

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC MEETING AT 7 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 7:05 p.m., with Councillors Paul Sharp, Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley. Councillor Scarfone attended by Zoom. Staff member present was CAO Jenny Leblond and OS Shawn Hughes. There were 4 members of the public in attendance and 1 online.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2024-42 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented. **'Carried'**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – February 8, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes and February 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Resolution 2024-43 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, and the February 8, 2024 Special Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – February 2024

Resolution 2024-44 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 \$32,216.43 and general accounts totaling \$247,518.62 for the month of February 2024 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

6. OPEN FORUM

7. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

(a) Mayor and Council Reports

- Mayor – The Mayor gave an update on the following topics: First Tapping Event, 5 Year in review newsletter, Flood Watch, Rec Events, MPAC Northern Ontario Women's Caucus meeting, FCM investment in infrastructure.

(b) Staff Report

- Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)
- Building Permit Fee Annual Report – 2023 (Encl.)
- Cassellholme 2024 Municipal Operating Levy (Encl.)

(c) Committee Reports

- Minutes, Powassan Library, January 22, 2024 (Encl.)
- Minutes, Golden Sunshine, January 16, 2024 (Encl.)

(d) Correspondence

- Letter from Min of the Environment Re: Environmental Assessment Program (Encl.)
- Letter, Ministry of Transportation: Licence Plate Renewal (Encl.)
- Media Release re: North Ontario Women's Caucus (Encl.)
- FONOM announce keynote speaker, Northeastern Ontario Municipal Conference
- New Release – MP Anthony Rota re: Immigration Program (Encl.)
- Transportation Inventory for the Nipissing and Parry Sound District (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-45 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

8. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – Printed March 6, 2024

Resolution 2024-46 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed March 6, 2024, be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

9. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

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

Resolution 2024-47 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Council accept the January 5 to March 7 Activity report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes. **'Carried'**

(b) Memo to Council from OS Shawn Hughes Re: Service Agreement with Bonfield (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-48 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts the memo from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes. And further the council agrees to have the OS meet with the surrounding municipalities to development terms for a service agreement for equipment rental. **'Carried'**

10. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Discussion to appoint a Council member to the Police Services Board

Resolution 2024-49 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Mayor Degagne be appointed to the Police Services Board. **'Carried'**

(b) Memo to Council from CAO Re: Tax Extension (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-50 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm approves the request from a rate payer, to extend their date for tax registration to September 1 2024, in which if payment is not made the property will begin the Tax Registration process on September 2, 2024. **'Carried'**

(c) Discussion on the Official Plan Review RFP Scope of Work (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-51 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm accept the Draft Scope of Work for the Official Plan Review Request for Proposal as outlined from section E8 of the Official Plan, and further direct the CAO to prepare a full request for proposal package to be distributed as amended. **'Carried'**

(d) "Fly the Flag" campaign and proclaim April 2, 2024 World Autism Awareness Day (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-52 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm proclaims April 2, 2024 World Autism Awareness Day and further directs staff to raise the flag to show support for autistic individuals across Ontario. **'Carried'**

(e) Request for Donation for the 2024 Powassan Fall Fair (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-53 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm would like to support the 2024 Powassan Fall Fair with a donation of \$100. **'Carried'**

(f) Resolution Support from Town of Lincoln re: funding for Library and Museums (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-54 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution from the Town of Lincoln urging the Provincial Government to support increased funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential, will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience. And further that this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and MPP Vic Fedeli. **'Carried'**

(g) Resolution Support from Mun. of Chatham-Kent re: Blue Box Program Ineligible Sources (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-55 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution forwarded by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent requesting that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources. And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment Conservation and Parks, and MPP Vic Fedeli. **'Carried'**

(h) Resolution Support from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Re: Carbon Tax (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-56 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution forwarded by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, supporting a resolution from the City of Sarnia, urging the federal government to cancel the carbon tax which has been a financial burden to all residents. And Further that this resolution be forwarded to MP Anthony Rota. **'Defeated'**

(i) Resolution Support from Township of Lanark re: Conservation Officer Reclassification (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-57 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution forwarded by Lanark Highlands supporting a resolution from Coleman Township supporting the Ontario Conservation Officer's Association in their efforts to have Conservation Officers in the Province of Ontario reclassified as Enforcement Officers and be compensated fairly. And further that this resolution be forwarded to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, MPP Vic Fedeli and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities. **'Defeated'**

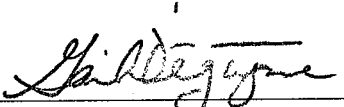
11. ADJOURNMENT

(a) By-law 2024-05 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the council meeting.

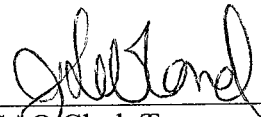
Resolution 2024-58 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that By-Law 2024-05 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the March 12, 2024 meeting be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 12th day of March, 2024. **'Carried'**

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

Resolution 2024-59 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. **'Carried'**



Mayor, Gail Degagne



CAO/Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond