

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES**

Tuesday 2 February, 2010 at 8:18 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Committee of the Whole for Community and Social Services met on Tuesday 2 February, 2010 in Council Chambers at 8:18 p.m.

Attendance:

Chairwoman: Councillor Anne Giardini  
Vice Chairman: Deputy Mayor Fred Adams

Members: Mayor Vance Gutzman  
Councillor Dave Ethier  
Councillor Richard Rabishaw

Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Wayne Kirby  
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Sherry Batten  
Superintendent of Public Works Scott Loos

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** - None

3. **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS** - (the delegation for the Community and Social Services meeting was heard at the Protection to Persons and Property Committee meeting)

Mr. John Hilborn, Mr. Alex Frew and Mrs. Dale Torgerson were in attendance to request support from the Town's elected officials regarding the Renfrew County District School Board's proposed decision to close Morrison School.

The group discussed the impact on the area and families if the school closed and the results of a survey "Children First" conducted. The Children First group is turning to elected officials for support to request the Minister of Education to put a moratorium on school closings and appoint an independent facilitator, as in 2005, to review the Board's decisions.

The Deputy Mayor stated that Council is elected to monitor certain areas of responsibility. The Province has an electoral process in place to look after the needs of the education system and he would be somewhat uncomfortable to tell another body how to manage another elected body. Although he did not disagree with the group and would like to see the school remain open, Council may not be acting properly publically disagreeing with a body that has been elected.

The delegation was thanked for their presentation and the Committee recommended that the matter be forwarded to Council.

4. **LIBRARY** - None

5. **RECREATION** - None

6. **RESOURCE CENTRE/NURSERY SCHOOL** - None

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- (a) A donation request from Renfrew County Senior Games in support of the Renfrew County 55+ Games was received and reviewed. The Committee recommended that the request be forwarded to Council for approval.

8. **CLOSED SESSION** - None

9. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Anne Giardini  
Chairwoman

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Clerk