

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHAPPLE
COUNCIL MEETING
January 18, 2016**

The special meeting of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chapple was held on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Municipal Office, Barwick Ontario.

PRESENT: Reeve Peter Van Heyst, Councillors: Ken Wilson, Ted Zimmerman, James Gibson, and Rilla Race, and CAO/Clerk Treasurer Peggy Johnson.

ALSO PRESENT: Jason Lilley/Northridge Funeral Home Ltd.

Reeve Peter Van Heyst welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open for the transaction of business.

DECLARATIONS: None.

1. Moved by: Ted Zimmerman – Rilla Race

That the agenda for the special meeting of January 18, 2016 be here-by approved with the following addendum:

New Gold/Letter to MNDM

Carried.

Discussion was held with Jason Lilley as to a payment schedule. It was noted that as per the Municipal Act, current taxes must also be paid at the same time so as not to default on the Extension Agreement.

2. Moved by: James Gibson – Ted Zimmerman

That By-law 1571, being a by-law for the Corporation of the Township of Chapple authorizing the Reeve and CAO/Clerk Treasurer to enter into an Extension Agreement with Northridge Funeral Home Ltd., be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of January, 2016.

Carried.

Discussion was held with regards to request from New Gold for letter to MNDM to support their lease application with regards to mining claim K425442. The letter will confirm that the Township of Chapple will be entering into an agreement with New Gold for compensation of any damages to surface rights of municipal land when providing access.

3. Moved by: Rilla Race – Ken Wilson

That CAO/Clerk Treasurer shall be and is hereby directed to sign any and all documents and take all actions necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this resolution, including without limitation to approve such amendments or revisions to the correspondence as the Clerk may find desirable.

Carried.

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Joshua Colling/Fire Chief attended the meeting with regards to the Chapple Volunteer Fire Department. Report Number FIRE2016-02 was presented to Council.

Joshua reported that he met with Larry Lundy/OFMEM and there are several areas of concern that must be addressed to ensure the continued existence of the Chapple Fire Department.

With the new Mutual Aid Agreement, there are new responsibilities. If someone is on scene and see something being done by a responder that is not appropriate, they must report the incident. With the CN response calls in 2015, infractions were reported by assisting responders and a video shown on CBC news. A letter of reprimand had been sent previously, but OFMEM did not feel this was sufficient. If the municipality does not take corrective actions, the Township of Chapple is in jeopardy of being removed from the Mutual Aid Program. Council was in agreement to revoke the appointment of the volunteer from the Chapple Fire Department.

The municipality has a legal obligation to provide proper equipment, training and documentation so as to in turn provide fire prevention, inspections and enforcement programs.

Joshua recommended that the Occupation Health and Safety Committee evaluate the fire department. A JHSC meeting will be scheduled immediately and inspections of the South and North Fire Halls will be completed.

An aggressive recruitment for new members to the Fire Department will take place. Joshua is preparing a poster and will develop an insert for the interim tax bills that are currently being mailed out. The information will also be placed in the next municipal news letter and on the municipal website. A notice of recruitment will also be placed on the municipal signage. Joshua has drafted job descriptions for the position of Deputy Fire Chief and Volunteer Fire Fighter.

Until such time as a full recruitment of fire fighters are in place, consideration will need to be given to a reduced level of service. Joshua will take forward a request to the Township of Emo to provide supplemental response. Council was in agreement to cover any costs for Emo to respond to every event.

Joshua will continue to have discussion with Frank Sheppard/Fort Frances Fire Chief and Larry Lundy/OFMEM with regards to the development of an Automatic Aid Agreement to cover portion of the municipality between the east boundary of Rainy River First Nations and the west boundary of the Township of Emo.

Discussion was held with regards to vehicles and equipment. At this point in time, with the number of volunteers and the level of service that can be provided, it is the Fire Chief's recommendation that the department go from four response units to two units. The pumper truck would be the primary apparatus and a new tanker would need to be purchased. Council gave direction for the Fire Chief to get quotes for either a 2000 gallon tanker truck with sufficient space to accommodate equipment and volunteers or a slightly more compact tanker truck along with a crew cab pick-up.

It was felt that the North Fire Hall should be used for seasonal fire fighting with wildland packs and as a training facility.

4. Moved by: James Gibson – Rilla Race

That the Township of Chapple revoke the appointment of Marvis Darrah to the Chapple Volunteer Fire Department.

Carried.

A letter is to be drafted to advise of removal of Marvis Darrah from the fire department. Joshua Colling/Fire Chief and James Gibson/Councillor will deliver the letter after the adjournment of the meeting.

Training is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2016. Councillors James Gibson and Ken Wilson will also attend the meeting to advise members of Council's expectations for the continued operations of the Chapple Fire Department.

5. Moved by: Ted Zimmerman – Rilla Race

That we adjourn at 1:05 p.m. to meet again February 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Chapple Municipal Office.

Carried.

Peter van Hoop

Reeve

Peggy Johnson

CAO/Clerk Treasurer