

Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

December 7, 2009

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills, council met for the regular council meeting with Reeve, Ken Noland and Councillors, David Hill, P.A. Palonen, and Jeff Bailey in attendance. Mike Wright, Road Superintendant was also in attendance.

Transfer Station Holiday Hours – JoAnne Noland approached council regarding the holidays falling on regular transfer station hours. It was determined that the transfer station would be opened Wednesday evenings instead giving everyone the opportunity to use the transfer station during the holidays. The holiday hours will be included in the community news letter.

No. 148

Moved By Jeff Bailey

Seconded By D. Hill

That the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on November 2, and 4, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Carried KN

No. 149

Moved By D Hill

Seconded By P.A. Palonen

That we donate \$ 4,000.00 to the Manitoulin Island Community Abattoir Inc. for the development of the Abattoir.

Carried KN

No. 150

Moved By P.A. Palonen

Seconded By Jeff Bailey

That we approve the issuing of cheques for the tax adjustments due to the Post Roll Amended Notices received from MPAC.

James Tasker, Roll Number	000001 02500 - \$217.00 tax plus \$10.84 interest
Lois Orford, Roll Number	000002 87000 – \$609.36 tax plus \$30.48 interest
John & Laura Scott, Roll Number	000002 09100 - \$210.45 tax plus \$10.52 interest
	000002 11800 - \$210.45 tax plus \$10.52 interest
	000002 11900 - \$373.31 tax plus \$18.68 interest
	000002 12000 - \$ 30.15 tax plus \$ 1.52 interest
William Fogal, Roll Number	000002 10400 - \$390.80 tax plus \$19.86 interest
	000002 10500 - \$515.78 tax plus \$25.80 interest

000002 13100 - \$476.85 tax plus \$23.84 interest

Carried KN

No. 151

Moved By Jeff Bailey

Seconded By D. Hill

That we draft By-law no. 20 – 09 to provide signing authority for the Provincial Offences Act, Intermunicipal Service Agreement.

Carried KN

No. 152

Moved By P.A. Palonen

Seconded By D. Hill

That By-law no. 20 – 09 received it's required readings and finally passed.

Carried KN

POA – There is some discussion regarding POA fines being collected through the property tax system. Council raised concerns as to this method of collecting outstanding fines.

No. 153

Moved By D Hill

Seconded By Jeff Bailey

That we approve payment of the general accounts list of \$ 35,417.74.

Carried KN

No. 154

Moved By P.A. Palonen

Seconded By Jeff Bailey

That road voucher No_11_ for the amount of \$60,512.51 be passed for payment.

Carried KN

Request for work on Ocean Point Road – Ocean Point is not a municipally maintained road and the township does not do work on roads that are not municipally maintained.

Property Owners Access to Roadways – Council discussed different options as to providing Property Owners access to roadways.

Winter Plowing – Council determined that the roadways are to be plowed in time for School Busing operations.

No. 155

Moved By D. Hill

Seconded By Jeff Bailey

That we approve payment of the Fire Department accounts list of \$765.02.

Carried KN

No. 156

Moved By P.A. Palonen

Seconded By Jeff Bailey

That we draft By-law no. 21 – 09 to provide signing authority for the Memorandum of Understanding for a Manitoulin Planning Board/Municipal Geographic Information System.

Carried KN

No. 157

Moved By Jeff Bailey

Seconded By D. Hill

That By-law no 21 – 09 received it's required readings and finally passed.

Carried KN

Recreation Report – Dave Hill – the recreation committee is planning a New Years dance and pot luck dinner. The committee is also trying to set up an information session on drug use for all ages in the spring. The information for this session would be provided by the Ontario Provincial Police.

Web Site – Jill Chalk is working on the upgrading of our website. She has had discussions with Pat Keenan and Bonnie Bailey regarding the website. She will also take over the drafting of our community newsletter.

1990 Land Claims Agreement – Ken Noland – There is a meeting scheduled on Saturday December 12, 2009 which had been set up by the Native participants from the 1990 Land Claims Agreement. The municipalities have been asked to attend and Reeve, Ken Noland will be attending.

No. 158

Moved By Jeff Bailey

Seconded By D. Hill

That we set our 2010 council meeting schedule as follows:

January	06
February	01
March	01
April	05
May	03
June	07
July	06
August	04

September	08
October	04
November	01
December	06

Carried KN

No. 159

Moved By D. Hill

Seconded By Jeff Bailey

That we are in support of the Private Members Bill introduced by Welland MP Malcolm Allen asking that the Royal Canadian Legion be exempt from GST on purchases of red lapel poppies and will correspond this support to Prime Minister Harper.

Carried KN

No. 160

Moved By Jeff Bailey

Seconded By P.A. Palonen

That we adjourn to meet at our next regular council meeting on January 6, 2009 at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Carried KN

Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

January 5, 2010

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills, council met for the regular council meeting with Reeve, Ken Noland and Councillors, David Hill, P.A. Palonen, Lorri Millsap and Jeff Bailey in attendance. Mike Wright, Road Superintendent, and Dennis Blackburn, Fire Chief were also in attendance. Mike Bell also attended.

No. 01

Moved by: D Hill

Seconded by: Jeff Bailey

That the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on December 7, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Carried KN

Fire Department – Dennis Blackburn reported that the next practice will be on January 21, 2010 at 19:00. Three firefighters signed up for the Ontario Fire College legislation 101 training course which will be hosted by Little Current on January 16, 2010 at 8:30 am. The Northeastern Fire Education Conference will be held again this year and it is hoped that representation from council and the fire department attend the conference.

No. 02

Moved by: L Millsap

Seconded by: P A Palonen

That we approve payment of the Fire Department accounts list of \$90.55.

Carried KN

Mike Bell address council regarding his industrial storage unit located on his property in Mills Township and the notice he received from the Municipal By-law officer informing him that it was not allowed under the Mills Zoning By-law. Mr. Bell noted that he had not been aware that it was not allowed under the Zoning By-law. The unit had been purchased for storage while he was constructing a new residence on the property. Council agreed that the unit may be used until the new building is constructed but that the building permit will stipulate that upon the buildings completion the storage unit will be removed. This stipulation would be similar to the allowed use of a trailer on a building site during construction.

No. 03

Moved by: Jeff Bailey

Seconded by: L Millsap

That road voucher No 12 for the amount of 4,328.83 be passed for payment.

Carried KN

Roads – Mike Wright reported that he has been busy plowing due to the wind. Council agreed that the plow needs a new set of chains. Some motorists are not slowing down for the snow plow and it was determined that a request for motorists to take care when meeting the snow plow would be placed in the Newsletter.

No. 04

Moved by: L Millsap

Seconded by: D Hill

That we have Nelson Woodcraft construct the wall cupboards for an estimated cost of \$1,322.04.

Carried KN

MMA – Ken Noland reported that the meeting had been cancelled again due to low attendance. The meetings have been cancelled three times in 2009 which creates some concern about the future of the committee. Council discussed the importance of the committee and its continuance.

1990 Land Claims – Ken Noland reported that he had attended a meeting regarding the 1990 land claims. Mr. Noland noted that there did not seem to be any clear sense of the issues but had been told that it was a Manitoulin Problem. Council representatives had been presented with maps highlighting town plots which had not been sold. A clear explanation as to why the plots were in question was not answered. Properties purchased outside of reserve lands and becoming part of the reserve was discussed. When a band buys property outside of the reserve they will not be required to pay property taxes. The Natives reported that they do not pay taxes. This accumulation of land for the reserves was to have been part of the 1990 Land Claims agreement; however Ken Noland reported that he had read the agreement and did not recall any mention of this. The Council had concerns over the loss of tax revenues when the property would still be listed on our roll as assessed value when a lot of our costs for services are based on this assessment. Council also had concerns regarding the financial ability of any one municipality being able to actually defend the municipality if any legal actions were to take place regarding this Land Claim. There had been no press allowed which council felt was not appropriate for any meeting of councils.

Recreation – P.A. Palonen reported that the New Years pot luck supper and dance had been a success with a good mix of ages attending and had a profit of \$81.28. The recreations meet and greet was to take place on January 9, 2010 and it was hoped that it would be well attended to give ideas and assistance for this years recreation events.

