

**MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STIRLING-RAWDON COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Bob Mullin, Deputy Mayor Grant Hagerman and Councillors Sari Watson, Jeremy Solmes and John Rock.

STAFF PRESENT: Roxanne Hearn, CAO/ Treasurer
Tawnya Donald, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION #1

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That the amended agenda for the December 16th, 2019 Council meeting be adopted as circulated.” Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Mullin declared a pecuniary interest in the matter of the account for R & S Home Hardware since he is an owner. He refrained from discussion and voting.

MINUTES

Council Meeting

MOTION #2

Moved by Councillor Rock

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

“That the minutes of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon Council regular and caucus meetings held on December 2, 2019 be approved.” Carried.

Committee Meetings

MOTION #3

Moved by Councillor Rock

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That the minutes of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon Environmental Committee meeting held on December 3, 2019 be approved.” Carried.

MOTION #4

Moved by Councillor Solmes

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

“That the minutes of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon Transportation Committee regular and caucus meetings held on December 3, 2019 be approved.” Carried.

NEW BUSINESS/ CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION #5

Moved by Councillor Solmes

Seconded by Councillor Rock

“That the letter dated December 2, 2019 from Darryl Kramp, MPP listing some of the highlights of the proposed ‘Security From Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act’ be received and filed.” Carried.

MOTION #6

Moved by Councillor Watson

Seconded by Councillor Rock

“That Council acknowledge receipt of an email from AMO regarding the Local Improvement Charge/ Home Energy Retrofit Program for Ontario

and further that staff be instructed to look into the noted program to see if it may be beneficial to Township of Stirling-Rawdon residents.” Carried.

MOTION #7

Moved by Councillor Solmes

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

“That Council acknowledge receipt of a letter dated November 29, 2019 from the Municipality of Tweed seeking the Township’s approval and acceptance that Sean Porter be appointed as the primary CEMC for the Municipality of Tweed

and further that the said request be approved.” Carried.

MOTION #8

Moved by Councillor Rock

Seconded by Councillor Watson

“That Council support the resolution from the Township of Greater Madawaska requesting that Ministers and the Premier offer electronic delegations to small and rural Municipalities that do not have sufficient budget to attend conferences.” Carried.

MOTION #9

Moved by Councillor Watson

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That Council acknowledge receipt of a copy of a letter from the City of Stratford supporting the continuation of the programs of Ontario conservation authorities and requesting the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to give clear direction regarding what is considered mandatory and how programs will be funded

and further that the Township of Stirling-Rawdon supports the said resolution.” Carried.

MOTION #10

Moved by Councillor Watson

Seconded by Councillor Rock

“That Council acknowledge receipt of a letter dated November 27, 2019 from Crowe Valley Conservation attaching a copy of the 2020 draft budget and advising that municipal comments will be reviewed at their January 16, 2020 meeting

and further that Tim Pidduck, General Manager of Crowe Valley Conservation Authority be invited to attend the next Finance and Personnel Committee meeting to discuss the 2020 Draft Budgets.” Carried.

MOTION #11

Moved by Councillor Watson

Seconded by Councillor Rock

“That Council acknowledge receipt of a letter dated December 3, 2019 from Quinte Waste Solutions attaching a copy of the Board approved 2020 Operating Budget

and further that the same be forwarded to budget deliberations.” Carried.

MUNICIPAL OFFICER’S REPORT

Mayor Mullin having declared a pecuniary interest in the matter of the accounts left the room at this time.

Deputy Mayor Hagerman assumed the Chair.

MOTION #12

Moved by Councillor Solmes

Seconded by Councillor Rock

“That Council approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$1,393,129.22 as follows:

December 3, 2019	61,682.15
December 16, 2019	<u>1,331,447.07</u>
	<u>\$ 1,393,129.22.</u> ” Carried.

Mayor Mullin returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

MOTION #13

Moved by Councillor Solmes

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

“That the Animal Control Officer’s report for the month of November be approved.” Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was discussion re: tree cutting along the Hastings Heritage Trail in the vicinity of Bedford Road as well as the area east of the former Village of Stirling. It was noted that the Township does not own the property being discussed, and therefore has no authority.

BY-LAWS

MOTION #14

Moved by Councillor Rock

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That By-law No. 1337-19 entitled a By-law to authorize the execution of acknowledgement and direction documents by the Corporation of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon with respect to the Harvest Glen Subdivision be given three readings, be signed, sealed and numbered.” Carried.

MOTION #15

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That By-law No. 1338-19 Entitled a By-law to assume road widening along West Front Street, Township of Stirling-Rawdon (former Village of Stirling) County of Hastings designated as Part 3, Plan 21R-25448 as part of a public highway be given three readings, be signed, sealed and numbered.” Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Rock gave a verbal report regarding activities at the Arena.

QUESTION PERIOD

During ‘question period’ an enquiry was raised from the floor regarding the treasurer’s voucher report. Since Mayor Mullin previously declared a pecuniary interest, he immediately left the room, Deputy Mayor Hagerman assumed the Chair.

Mayor Mullin resumed the chair to close the public portion of the meeting.

CAUCUS

MOTION #16

Moved by Councillor Solmes

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

“That Council go into caucus as follows:

- a) to discuss matters pursuant to Section 239 (2)(e) of the Municipal Act regarding potential litigation;
- b) to discuss matters pursuant to Section 239 (2)(b) of the Municipal Act regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual being a township employee.” Carried.

MOTION #17

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That Council go out of Caucus.” Carried.

MOTION #18

Moved by Councillor Solmes

Seconded by Councillor Rock

“That staff follow direction given in caucus.” Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Mayor. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2020.

MAYOR

CLERK