

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

DATE: March 9th 2010
TIME: 7:12 p.m.
PLACE: Prince Township Community Centre
Council Chambers
CHAIR: Reeve L. Madonna
PRESENT: Councilor R. Amadio
Councilor K. Lamming
Councilor R. Williamson
Councilor D. Yanni
STAFF: B. Coughlin, CAO/Administrator
M. Mousseau, Fire Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Madonna called the meeting to order.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 2010-40

MOVED BY Councilor R. Amadio
SECONDED BY Councilor K. Lamming

Resolved that the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 9th 2010 be approved as submitted.

CARRIED

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution No. 2010-41

MOVED BY Councilor K. Lamming
SECONDED BY Councilor R. Williamson

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 23rd 2010 be approved as submitted.

CARRIED

6. QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None.

7. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

8. REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

a) Administrator – Official Plan Amendments

Council discussed the proposed amendments to the draft Official Plan brought forward on behalf of the Planning Consultant.

Council members discussed their concern with the amendment requiring Batchewana First Nation be consulted where archeological studies are required. Councilor Lamming also raised a concern with a section not proposed for amendment, that of section D2 regarding equipment allowed for home based businesses.

Council discussed their concerns, and asked the Administrator to consult the Planning Consultant for more information.

Resolution No. 2010-42

MOVED BY Councilor D. Yanni
SECONDED BY Councilor

“Resolved that the Council of the Township of Prince approve the following amendments to the draft Official Plan;

- 1 The section C 7.2 (3) be amended changing the maximum building area for recreational dwellings in the Prince Lake and Jackson Island area from 65 m² to 95 m².
- 2 That Section A 3.1 be reworded moving “Section 34 – Comprehensive Zoning By-law “ from the Ministry’s approval authority to the Townships.
- 3 That the word City’s in the second paragraph of section A 3.2 be changed to Municipality’s.
- 4 That the following paragraph be added prior to the last paragraph of section B 5.2;

“That the archeologist preparing an archeological study consult with the Batchewana First Nation prior to commencing the study and share the results of said study with Batchewana First Nation once completed.” Section taken out per council instruction

- 5 That section C10.1 (5) be amended to add a school bus to the list of equipment that could be included as part of a home based business or occupation.
- 6 That the word “shall” be replaced with the word “may” in the first line of section D 6.2

DEFERRED

b) Administrator – Forest Fire Management Agreement

The Administrator presented Council with a proposed Forest Fire Management Agreement brought forward by the Ministry of Natural Resources. She noted that Council could decide the Fire Department to take over two additional areas for forest fire protection, or leave the agreement as is.

Chief Mousseau spoke to Council regarding the agreement, noting his concern for the unofficial “300 feet” off municipal roads for the municipal protection area. He also noted he would like some portable equipment available from MNR in case a forest fire does occur in those areas.

The Administrator noted that the agreement was only in respect to forest or brush fires, not in relation to house or building fires.

Councilor Williamson suggested a meeting be scheduled with the representatives of the Ministry to gather more information. The Administrator advised that she would try to set this up quickly, as the current forest fire management agreement expires April 1st.

c) Administrator – Burning By-Law

The Administrator then presented Council with a sample open air burning by-law and the elements that could be used for the municipality. These include simplified writing and which items could not be burned.

Council discussed the issue of burning leaves, with the concern for safe burning versus the ability to burn yard waste as needed. Councilor Yanni suggested burning leaves could be permitted at certain times of the year; Council agreed. Chief Mousseau also noted that there would need to be clear instructions regarding where and how to burn, with punishments if necessary.

9. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None.

10. BY-LAWS

a) By-Law 2010-4, being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Township of Prince.

Resolution No. 2010-43

MOVED BY Councilor D. Yanni
SECONDED BY Councilor R. Williamson

Resolved that the Council of the Township of Prince hereby approve By-Law 2010-4, being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Township of Prince.

CARRIED

b) By-Law 2010-5, being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board and the Prince Township Parent/Child Resource Centre.

Resolution No. 2010-44

MOVED BY Councilor R. Williamson
SECONDED BY Councilor R. Amadio

Resolved that the Council of the Township of Prince hereby approve By-Law 2010-5, being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board and the Prince Township Parent/Child Resource Centre.

CARRIED

c) By-Law 2010-6, being a by-law to amend By-Law 2009-3, the Fire Regulating By-Law.

Council discussed the elements of the by-law. Councilor Lamming noted he did not like the clause amending the ability to suspend or dismiss firefighters from the Fire Chief to Council, as he felt this did not allow for an appeal process. Council discussed this, and asked the Administrator to contact the representative from the Office of the Fire Marshall to discuss this part of his recommended amendments before the by-law could be passed.

Resolution No. 2010-45

MOVED BY Councilor D. Yanni
SECONDED BY Councilor R. Williamson

Resolved that the Council of the Township of Prince hereby approve By-Law 2010-6, being a by-law to amend By-Law 2009-3, the Fire Regulating By-Law.

DEFERRED

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario – Federal Throne Speech
- b) Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario – Order of Ontario
- c) Friends of Residents of the Algoma Manor – Protest
- d) Town of Gravenhurst – Resolution re: Ombudsman

12. MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a) Prince Township Public Library Board – February 3rd 2010 Meeting Minutes
- b) Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority – January 19th 2010 Meeting Minutes

13. NEW BUSINESS

Reeve Madonna made note of the improvements made to the Fire Hall, and asked the Fire Chief to thank the firefighters for all their efforts. Council then discussed the training that was taking place and upcoming training in the near future.

The Administrator then noted that the Volunteer Dinner was being moved to April 17th, due to a scheduling conflict with the hall.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2010-46

MOVED BY Councilor R. Williamson
SECONDED BY Councilor D. Yanni

Resolved that the Council of the Township of Prince hereby go into closed session to discuss matters relating to:

- 1. Information subject to solicitor-client privilege; and

Further be it resolved that should the closed session be adjourned, Council may reconvene in closed session to continue to discuss the same matter without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

CARRIED

Council then came out of closed session.

Resolution No. 2010-47

MOVED BY Councilor R. Amadio
SECONDED BY Councilor D. Gianni

Resolved that the Council of the Township of Prince hereby come out of closed session, the time being 8:21 pm.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2010-48

MOVED BY Councilor K. Lamming
SECONDED BY Councilor R. Williamson

Resolved that the Council of the Township of Prince hereby adjourn until March 23rd 2010 or the call of the chair.

CARRIED