



Minutes

Temiskaming Mayors Action Group

Armstrong Municipal Offices, Earleton

Saturday, January 19, 2019

9:30 a.m.

Present:

Jean Marc Boileau, Armstrong/Earleton
Guy Labonte, Casey
Kerry Stewart, Chamberlain
Merrill Bond, Charlton/Dack
Dan Cleroux, Coleman
Nina Wallace, Englehart
Kerek Mundle, Evanturel
Laurie Bolesworth, Hilliard
George Lefebvre, Latchford
Anne Commando-Dube, Matachewan
Matt Reimer, McGarry
Dan O'Mara, Temagami
Craig Davidson, Temagami
Carmen Kidd, Temiskaming Shores
John Vanthoff, MPP
Jo Ann Ducharme, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

George Othmer, Cobalt
Terry Fiset, James
Pat Kiely, Kirkland Lake
Patricia Quinn, Larder Lake

Introductions

Delegation

John Kenrick and Jeff Barton, Temagami Forest Tenure

Moved by: Dan O'Mara, Temagami

Seconded by: Merrill Bond, Charlton/Dack

WHEREAS discussions with an advisory team for Forest Tenure Modernization in the Temagami Management Unit started in October, 2013. This area encompasses 450,000 hectares of Crown managed forest, and contributes to wood supply for 3 major mills, GP-Englehart, Eacom Timber-Elk Lake, and Goulard Lumber-Sturgeon Falls, and minor licence holders;

AND WHEREAS this advisory team (representatives from First Nation groups, Forest Industry leaders, Municipal representatives, and MNRF staff) have developed 3 reports and a framework document over the past 5 years, which have been presented to the Ministry;

AND WHEREAS these reports were developed and encouraged by then Minister McGarry, to investigate the potential establishment of a Local Forest Management Corporation (LFMC) for the Temagami Forest Management Unit;

AND WHEREAS the advisory team, is now requesting a meeting with Minister Yakabuski and his support for a submission to the Treasury Board, leading to the establishment of the LFMC;

AND WHEREAS many direct and indirect jobs in Northeastern Ontario are created from this Forest Management Unit.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Temiskaming Mayors Action Group (TeMAG) provides its unanimous support for this initiative, and requests that the Minister meet with the advisory team as soon as possible, as setting up this LFMC is a time sensitive issue for the Temagami Forest Management Unit.

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, and the Temagami Forest Modernization Advisory Team.

CARRIED

Update on Current Topics of Investigation

MPP John Vanthof briefed TeMAG on activities since the provincial election. He will be contacting individual municipalities to attend council meetings.

Carman Kidd discussed the Earlton Airport: the funding, the upgrades and maintenance, the forest fire activity, election of new board members.

New Business (Regional Issues for Discussion)

1. Direction of TeMAG and this term of Council

- TeMAG differs from the Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA) in that TeMAG speaks as Heads of Councils direction to Ministers, etc. and the issues are kept to issues of regional interest / concern.
- Bring back to the next meeting a resolution to endorse the purpose and direction for TeMAG

Moved by: Nina Wallace, Englehart

Seconded by: Kerry Stewart, Chamberlain

That a membership fee of \$0.02/capita/term be invoiced.

CARRIED.

- Other items of interest: Healthcare, invite ONTC and OPG to delegate

2. Evanturel: ONR Maintenance Work Invoices

Derek Mundle explained the issue of railway crossings

Junior-Senior relationship with the ONR

All municipalities being dealt with differently

Invoices sent to Evanturel

Response from Evanturel with a legal opinion

LPAT (Previously OMB) Hearing

3. Temiskaming Shores: 2 + 1 Highway Project

Moved by: Dan Cleroux, Coleman

Seconded by: Merrill Bond, Charlton/Dack

WHEREAS a resolution was circulated on October 6, 2015 requesting support for the Four (4) Laning of Highway 11 from North Bay to Cochrane, which was supported by 34 municipalities from Northeastern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS after meetings with MTO and OPP officials to review traffic counts and other statistics, and being informed that we did not meet the requirements for MTO to consider four (4) Laning of this portion of Highway 11;

AND WHEREAS OPP findings showed that accidents were spread out over the entire length of the highway and not just in certain high-risk areas, with 15% involving Commercial Motor Vehicles, causing death or injuries;

AND WHEREAS Highway 11 is the preferred truck route connecting Ontario to Manitoba and Western Canada, and almost all goods and services travel by truck through the Timiskaming and Cochrane Districts;

AND WHEREAS the amount of transports and tourist traffic has been steadily increasing over the last few years, raising safety issues for those using this two (2) Lane highway; and

Whereas when major accident investigations occur, the road is closed down for periods of 8 to 10 hours, with no detours being available in many areas, resulting in isolation of our residents;

AND WHEREAS the two plus one roads program has been successful in many European countries, as outlined in our attachments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Temiskaming Mayors Action Group (TeMAG) firmly supports the City of Temiskaming Shores in its petition to the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Transportation to develop a pilot project involving a two plus one roads program, somewhere between North Bay and Cochrane;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Transportation; John Vanthof, MP for Timiskaming-Cochrane; Victor Fedeli, MP for Nipissing; the Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA); the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA).

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4. Proposed 2019 OMPF Transfer Grant

Correspondence from the province was sent to all municipalities saying there is a delay in the OMPF grants. All municipal budgets have been pushed ahead. Phasing out is not a new message from the province.

5. Information Items attached to the Agenda

Minutes of the Inaugural Meetings of TeMAG

6. Other information Items

- February 20, OPG will be holding an open house in Latchford, Implementation of the Water Management Plan for the Montreal River.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Moved by: Merrill Bond, Charlton/Dack

Seconded by: Dan Cleroux, Coleman

That the meeting adjourn and next meeting be called in mid-April.

CARRIED