

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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MINUTES **COUNCIL MEETING** **TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 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 7:01 p.m., with Councillors, Bernadette Kerr, Nunzio Scarfone (online), and Paul Sharp. Councilor Riley was absent with regrets. Staff member present was CAO Lesley Marshall and OS Shawn Hughes. There were 2 people in attendance by zoom.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councilor Scarfone declared pecuniary interest for item 12 (a) due to conflict with employee negotiations.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2025-44 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as printed. **'Carried'**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – February 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Resolution 2025-45 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the February 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – February 2025

Resolution 2025-46 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Administration, Fire Department, Council, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$28,619.35 and general accounts totaling \$86,040.77 for the month of February 2025 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS -None

7. OPEN FORUM

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

(a) Mayor and Council Reports

- Mayor – The Mayor gave an update on the following topics: Rota Retirement Gathering, OTF Grant, Tree tapping, Casselholme advocacy group, Police service board, and Anti-fraud presentation.

(b) Staff Reports

- Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)
- (c) Committee Reports
 - Minutes Draft, Committee of Adjustment March 4, 2025 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Health Unit, Board of Health, January 22, 2025 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Health Unit, Finance and Property Committee, December 4, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Powassan Library, January 20, 2025 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Cassellholme, January 23, 2025 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Golden Sunshine, January 21, 2025 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Golden Sunshine, December 17, 2025 (Encl.)
 - Letter from Cassellholme Board Chair, Re: 2025 Operating Levy (Encl.)
 - Letter from NBMCA, Re: 2024 Meeting Attendance (Encl.)
- (d) Correspondence
 - District of Nipissing Social Services Board (DNSSAB), Housing Programs (Encl.)
 - Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board, Anti-Fraud information session (Encl.)
 - MPAC 2025 Updated New Assessment Forecast (Encl.)
 - MPAC 2024 Assessment Forecast vs. Actual Growth (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-47 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – Printed March 6, 2025

Resolution 2025-48 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed March 6, 2025, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

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

Resolution 2025-49 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that Council accept the February 8, 2025 to March 6, 2025, Activity Report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes. **‘Carried’**

- (b) Infrastructure repair report from Bridge Report 2024 (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-50 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council receives the infrastructure repair report from the Bridge Report 2024. **‘Carried’**

11. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Discussion Re: Powassan and District Union Public Library Agreement (Encl.)

- (b) Contract with GFL for Non-eligible source recycling service (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-51 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign and execute the agreement between the Township and GFL, for the pick-up of the non-eligible blue box sources from the date of transition, being April 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. **‘Carried’**

- (c) Donation to the 2025 Maple Syrup Festival (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-52 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm agree to donate \$100 for the 2025 Powassan Maple Syrup Festival. **‘Carried’**

- (d) Donation to the 2025 Powassan Fall Fair (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-53 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm agreed to donate \$100.00 for the 2025 Powassan Fall Fair. **‘Carried’**

- (e) Resolution Support from Coleman Twp, Re: Northern Highway Safety Plan (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-54 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution passed by the Township of Coleman, supporting the Northern Highway Safety Plan proposed by MPP Guy Bourgouin, MPP Lise Vaugeois and MPP John Vanthof. And further that this resolution be forwarded to MPP Vic Fedeli, Ministry of Transportation, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

‘Carried’

12. IN CAMERA

- (a) a meeting held in regards to labour relations or employee negotiations, as per Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act.

Resolution 2025-55 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm now enter into in camera to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations, as per Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act. Time: 7:51 PM

‘Carried’

Resolution 2025-56 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that Council now return to regular session. Time: 9:37 p.m.

‘Carried’

13. ADJOURNMENT

- (a) By-law 2025-11 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.

Resolution 2025-57 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that By-law 2025-11, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting March 11, 2025, be read a first second and third time and passed this March 11, 2025.

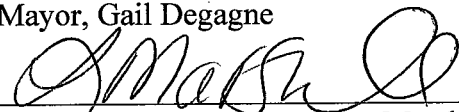
‘Carried’

- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

Resolution 2025-58 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council now adjourn this meeting to meet again on March 25, 2025. **‘Carried’**



Mayor, Gail Degagne



CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall