

**MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STIRLING-RAWDON REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Peter Kooistra, Deputy Mayor Michael Regan and Councillors Jeremy Solmes, Abby Wigger and Marian Bastedo

ALSO PRESENT: Roger Barrett
Janet Richards, The Community Press
Richard Turtle, The Shield
Kevin Heath, Clerk-Administrator (Acting)

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Wigger declared that she had a pecuniary interest in the matter of the fire department accounts since she is an owner of Springbrook Restaurant. She refrained from discussion and voting.

DELEGATION

Roger Barrett, Hastings County Museum of Agricultural Heritage attended to request permission to put in a septic system for the new building at the Museum.

There was discussion on the new building at the Museum and the requirement for washroom facilities. Mr. Barrett was instructed to look into both the cost of installing a pressurized sewer line to the arena as well as a septic system.

The Mayor thanked Roger for his attendance.

MINUTES

Council Meeting

MOTION #1

Moved by Councillor Solmes
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Regan
“That the minutes of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon regular Council meeting held on January 21, 2008 be approved.” Carried.

MOTION #2

Moved by Councillor Wigger
Seconded by Councillor Solmes
“That the minutes of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon special Council meeting held on January 29, 2008 be approved.” Carried.

Committee Minutes

MOTION #3

Moved by Councillor Wigger

MOTION #4

Moved by Councillor Wigger

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That the minutes of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on January 22, 2008 be approved.” Carried.

MOTION #5

Moved by Councillor Bastedo

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That the minutes of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon Finance and Personnel Committee caucus meeting held on January 22, 2008 be approved.” Carried.

Boards and Commissions

MOTION #6

Moved by Councillor Wigger

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That the minutes of the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library Board meeting held on May 22, September 25, and December 18, 2007 be received and filed.” Carried.

NEW BUSINESS / CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION #7

Moved by Deputy Mayor Regan

Seconded by Councillor Bastedo

“That Council acknowledge receipt of a resolution dated January 14, 2008 from the City of Port Colborne advising that they support the findings of the 2007 FCM-McGill Municipal Infrastructure Survey and are petitioning the Federal and Provincial Governments to establish a national plan to eliminate the municipal infrastructure deficit through the provision of equitable long-term funding strategies, to prepare the groundwork for effective management in the future and to undertake a comprehensive, national study, involving all three orders of government, to determine the size, scope and geographic characteristics of the municipal infrastructure deficit.

and further that Council support said resolution.” Carried.

MOTION #8

Moved by Deputy Mayor Regan

Seconded by Councillor Wigger

“That Council acknowledge receipt of a letter dated January 21, 2008 from Jennifer Ronan, LifeWorks School Working Group, advising of their annual TV turnoff Challenge from March 31 – April 4, 2008. They are seeking organizations that are planning a TV Turnoff Challenge special or discount, or have planned activities that families can participate in during the week of the challenge

and further that said letter be referred to the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library.” Carried.

MOTION #9

Moved by Councillor Wigger

Seconded by Councillor Bastedo

“That Council acknowledge receipt of a letter dated January 25, 2008 from Glenn Payne, Stirling Truck Show requesting support from the Township in the form of a sponsorship, a vendor booth or a donation.

and further that said request be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for further discussion during budget deliberations.” Carried.

MOTION #10

Moved by Councillor Wigger

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Regan

“That that the following correspondence be received and filed as information:

- a) Minutes of the Stirling CIA (Community In Action) Committee meeting held on December 13, 2007.
- b) Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Marmora District Housing Commission held on December 18, 2007 and January 22, 2008.
- c) Minutes of the Stirling B.I.A. meeting held on January 28, 2008.
- d) Letter dated January 16, 2008 from Amy McConnell and Teri Cook, Centennial Secondary School requesting financial support in sending students to Italy to participate in the 65th anniversary of the Battle of Ortona.
- e) Resolution received January 24, 2008 from the City of Ottawa petitioning the provincial government for the authority to create a hotel room tax such that some of the municipal costs created by the tourism and hotel industries can be recouped.
- f) Letter dated January 23, 2008 from Myles D’Arcey, Hydro One Networks Inc. advising that in the coming weeks Hydro One will be installing smart meters in our community between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.” Carried.

MUNICIPAL OFFICER’S REPORT

MOTION #11

Moved by Councillor Bastedo

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That Council approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$296,537.37 as follows:

January 25, 2008	-	\$ 625.00
January 30, 2008	-	6,667.79
February 4, 2008	-	<u>289,244.58</u>
TOTAL	-	<u>\$ 296,537.37.</u> ” Carried.

MOTION #12

Moved by Councillor Solmes

Seconded by Councillor Wigger

“That Council approve the Animal Control Officer’s report for the month of January 2008 and that he be paid.” Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Mayor informed Council of an e-mail received advising that Provost Margaret Brisley of Stirling Scotland is planning to attend the 150th Anniversary Celebration.

The Clerk advised that seven tenders had been received and opened for the Allan Street project. Tenders are currently under review with the Township’s engineers.

The Clerk also advised that the Library is closed temporarily due to problems with the heating / cooling unit.

BY-LAWS

No. 637-08 ENTITLED a by-law to prohibit the keeping, exhibition and transportation of certain animals within the Corporation of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon.

No. 638-08 ENTITLED a by-law to authorize the submission of an application to the Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation (“OIPC”) for funding from the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative for a new eligible capital project of the Corporation of Township of Stirling-Rawdon, and to approve the expenditure of funds on said eligible capital project.

MOTION #13

Moved by Councillor Solmes

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Regan

“That By-law Nos. 637-08 and 638-08 and be given three readings, be signed, sealed and numbered.” Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Mayor. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK