



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWASSAN

**-MINUTES-**

**Regular Council Meeting  
January 6, 2009  
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

**Present:** Bob Young, Mayor  
Nancy Barner, Councillor  
Blair Beatty, Councillor  
Roger Glabb, Councillor  
Peter McIsaac, Councillor  
George Thompson, Councillor

**Absent:** Gerry Giesler, Councillor

**Staff:** Roger Labelle, CAO-Clerk

**Disclosure of Monetary Interest and General Nature Thereof:** None declared

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**Resolutions:**

**2009-01** Moved by: Blair Beatty                      Seconded by: Nancy Barner

That the agenda of the regular Council meeting of January 6, 2009 be approved as amended. **Carried.**

**2009-02** Moved by: Peter McIsaac;                      Seconded by: Roger Glabb

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting of December 16, 2008 be adopted. **Carried.**

**2009-03** Moved by: Nancy Barner                      Seconded by: Blair Beatty

That the minutes of the Powassan and District Union Library meeting of November 24, 2008 be received. **Carried.**

**2009-04** Moved by: George Thompson                      Seconded by: Roger Glabb

That the minutes of the Economic Development Committee (MOPED) meeting of December 8, 2008 be adopted. **Carried.**

**2009-05** Moved by: Nancy Barner;                      Seconded by: Blair Beatty

That the minutes of the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee meeting of December 18, 2008 be adopted. **Carried.**

**2009-06** Moved by: Roger Glabb;                      Seconded by: George Thompson

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Powassan supports the letter dated December 14, 2008 of Kay Tod regarding the Burks Falls and District Health Centre remaining in open. **Carried.**

**2009-07** Moved by: Blair Beatty;                      Seconded by: Nancy Barner

That \$992.70 be contributed towards the Women's Own Resource Centre for the 2009 operating year. **Carried**

**2009-08** Moved by: George Thompson; Seconded by: Peter McIsaac

That Councillor Barner be authorized to attend the Think North-Growth Plan for Northern Ontario February 2, and 3 in Thunder Bay. **Carried**

**2009-09** Moved by: Blair Beatty; Seconded by: Nancy Barner

That By-Law No. 2009-01 to appoint the firm of BDO Dunwoody as Municipal Auditors be adopted. **Carried**

**2009-10** Moved by: Nancy Barner; Seconded by: Blair Beatty

That By-Law No. 2009-02 to set the annual remuneration of Mayor and Members of Council to a bi-weekly basis be adopted. **Carried**

**2009-11** Moved by: George Thompson; Seconded by: Roger Glabb

That \$200.00 be donated to Powassan Minor Hockey for the Family Hockey Tournament. **Defeated.**

**2009-12** Moved by: Nancy Barner; Seconded by: Blair Beatty

Whereas historically the media has played a vital role in ensuring the goals of democracy are maintained through reporting on issues and policies of government providing the public with an opportunity to learn and comment; and

Whereas the Almaguin News has been successful in holding Councils accountable to public opinion, acting as watchdog, and ensuring transparency; and

Whereas the Almaguin News originated in the north with the Powassan News and has, until now, maintained the corporate goal of being a community newspaper for over 100 years as evidenced in the October 24, 2007 edition Pioneer Profile of J.B. Lake; and

Whereas living in a small rural community residents of the Northern circulation area continue to depend on the Almaguin News to keep them informed through attendance of a local reporter/photographer at community events, and Council and Committee meetings to obtain first hand knowledge of community events and issues; and

Whereas Council is disappointed that the Almaguin News has removed the position of the Northern Reporter/Photographer.

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Powassan respectfully requests the Almaguin News and its parent company Metroland Media to reinstate a local issues journalist/photographer dedicated to northern communities and issues. **Carried.**

**2009-13** Moved by: George Thompson; Seconded by: Peter McIsaac

That the purchase and replacement of a boiler unit and hot water tank in the Sportsplex ice resurfacing room, and heating unit in the Sportsplex ice plant at a total cost of \$14,762.82 plus taxes be accepted and authorized prior to 2009 budget adoption. **Carried**

**2009-14** Moved by: George Thompson; Seconded by: Roger Glabb

That the accounts payable listing reports of December 11, 18, 19, and 22, 2008 in the total amount of \$ 28,917.88 be approved for payment.. **Carried.**

**2009-15** Moved by: George Thompson; Seconded by: Peter McIsaac

That Council now adjourns to closed session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss salary adjustments and survey for 2009. **Carried.**

**2009-16** Moved by: Roger Glabb; Seconded by: Peter McIsaac

That Council now reconvenes to regular session at 8:43 p.m. **Carried.**

**2009-17** Moved by: Peter McIsaac; Seconded by: George Thompson

That Council now adjourns at 8:48 p.m. **Carried**

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Mayor

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CAO-Clerk