. Council suggests a clause on contract to successful bidder that he/she is responsible for any damages during the performance.

8. Covering Valves – In the spring, a tender will be publicised for the covering of the water valves.

9. Development Update – Reeve informs the public that all information is currently in the hands of the lawyers. Reeve also ensures the public when any open information is available it will be announced.

10. By-laws:

- 2005-13 – Emergency Management Plan
- 2005-14 – Employee Policy Manual
- 2005-15 – OMERS By-law
- 2005-16 – Building Official By-law
- 2005-17 – Federal Gas Tax By-law

11. In-camera Discussions:

- Development
- Zoning amendments
- Fire Lanes
- Surplus Land