

# Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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## **MINUTES** **COUNCIL MEETING** **TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 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 7:08 p.m., with Councillors, Bernadette Kerr, Claire Riley, and Paul Sharp. Councillor Nunzio Scarfone attended by Zoom. Staff member present was CAO Clerk-Treasurer, Lesley Marshall, and OS Shawn Hughes. Presenter Dean Decaire was present in person and there were 3 people online.

### **2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

#### **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution 2025-69** Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as amended. **'Carried'**

#### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

(a) March 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

**Resolution 2025-70** Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the March 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

(b) March 28, 2025 Special Council meeting.

**Resolution 2025-71** Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the March 28, 2025 Special Council Meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

#### **5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – March 2025**

**Resolution 2025-72** Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Administration, Fire Department, Council, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$30,327.03 and general accounts totaling \$240,646.33 for the month of March 2025 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

#### **6. OPEN FORUM**

#### **7. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

(a) Mayor and Council Reports

- Mayor – The Mayor gave a general update on the following topics: Recycling education, Rec Cards, FIR, Casselholme, OP Review, Powassan Library, Landfill Bell lines,

(b) Staff Reports

- Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)
- Planning Notice Re: Zoning by-law Amendment 2025-01 (Encl.)
- Financial Indicator Review – Based on 2023 Financial Information Return (Encl.)

(c) Committee Reports

- Minutes, Finance Meeting, January 9, 2025 (Encl.)
- Minutes, Cassellholme, February 20, 2025 (Encl.)
- Source Protection Policy Implementation Update – 2024 (Encl.)

(d) Correspondence

- Environment and Climate Change Canada

**Resolution 2025-73** Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

## **8. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS**

(a) BDO 2024 Audit – Dean Decaire (Encl.)

**Resolution 2025-74** Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm receives the presentation from BDO and approves the Draft 2024 Financial Statements. **‘Carried’**

## **9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT** – Printed April 3, 2025 (Encl.)

**Resolution 2025-75** Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed April 3, 2025, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

## **10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS**

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

**Resolution 2025-76** Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Council accept the March 7, 2025, to April 4, 2025, Activity Report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes. **‘Carried’**

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

(a) District of Parry Sound Municipal Association 2025 Spring Meeting (Encl.)

**Resolution 2025-77** Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolves that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the attendance of Gail Degagne, Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp, to the Parry Sound Municipal Association 2025 Spring Meeting. **‘Carried’**

(b) Resolution support from City of North Bay Re: FONOM Executive Award (Encl.)

**Resolution 2025-78** Bernadette Kerr 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 the City of North Bay, nominating Vic Fedeli for the 2025 FONOM Executive Award, and further that this resolution be sent to FONOM and the City of North Bay. **‘Carried’**

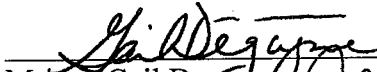
(c) Resolution support Bruce County Re: Enabling a Municipal response to Tariffs (Encl.)

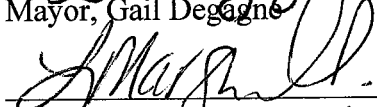
**Resolution 2025-79** Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution from Bruce Country, calling on the federal and provincial government to: Empower municipalities to buy

Canadian; Remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible; work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and that the federal and provincial governments be requested to remove interprovincial trade barriers. **'Carried'**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

- (a) By-law 2025-13 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting. **Resolution 2025-80** Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that by-law 2025-13, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting April 8, 2025, be read a first second and third time and passed this April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **'Carried'**
- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment. **Resolution 2025-81** Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council now adjourn this meeting to meet again on April 22, 2025. Time: 8:58 p.m. **'Carried'**

  
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Mayor, Gail Degagne

  
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CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall