

TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leo Jobin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Councillors David Hodgins, Teresa Miller, and Cec Reid present. Councillor Micheline Mamone was absent on authorized leave. Staff member present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Ringler.

NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

With the approval of Council, staff added the following items to the agenda:

- (1) Letter from Rene Labrecque expressing concern re: road conditions during February 24th snow storm and other snow storms this season.
- (2) Letter from Powassan Maple Syrup Festival, inviting Mayor Jobin to participate in Celebrity Pancake Flipping Contest.

Resolution 2012-55

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented and amended. ‘Carried’

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 2012-56

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the February 14th regular Council meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. ‘Carried’

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - None

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS - None

CITIZEN'S PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Fire Chief Matt Plant was in attendance to present his annual report, attached as Addendum "A" to the minutes; provide information with respect to the Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement; and update Council on Fire Department matters. Council thanked Fire Chief Matt Plant for attending the meeting, and urged him to keep up the good work.

Resolution 2012-57

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts, as presented, Fire Chief Matt Plant's annual report for the year 2011. **'Carried'**

OPEN FORUM – None

MAYOR, STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution 2012-58

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Staff and Committee Reports be accepted as presented, and a summary of these reports be attached as Addendum "B" to the minutes. **'Carried'**

BUDGET REPORT - None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2012-59

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that By-law 2012-08, being a by-law to adopt the new Official Plan for the township be read a first and second time this 28th day of February, 2012. **'Carried'**

Resolution 2012-60

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the submission of an application for a grant in the amount of \$62,800.00 to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the purchase and installation of playground equipment, fencing, signage, and a walking bridge at the tennis court property. **'Carried'**

Resolution 2012-61

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts recommendations brought forward from the February 15th Public Works Committee meeting as follows:

- (1) That the Landfill Services Scope and Budget estimate from Knight Piésold for the year 2012 be accepted.
- (2) That membership in the Ontario Good Roads Association be renewed for the year 2012. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-62

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts recommendations brought forward from the February 22nd Finance Committee meeting as follows:

- (1) That the tender from Nortrax in the total amount of \$295,146.96 for a John Deere – JD 870G Grader be accepted as the successful tender, as per the tender package and subject to approval of financing.
- (2) That a price quotation from D.M. Wills Associates Limited in the amount of \$4,800 plus HST, be accepted to complete a 2012 OSIM Bridge Inspection Program for the township. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-63

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts a tender in the amount of \$169.50 from Metrolandmedia for subscriptions to the Almaguin News and set guaranteed advertising line rates for the year 2012. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-64

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm acknowledges the receipt of correspondence from North East Local Health Integration Network and Cassellholme Board of Management with respect to redevelopment plans for Cassellholme. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-65

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes a donation of \$100 to the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival, and further that a \$70 contribution be made to purchase candy and man the Charlie Chisholm Mascot during the April 28th event. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-66

Teresa Miller – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm acknowledges the receipt of information from Sue Miller, Manager, Source Water Protection, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority, providing clarification with respect to courses relating to the Clean Water Act being offered by the Ministry of Environment. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-67

Cec Reid – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm requests that staff register for two of the Ministry of the Environment outreach sessions to provide participants with information related to the implementation, administration and compliance responsibilities related to Part IV of the Clean Water Act, and further that members of Council, staff and Committee of Adjustment be invited to attend. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-68

Teresa Miller – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that Council takes a recess. **‘Carried’**
Time: 8:12 p.m.

Resolution 2012-69

Teresa Miller – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that Council does now return to regular session. **‘Carried’**
Time: 8:18 p.m.

Resolution 2012-70

Cec Reid – Teresa Miller: **WHEREAS** the Ontario Government launched a task force into student transportation procurement in June 2011, with a deadline of December 31; **AND WHEREAS** the Government has also taken steps to apply a Request for Proposal (RFP) approach to the procurement of student transportation services by school boards and their transportation consortia; **AND WHEREAS** the model currently put forward will destroy the Ontario school bus competitive market, leaving only large, monopoly school bus provider corporations in business; **AND WHEREAS** there are other forms of competitive procurement that are more appropriate for this industry; **AND WHEREAS** towns and counties across rural Ontario are at risk of losing these businesses, their contributions to the local community, and the exemplary service that parents have come to trust; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm urges the Government of Ontario to extend the school bus moratorium until the end of 2013 so that the recommendations of the task force into student transportation procurement can be reviewed and considered prior to any decisions being made. **AND FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario; Minister of Transportation; Minister of Education; Victor Fedeli, MPP Nipissing, to school boards, and to municipalities in the District of Nipissing and the Municipal Action Group for support. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-71

Cec Reid – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the attendance of Councillor David Hodgins and members of the Committee of Adjustment at the March 7 Ministry of Natural Resources presentation in North Bay re: aggregates and planning. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-72

Cec Reid – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the letter from the Algonquin Regiment Veteran’s Association be forwarded to the Finance Committee meeting for consideration. ‘Carried’

Resolution 2012-73

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: **WHEREAS** over 80% of Canadians now live in urban areas and have come to rely on the environmental, ecological and economic benefits of urban forests;

AND WHEREAS the health of Canadians is sustained by their urban forests which provide services through improving air quality, cooling city streets and buildings, acting as a windbreak, shading from harmful UV rays, and filtering storm water, as well as beautifying our communities;

AND WHEREAS neither the federal nor provincial governments currently include urban forestry in their mandates except in a limited role with respect to exotic, invasive pests;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has not been able to stop the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer throughout Ontario and Quebec;

AND WHEREAS the Emerald Ash Borer is expected to cost Canadians over \$2 Billion dollars in treatment and replanting;

AND WHEREAS Canadian forestry programs and research are solely focused on industrial forests and do not at present include urban tree planting, appropriate species research, and insect control and management;

AND WHEREAS other jurisdictions such as the United States Forest Service and the European Urban Forestry Research and Information Centre include urban forestry as a program and research area;

AND WHEREAS Canada engages municipalities in a number of substantial infrastructure programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Chisholm calls on the Federal and Provincial governments to take leadership roles in recognizing the need to support urban forestry, by establishing urban forestry mandates and programs which includes funding assistance to municipalities for the control and management of the Emerald Ash Borer- and any future significant imported diseases and insects -as well as the creation and funding of programs designed to support the on-going sustainable management of urban forests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That all municipalities across Ontario be encouraged to endorse this proclamation and that this resolution be distributed to The Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; The Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Natural Resources; The Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities; The Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance; Local Federal Member of Parliament Jay Aspin; Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Natural Resources; Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance; Local Provincial Member of the Ontario Legislature Victor Fedeli, Tim Hudak, MPP, Leader of Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario and the Opposition Party; Andrea Horvath, MPP, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and Federation of Canadian Municipalities. ‘Carried’

Resolution 2012-74

Cec Reid – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the participation of Mayor Leo Jobin at the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival’s Celebrity Pancake Flipping Contest to be held on April 28th, and further that remuneration and expenses be paid in accordance with relevant by-laws. **‘Carried’**

Council deferred a letter from Gerry and Barbara Howe, expressing appreciation for the care and maintenance of the township roads; and a letter from Rene Labrecque, expressing concern regarding the road conditions during the February 24th snow storm and other snow storms this season, to the Public Works Committee meeting for discussion.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Council briefly discussed a Communication from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) with respect to Drummond recommendations that may have a municipal impact or interest.

Councillor Teresa Miller reported on a telephone call she received from a resident, regarding snowmobile safety concerns that had been addressed to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) dispatch office, and the lack of a response from an OPP officer regarding same.

Councillor Teresa Miller asked about the possibility of participating in Council meetings by telephone, as she may have to be away for a period of time, and was advised by staff that members have to be present at meetings to participate. Councillor Miller requested that staff verify that there have been no changes regarding this issue in light of technological advances.

Resolution 2012-75

Cec Reid – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that By-law 2012-09, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the February 28th, 2012 meeting, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 28th day of February, 2012. **‘Carried’**

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2012-76

Cec Reid – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that we do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 13th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. **‘Carried’**

Mayor, Leo Jobin

Clerk-Treasurer, Linda Ringler

ADDENDUM “B”

MAYOR STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff Reports

Clerk-Treasurer Linda Ringler provided copies of the following correspondence to Council:

- (1) North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – 2012 Municipal levy information package.
- (2) Corporation of the City of North Bay – Cheque in the amount of \$2,141.57 for the balance owing for Provincial Offences Act distribution of net revenue for the year 2011.
- (3) Information from Almaguin News re: yearly cost per subscription, and advertising line rates.
- (4) Report from Administrative Assistant Alice Lauzon re: February 10th information workshop on Municipal Planning and Natural Heritage hosted by the Ministry of Natural Resources.
- (5) Minutes of February 15th Centennial Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Committee Reports

Councillor Cec Reid provided reports on the following meetings:

- (1) February 13th Mapleridge Public School – School Advisory Council meeting.
- (2) February 22nd North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting.

Councillor Cec Reid once again raised the issue, without prejudice, of not receiving reports of committee meetings from Council’s liaison to the Community Policing Committee (CPC), Councillor David Hodgins; and requested reports from the meetings as the information obtained from Sgt. Tim Sheppard would be valuable to the other members of Council and Staff. He also advised that it would not be timely to obtain minutes of the meetings from the CPC as they are not prepared until agendas packages are sent out.

Councillor David Hodgins reported that a recommendation would be coming forward from the February 23rd Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee meeting for a budget allocation of \$650.00 for fridge magnets to make people more aware of the dos and don’t of septic systems.