Waste Disposal – Dave Hill reported that Day Construction was not present for the Island Wide Waste Committee meeting as expected as well the new consultant was not able to personally attend but had been in contact by phone. The consultant had hoped that there would be some agreements for trucking. There had been some discussion as to their concern in his not attending. The most effective way of using the funding was to have all garbage trucked off the Island and there would be no need for an environmental assessment. Ruth Frawley was to look into contacting the Funders to see if having a plan in place by the New Year would allow for them to still assess the funds. Dave Hill had not received any word as to the Funders granting this request. There was some interest in our township offering a composting component to the Island Wide Waste partnering initiative. It was determined that the municipal composter did not have the capacity to handle the entire Islands volume of compost materials however it could be that we would enter into a smaller agreement with a neighbouring municipality where the municipality would handle their compostable waste for their taking our non recyclables.

Council discussed the option of the municipality putting up another building and collecting non recyclables to be transported to Dodge Haulage. Someone would have to talk with Dodge about tipping fees, shipping and per household charges.

Web Site – Dave Hill reported that the site is very user friendly however there is still a problem with the home page information in that it does not reflect the municipality of Burpee and Mills and there should be more specific information about council. The general By-laws will also need to be included. P.A. Palonen mentioned that Penny Palonen will continue to produce the Newsletter and submit for inclusion on the web site.

Council reimbursement for service – It was determined by Council that there would be no increase in the 2010 rate of reimbursement for Council Members.

No. 05

Moved by: L Millsap

Seconded by: D Hill

RESOLUTION

That the Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Council supports the Corporation of the Township of Essa Resolution resolving that:

The Council of the Township of Essa requests municipalities in the NVCA watershed to support an immediate review by and independent third party who will be asked to develop an action plan on matters such as but not limited to, the duplication and required level of planning in the NVCA catchment area: halting collection of permit fees by the NVCA, but instead with municipalities collecting reasonable fees to meet the objectives set out in the Conservation Act, and passing along appropriate fees to the NVCA for services performed; streamlining of services and a strategy for reduction of levy fees.

Carried

No. 06

Moved by: Jeff Bailey

Seconded by: L Millsap

That we approve payment of the general accounts list of \$16,988.12.

Carried KN

No. 07

Moved by: P. Palonen

Seconded by: D Hill

That we draft By-law number 01 – 10 to set employees rate of pay.

Carried KN

No. 08

Moved by: Jeff Bailey

Seconded by: L Millsap

That By-law no 01 – 10 received its required readings and finally passed.

Carried KN

No. 09

Moved by: D Hill

Seconded by: Jeff Bailey

That we adjourn to meet at our next regular council meeting on February 1, 2010 at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

January 20, 2010

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills, council met for a special meeting with Reeve, Ken Noland and Councillors, David Hill, P.A. Palonen, Lorri Millsap and Jeff Bailey in attendance. Doug Unsworth from the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and Todd Lewis from the United Chiefs and Council also attended.

Mr. Doug Unsworth presented a history of the 1990 Native Lands Claims agreement and explained that the agreement had not been finalized due to Premier Harris bringing in a land transfer tax for native transactions and now that the present government has lifted this tax they would like to see the agreement finalized. Todd Lewis gave an explanation as to why the Native community has decided to request the unsold lands which seemed to result from the sale of property in South Bay Mouth by a large corporation to another corporation for \$1.00. This did not appear to be fair to the Native people. Mr. Unsworth stated that they would like the 1990 Native Lands Claims resolved by the end of March 2010.

It was also explained to council which properties in the Manitoulin area would be transferred to the Natives. Many appeared to be in Towns and Villages and many are waterfront properties.

The topic of lands purchased by Natives being non taxable was discussed at a meeting of Council representatives from the MMA and Native and Ministry representatives for the Native Lands Claims Agreement. Mr. Unsworth noted that lands purchased by the Native Land Trust are to be classified as tax exempt lands. Lands purchased by individual native people would have regular tax classification. Lands that were purchased and where adjacent to Reservations would be removed from the municipality and becomes part of the Reservation. The process of taking municipal lands and adding to Reservations is to be explained at the next MMA meeting by Pam Simons.

Todd Lewis stated that the Chiefs have agreed to enter into service agreements with the municipality where lands were purchased by the Native Land Trust which was their decision not a requirement. These lands will still fall under municipal Zoning regulations.

Councillor David Hill thanked Mr. Unsworth and Todd Lewis for there meeting with Council to give a detailed explanation as to the 1990 Land Claims Agreement.

Reeve, Ken Noland also thanked Mr. Unsworth and Todd Lewis for a much clearer explanation than had been presented at the previous meeting. Reeve, Noland also felt the municipality would be favorable to the implementation of service agreements.