

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES AND LAND

"We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honor these teachings."

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Degagne, in Council Chambers at 7:01p.m., with Councillors Paul Sharp, Bernadette Kerr, Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone. Staff member present was CAO Jenny Leblond. There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2024-05 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: be it resolved that the agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented. **'Carried'**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – December 12, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Resolution 2024-06 Nunzio Scarfone and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the minutes of the December 12, 2023 regular council meeting and the January 18, 2024 special council meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – December 2023

Resolution 2024-07 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Administration, Fire Department, Council, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$32,433.26 and general accounts totaling \$267,815.56 for the month of December 2023 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

6. OPEN FORUM

7. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

(a) Mayor Report – The mayor gave a report on the following topics: Rec Committee events and cards, Wasi lake association- ice safety and phragmites.

(b) Staff Reports

- Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)
- 2023 Building Permit Report (Encl.)
- Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond, Re: Algonquin Pallets (Encl.)
- MPAC Estimated Growth Report 2023 (Encl.)

(c) Committee Reports

- Minutes, General Government, October 18, 2023 (Encl.)
- Minutes. Powassan Library, November 20, 2023

- Letter, Health Unit, Re: 2024 Municipal Levy (Encl.)
- Letter, City of North Bay, Re: Provincial Offences Act Preliminary Distribution of Net Shared Revenues 2022 (Encl.)

(d) Correspondence

- Newsletter, MPAC, November/December 2023 (Encl.)
- Letter from the Powassan Food Bank (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-08 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

8. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – Printed January 4, 2024

Resolution 2024-09 Clare Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed January 4, 2024, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

9. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

(a) Memo to Council from OS Shawn Hughes re: Activity Report (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-10 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Council accept the December 2 to January 4 Activity report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes. **‘Carried’**

(b) Memo to Council from CAO Jeny Leblond Re: Activity codes for Roads Department (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-11 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council accept the memo from CAO Jenny Leblond, in regards to the Activity Codes from the Public Works Department. **‘Carried’**

10. NEW BUSINESS

(a) By-law 2024-01, a by-law to borrow the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars for expenditures of the Township as deemed necessary (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-12 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that By-Law 2024-01 whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm deems it necessary to borrow the sum of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS to meet, until the taxes are collected and other revenues are received, current expenditures of the Corporation for the year, be read a first, second, and third time, and passed this 23rd day of January 2024. **‘Carried’**

(b) By-law 2024-02, a by-law for an Interim Tax Levy and payment of interim taxes for 2023

Resolution 2024-13 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that By-law 2024-02 being a By-law to provide an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes for the year 2024, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 23rd day of January, 2024. **‘Carried’**

(c) Household Hazardous Waste Program Participation (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-14 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm agrees to continue to participate in the City of North Bay’s Household Hazardous Waste Program, and share in the operating and disposal costs which has increased from \$2.00 per dwelling to \$4.00 per dwelling. **‘Carried’**

(d) Memo to Council from CAO Jenny Leblond Re: Good Roads Conference Agenda (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-15 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm decides not to have any staff member or Council member attend the 2024 Good Roads Conference. **‘Carried’**

(e) Recommendation from the Rec Committee for a new member (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-16 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts the recommendation from the Recreation Committee to add Brooks Tran as a member of the Recreation Committee. **‘Carried’**

(f) Resolution Support from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-17 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario’s economic prosperity and quality of life

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can’t afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

‘Carried’

(g) Resolution Support from Conmee Township, re: Amendment to Municipal Act (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-18 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution passed by the Township of Conmee, to lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record pardoned from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections or holding office in municipal council and that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, Minister of Municipal Affairs Paul Calandra, MP Anthony Rota, MPP Vic Fedeli, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Rural Ontario Municipal Association.

‘Carried’

(h) Resolution Support from Tay Township re Provincial Cemetery Management Support

Resolution 2024-19 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution passed by the council of Tay

Township, requesting support through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario to amend the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned, to provide annual funding to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries, to provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration, and to investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost. And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, CAO Interim CEO/Registrar, and MPP Vic Fedeli. **'Carried'**

(i) Resolution Support from Greater Sudbury re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act. (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-20 Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution forwarded by the City of Greater Sudbury, requesting the province to amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project, and further that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, David Piccini, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Paul Calandra, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, and FONOM. **'Carried'**

(j) Resolution Support from the Town of Mono Re: declaring a Road Safety Emergency

Resolution 2024-21 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution from, the Towns of Mono, declaring a Road Safety Emergency, calling on the province to take action to address traffic safety through measures including public education, increased Highway Traffic Act fines and expanded use of Automated Speed Enforcement, and that this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, and MPP Vic Fedeli. **'Carried'**

11. ADJOURNMENT

(a) By-law 2024-03 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the council meeting.

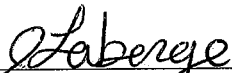
Resolution 2024-22 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that By-Law 2024-03 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the January 23, 2024 meeting be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 23rd day of January, 2024. **'Carried'**

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

Resolution 2024-23 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. **'Carried'**



Mayor, Gail Degagne



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CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond