

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION HALL

ON

SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

Councillors Present: Reeve Beverly Hine, Andrew George, John Warren, Garfield Pinkerton and Joe Bisson

Staff Present: Andrew Van Oosten, CAO-Clerk-Treasurer, Melanie Verrier, Director of Strategic Planning

Members of the Public: Kimberly Gauthier, Theresa Monette, Leon and Janet Genovy, Stanley Secord, Don and Marilyn Stickel, Mr & Mrs. Arney, Mr. & Mrs. Carl.

Special Guests: Tata – Keith Gorman
Temiskaming Forest Alliance – Paul Fantin

Motions:

06-131 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Garfield Pinkerton

That the regular meeting be called to order at 6:01 p.m. Carried

06-132 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Garfield Pinkerton

Be it resolved that the Agenda is hereby adopted as presented. Carried

06-133 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Garfield Pinkerton

Be it resolved that the Minutes of August 21, 2006 are hereby adopted as presented. Carried

06-134 Moved by: John Warren
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Township of Matachewan hereby approves the pay vouchers 3338 to 3384 in the amount of \$30,243.11 be circulated and approved. Carried

06-135 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby directs the Clerk to investigate the costs of hiring a by-law enforcement officer. Carried

06-136 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: John Warren

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan does hereby grant the landfill boundary line clearing to **John Paul Boucher** for the price of **\$50.00 per our or \$400.00.**
Carried

06-137 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Garfield Pinkerton

That By-Law 2006-19 Being a By-law to establish the attached Municipal Elections Policy. Read for the first and second time, in open Council this 18th day of September 2006.

Carried

06-138 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: John Warren

That By-Law 2006-19 is hereby read a third and final time, enacted and passed in open Council this 18th day of September 2006. Signed, sealed and numbered 2006-19.

Carried

06-139 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: John Warren

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby moves into an in camera discussion.

Carried

06-140 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: John Warren

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan Council hereby moves out of the in camera discussion at 9:00pm.

Carried

06-141 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: John Warren

That the regular meeting be adjourned at 9:03pm and that the next regular meeting will be held on October 16, 2006 or at the call of the Reeve.

Carried

Correspondence:

1. The Hospital Activity Book
2. Groove Experts in First Impressions
3. Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
4. Training Services – Excellence through education – Snow Plow Operator Training
5. The Corporation of the Town of Innisfill – Snow Plow Training
6. Invitation for the Far Northeast Training Board AGM
7. AMCTO
8. Contact North
9. OCWA
10. Greg McDonald – Waste Reduction Week in Canada
11. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – David Brezer
12. Neonet – Quarterly Update
13. Ministry of Health Promotion – Jim Watson, MPP
14. Ontario Electricity Sector
15. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes June 7, 2006
16. Timiskaming Health Unit – Board of Health Report

Discussions:

1. Paul Fantin from Temiskaming Forest Alliance spoke on the harvesting of trees on Highway 66 between Matachewan and Kirkland Lake. He stated that the concerns were addressed at an open information session in June 2006. He stated that these information sessions are not very well attended. He said that it takes two years to plan cuts and that there are five stages of consultation and a very complex process. Paul Fantin stated that it is Grant Forest Products doing the cutting presently. If we have a problem with cutting certain blocks we should contact the MNR or TFA in March.
2. Beverley Hine asked if they were going to try and leave a buffer zone?
3. Paul Fantin answered that they are supposed to leave a buffer zone and that the MNR said that they do not have to leave a buffer zone at all times. Not having a buffer zone they say will not decrease the snow blowing over the roads. Paul Fantin also stated that he would look into why they are cutting on the south side of the road when they should not be cutting on that side. Paul said that he would look into putting up a sign explaining the cutting. Paul stated that because we have brought this to their attention he will be able to leave a buffer zone along the highway between Elk Lake and Matachewan on Highway 65. This way it will not effect the new signs stating to all ‘Welcome to Beautiful Matachewan’. 2011 will complete the cutting along both highways.
4. Keith Gorman from TATA explained that they are a not-for profit organization and that he belongs to the Elk Lake Trail Blazers. There is an information meeting being held on October 2, 2006 at Marg’s Log Cabin restaurant at 7:30pm in Matachewan which is meant to recruit volunteers and give substantial information regarding the Timiskaming Abitibi Trail Association.
5. Theresa Monette from the Get Fit Centre proposed to the Council that they would like to look at hiring someone part time to supervise the centre at night time. They are asking for two nights a week three hours per night at \$8.00 an hour. They would like the town to pay for this employee.
6. The subject has once again come to the attention of the Council regarding the irresponsible behaviours of residents using ATV’s. They are driving without helmets and they are ruining the corners of the streets by doing spinouts. The Town Council has agreed to have Andrew Van Oosten investigate the cost of hiring a By-law Enforcement Officer.
7. Residents are raising concerns that some people are dumping their garbage at the entrance to the landfill site at the gate. The Township has been assisting the tourists by keeping the landfill site open throughout the weekend in order for them to be able to dump their garbage on their way home. The Council has decided that this will no longer be the case and that the dump will only be opened when supervised. Also it has been decided that the landfill site will start looking into tipping fees if this disrespect stays the same.

Reeve

CAO-Clerk-Treasurer