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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 20, 2007

There was a Special Meeting of Council held in the Municipal Council Chambers, Tuesday March 20, 2007, following the Planning Committee Meeting. All members of Council were present with the exception of Reeve Robert A. Johnston, who is on holiday.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Reeve Hall called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. ACCEPT QUOTE FOR POWER POINT PROJECTOR FOR 2006/07 JEPP GRANT

The Finance Committee, during their February 12, 2007, Committee Meeting, agreed to forward the need to purchase a Power Point Projector under the JEPP Program to this Special Council Meeting this evening. The Committee had received a report, dated that date, which had prices from two suppliers, Valley Bytes Renfrew \$1159.00, PEMCO IT of Pembroke \$1199.00. Both were for similar models Viewsonic VJ 558 D. At the Finance Meeting the suggestion was to get a price from Future Shop, the price received was \$999.00. There was discussion about buying locally.

Moved by Don Eary, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 07-132**

That Council, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, accepts the quote from Valley Bytes in the amount of \$1159.99 for a Power Point Projector purchased through the 2006/07 J.E.P.P. funding program.

**Carried.**

4. RENFREW LIBRARY BOARD CONTRACT – ENTER INTO A 1 YEAR CONTRACT

Deputy Reeve Hall reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed this contract at their March 13, 2007 Committee Meeting and requested that this item also be held for decision tonight, when more Council Members were present, as there were only three of the five present at the Finance meeting.

There was discussion on the statistics that the Library Board had provided on users from the Township. There was discussion on the services that the Township pays other municipalities to provide and should the Township only provide our ratepayers with the core services that we can provide, which questions recreation, library etc with Renfrew. After discussion the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 07-133**

That Council, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, agrees to enter into a contract with the Renfrew Library Boards for the 2007 Calendar year. Funding to the Board under this contract will be \$5,000 from general Revenues and \$5,050 grant from the Ministry.

Opposed – Councillor Kingsbury

Deputy Reeve Hall

The motion was lost.

The CAO/Clerk asked for direction in advising the Public now that there would not be a contract with the Library Board. Councillor Eady requested reconsideration of this decision. On examination of Section 21 of the Procedural By-law it indicated that the request for reconsideration in order to be presented had to be given this evening. However, the reconsideration is not to be held until the next Regular Council Meeting, which is not until April 3, 2007, after the March 31, 2007 deadline with the Ministry of Culture to have library board contracts approved. After discussion the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 07-134**

That Council, pursuant to section 41 of Procedural By-Law 98-08 as amended, agrees to suspend Clause 21 of the same By-law (*to rescind a resolution, notice shall be given, at the next regular Council Meeting following the giving of a notice, the rescinding resolution shall be presented and voted on*) to permit the reconsideration of the vote for the Renfrew Library Contract to be discussed at a Special Meeting to be held March 29, 2007, following the scheduled Finance Committee Meeting.

**Carried.**

Councillor Eady reiterated his request for reconsideration of the contract at the March 29, 2007 Special Meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Committee Road Tour

Councillor Bennett, Chair of the Public Works Committee, invited Council to participate on Monday April 2, 2007 for a day long Road Tour, as part of the budget approval process. Councillor Eady said he was probably unable to attend that day, Deputy Reeve Hall said he could not attend that day as it is a working day. Councillor Eady asked if there would be a comment sheet, similar to other years, prepared in which comments would be recorded as the tour went along, he would appreciate having that ahead of time so he could do his own tour.

Councillor Kingsbury requested the Township consider exploring grant opportunities for operating day programs at the Community Centre, to provide activities for ratepayer's children during the summer months. Deputy Reeve Hall was asked to research this. The CAO/Clerk said he would have staff contact Renfrew Recreation Staff to see if they get grants or know if grants are available as well.

6. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 07-135**

That Council pass this confirming resolution to validate any actions or directions given during the open portion of this special Council meeting which are minor in nature and which were not set out in By-law or Resolution.

**Carried.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 07-136**

That Council adjourns this meeting at 6:26 p.m.

**Carried.**

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CAO/Clerk