

**February 7, 2018**

**Township of Faraday  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**8:30 a.m.**

The Council of the Township of Faraday met on Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at the Township of Faraday Municipal Office for their regular monthly meeting with the following members present:

**Present:**

Reeve: C.A. Tinney

Deputy-Reeve: M. Nicholson

Councillors: A. Wilson, D.J. Purcell and W.J. Thomson

**Also present:**

Clerk-Treasurer: D. Switzer

Road Supt.: S. Laundry

Fire Chief: B. Sears

Deputy Fire Chief; A. Moore

Meeting was called to order and opened with a moment of silence.

No disclosure of interest declared

The minutes from January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council were reviewed and discussed.

Amendment to the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes, regarding the DRAFT By-Law pertaining to the LAS Closed Meeting Investigator services shared through the County of Hastings.

- Staff directed to make correction to the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and present DRAFT Minutes at the next regular meeting of Council.

**Correspondence was reviewed and discussed as circulated.**

Discussion regarding the North Hastings Economic Development Committee increase in the 2018 Levy.

Council in agreement that the Township will pay the original levy of \$750.00, and the funding matter will be brought forward at the County of Hastings Finance meeting.

Moved by: M. Nicholson

Seconded by: D.J. Purcell

WHEREAS Bill 160, The Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act amended the Ambulance Act to permit the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to enable two pilot projects hosted by willing municipal governments to allow fire fighters certified as paramedics, to treat patients while on duty with a fire department; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is committed to proceeding with the pilots and enabling the fire medic model despite the absence of objective evidence to show that it would improve patient outcomes or response times; and

WHEREAS the current interest arbitration model, particularly in the fire services sector, allows arbitrators to impose awards on unwilling employers that directly impact the employer's ability to determine how it will deploy its workforce, as evidenced by the experience of many municipalities in regards to the 24-hour shift; and

WHEREAS in the absence of legislative protection, unwilling municipalities may be forced to enter into a pilot or adopt a fire-medical model as a result of interest arbitration; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and its municipal members have called on the Government of Ontario to introduce legislative amendments to the Fire Protection Act 1997 and the Ambulance Services Collection Bargaining Act to preclude arbitrators from expanding the scope of work for the fire fighters and paramedics respectively through interest arbitration awards and

WHEREAS there is precedent for a restriction on the scope of jurisdiction of arbitrators in Section 126 of the Police Services Act which precludes arbitrators from amending the core duties of police officers; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has committed that no unwilling municipal government will have a fire-medical pilot or program imposed upon them;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that 1. The Council of the Township of Faraday calls on the Government of Ontario to act immediately so that legislative amendments, that will protect unwilling municipalities from being forced by arbitrators to have a fire-medical pilot or program, are placed within the upcoming Budget Bill before the Ontario Legislature rises for the provincial election. 2. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Office of the Premier; Hon. Dr. Eric

Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long Term Care; Hon. Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; Hon. Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour; Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs; MP, Mike Bossio; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

- Carried –

Moved by: M. Nicholson

Seconded by: W.J. Thomson

WHEREAS a coalition of the municipal Engineers Association (MEA) and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario have successfully applied to have a review of the municipal Class Environmental Assessment process conducted under part IV (Section 61) of the Environmental Bill of Rights Act, 1993 (EBR Act):

AND WHEREAS impact studies and public meetings required by the MCEA process often take two years or more to complete before construction can commence:

AND WHEREAS the MCEA requirements to evaluate alternatives are often not well aligned with prior or municipal land use planning decisions;

AND WHEREAS analysis by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario has demonstrated that time to complete an EA rose from 19 months to 26.7 months and costs went from an average of \$113,300 to \$386,500;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General of Ontario has tabled recommendations for modernizing the MCEA process;

AND WHEREAS in spite of written commitments made by the Ministry of the Environment between 2013-2015, no action has been taken;

AND WHEREAS local projects that do not have the necessary approvals could lose out on the next intake of Build Canada funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Faraday requests the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change take immediate steps to expedite the response process for Part II Orders or Bump-Up requests, as part of the S.61 review to improve MCEA process times and reduce study costs;

AND FURTHER that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change support changes to better integrate and harmonize the MCEA process with processes defined under the Planning Act;

AND FURTHER that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change amend the scope of MCEA reports and studies to reduce duplication with existing public processes and decisions made under municipal Official Plans and provincial legislation.

- Carried –

Discussion regarding the merge of the Madoc and Bancroft O.P.P.

- Staff directed to send a letter of concern and objection to the O.P.P.

Discussion regarding the correspondence from Havelock-Belmont-Methuen

- Staff directed to advise Havelock-Belmont-Methuen that Reeve Tinney will participate in a meeting regarding the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority

Moved by: A. Wilson

Seconded by: M. Nicholson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Faraday receive and file all correspondence not dealt with by resolution.

- Carried –

**9:30 a.m. - Tim Pidduck of the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority** was present to speak to Council with regards to the 2018 Draft Budget as well as the correspondence sent to all members of the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority from Havelock-Belmont Methuen

Erin Rivers, Director, Community And Human Services, Hastings County was not able to attend the meeting

Moved by: M. Nicholson

Seconded by: A. Wilson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Faraday are in agreement that if agencies or individuals wanting donations from the Township for services offered by the County be referred to the County. If unsuccessful at the County a delegation with the Council would be approved.

- Carried –

