

CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SUNDRIDGE

The regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor Elgin Schneider, Councillors Sue Ayotte, Bill de Vries, Barry Morris and Lawrie Vincer.

STAFF PRESENT: Lillian S. Fowler, Clerk-Treasurer

GUESTS: Don Richardson, Ratepayer
Andy Campbell, Almaguin Forester/News

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Elgin Schneider.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda had been circulated to council. It was

MOVED BY: Sue Ayotte

SECONDED BY: Bill de Vries

**That we approve the agenda as circulated for the February 26, 2008 meeting.
Carried.**

PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No Pecuniary Interests were declared at this time.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Don Richardson attended the meeting to make a presentation to council regarding a proposal for his property on Con. 10 Part Lot 23 being Plan 42R 7254 Part 1. He left sketches and pictures which will be reviewed by the municipal planner and council.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting Tuesday, February 12, 2008 were circulated. It was

MOVED BY: Lawrie Vincer

SECONDED BY: Barry Morris

That the minutes of the regular meeting held Tuesday, February 12, 2008 meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried.

The minutes of the special meeting Friday, January 11, 2008 were circulated. It was

MOVED BY: Sue Ayotte

SECONDED BY: Lawrie Vincer

That the minutes of the special meeting held Friday, January 11, 2008 meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mayor Elgin Schneider advised that the grant application under MIII has been submitted. He also advised that Honourable Tony Clement had met with him Wednesday, February 20, 2008 to advise that the Federal Government has approved a \$370,000.00 grant under MRIF towards our sewer project.

INTERNAL COMMITTEE BOARD MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of **the Sundridge, Strong & Joly Arena & Hall & Ballfield Committee meeting held on February 6, 2008.**

The Council reviewed the minutes of **the Sundridge - Strong Recreation Committee meeting held on February 7, 2008.**

The Council reviewed the minutes of **the Sundridge - Strong Union Public Library Board meeting held on January 17, 2008.**

The Council reviewed the minutes of **the South East District of Parry Sound Steering Committee meeting held on January 4, 2008.**

The Council reviewed the minutes of **the Central Almaguin Economic Development Association meeting held on February 21, 2008.** It was

MOVED BY: Lawrie Vincer

SECONDED BY: Sue Ayotte

Whereas English Public Schools in Northern Ontario are continually identified and considered for closure; and

Whereas demographics are not being considered with proven statistics from Stats Canada's population growth rates that show growth and enrollment in this area will increase; and

Whereas English Public Schools, despite their smaller enrollment, are the heart of their communities especially in Northern Ontario, and vital to the future of their community; and

Whereas English Public Schools are each entitled to a full time principal, secretary and custodian; and

Whereas English Public School students are entitled to a quality education in a safe, health/environment; and

Whereas transportation costs for busing students out of their community is excessive, unsafe and unhealthy,

Now Therefore we petition the Provincial Government to properly fund English Public Schools in Northern Ontario as a special interest, to the extent needed to keep them open and operational in safe repair; and

Further That this resolution be circulated to the Parry Sound Municipal Association and each municipality in Northern Ontario for support. Carried.

FOLLOW-UP BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

The accounts payable for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge were presented. It was

MOVED BY: Barry Morris
SECONDED BY: Bill de Vries

That the accounts payable for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge in the amount of \$101,108.60 be approved for payment. Carried.

Resolution No. 023-08 dated January 24, 2008 from the Township of Great Madawaska re Logging on Crown Lands was circulated. It was

MOVED BY: Sue Ayotte
SECONDED BY: Bill de Vries

That the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge support resolution no. 023-08 of the Township of Greater Madawaska dated January 24, 2008. Carried.

A request was made by round table attendees after the event held on January 22, 008 for copies of the Building Canada Strong, Safer, Better January 2008 program. It was

MOVED BY: Bill de Vries
SECONDED BY: Barry Morris

Whereas, infrastructure is critically important to our municipality; and

Whereas, there is considerable infrastructure deficit throughout Ontario; and

Whereas, Canada's federal government has committed, in Budget 2007, a seven-year, \$33 billion infrastructure program – the biggest federal commitment since World War II – the Building Canada Plan; and

Whereas, in order to access the Building Canada program a province must sign a Framework Agreement with the federal government, and Ontario has not done this yet;

Whereas, four provinces (British Columbia, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland and Labrador) have already signed a Framework Agreement with the federal government;

Be it resolved that the Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge call upon Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty to direct his officials to work with the Government of Canada to develop an appropriate Framework Agreement under the Building Canada Plan.

As the elected representatives responsible for the continued prosperity and safety of our community, we urge our counterparts at the province of Ontario to make negotiation of the Framework Agreement and access to this funding one of the highest priorities of their government. Carried.

A resolution dated January 14, 2008 from the City of Waterloo re Canadian Broadcasting Corporation was circulated. No action was taken,

All correspondence was read and the clerk instructed as to council's wishes.

There being no further business, it was

MOVED BY: Lawrie Vincer

SECONDED BY: Bill de Vries

That we do now adjourn at 11:03 p.m. until the next regular meeting Tuesday, March 11, 2008 or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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Mayor Elgin Schneider

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Clerk-Treasurer Lillian S. Fowler

These minutes subject to council's approval at the next regular meeting.