

TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 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. Guests in attendance were George McFadden, Municipal Relations Representative, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, Fatima and Thomas Barrett, Diane and Michel Boissonneault, Susan Major, Joanne and Les Milton, Jean Kerr-Penny and Doug Penny, and Gilbert Smith. Fire Chief Matt Plant joined the meeting in progress. Staff member in attendance was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Ringler.

NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Teresa Miller declared a pecuniary interest with respect to an account she has with the township for the purchase of banners for the Centennial celebration, and refrained from discussing or voting on the matter.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

- Letter from Bonfield Community Policing Committee requesting that Council sponsor Safety Event;
- Letter from Chris Jones re: launch of new professional practice in land use planning; and
- Request from Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities for short and long term implications that the loss of Ontario Northland Transportation Corporation will have on the township.

Resolution 2012-263

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 2012-264

Teresa Miller – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the August 14th regular Council meeting, and the August 21st special Council meeting to consider a recommendation from the Public Works Committee with respect to the tender for the township’s 2012 gravel crushing requirements, be adopted as printed and circulated. ‘Carried’

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - None

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution 2012-265

Cec Reid – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Administration, By-law Enforcement, Council, Landfill, and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$34,431.64 and general accounts totaling \$165,550.85 for the month of August, 2012, be accepted as presented. ‘Carried’

Councilor David Hodgins requested that a ‘Minute of Silence’ be held in memory of Eric Laperriere, a Chisholm volunteer firefighter, who lost his life in a tragic accident.

Councillor Cec Reid noted that today is the 11th anniversary of 9/11, and requested those in attendance to remember, in their own way, those who had lost their lives in the terrorist attacks.

CITIZEN’S PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Jean Kerr-Penny and Doug Penny were in attendance to request that Council consider funding the mandatory maintenance inspection program of septic systems for properties near watercourses through the general tax levy, rather than from the homeowners abutting watercourses, and to advise Council that they have no opposition to the program itself. Mayor Jobin, on behalf of Council, thanked Mrs. Kerr-Penny and Mr. Penny for their presentation, and informed them that the matter would be discussed at Council once members have an opportunity to obtain additional information from the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority.

George McFadden, Municipal Relations Representative, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), was in attendance to make a presentation to Council with respect to the roles and responsibilities in the Property Assessment System, other assessment related matters, and to inform those present that they can visit MPAC’s website to ascertain information about their properties and other comparable properties. Mayor Jobin thanked Mr. McFadden for his excellent presentation.

OPEN FORUM

Members of the public in attendance questioned Council about staffing requirements in the administration and public works departments, the need for certain heavy equipment, and the high tax rate in the municipality.

Resolution 2012-266

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that Council takes a five-minute recess. ‘Carried’

Time: 8:08 p.m.

Resolution 2012-267

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that Council returns to regular session. **‘Carried’**

Time: 8:19 p.m.

MAYOR, STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution 2012-268

Cec Reid – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff and Committee Reports be accepted as presented, and a summary of these reports be attached as Addendum “A” to the minutes. **‘Carried’**

BUDGET REPORT

Resolution 2012-269

Teresa Miller – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Budget Report, dated August 31st, 2012, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2012-270

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm declares the office of Councillor to be vacant as a result of the resignation of Councillor Micheline Mamone under Section 259(1) of The Municipal Act, and further that ‘Letters of Interest’ be invited to fill the Councillor vacancy. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-271

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that By-law 2012-28, being a by-law to amend By-law 2011-27 to impose fees or charges for services provided by the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm, be read a first, second and third time and passed this 11th day of September, 2012. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-272

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that By-law 2012-29, being a by-law to establish open air burning procedures, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 11th day of September, 2012, and further that fines be set in consultation with the Fire Department. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-273

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that By-law 2012-30, being a by-law to regulate the setting of fireworks, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 11th day of September, 2012, and further that fines be set in consultation with the Fire Department. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-274

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Whereas discussions around the Algonquin Land Claim and negotiations toward an Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) are currently underway; and Whereas the discussions are being conducted under a veil of secrecy and with a lack of openness and consultation with the parties that will be affected by the decisions being made;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm requests that the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and the Ministry of Natural Resources' Aboriginal Affairs Negotiations Unit engage in true public consultations with respect to the Algonquin Land Claim so that the broader public has a vehicle through which they can ask questions, get answers and voice their concerns. **'Carried'**

Resolution 2012-275

Whereas municipalities in Ontario are responsible for the majority of infrastructure in the province and that infrastructure is an investment in the economic, social and cultural development and the environmental protection of our communities; and

Whereas the Government of Canada is developing a new Long Term Infrastructure Plan for federal support for infrastructure in Canada; and

Whereas, despite increased investment in municipal infrastructure by municipal, provincial and federal orders of government in recent years, Ontario's municipalities still have a significant infrastructure deficit.

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm resolves that:

Any new federal infrastructure support program must be long-term in its scope and horizon, ideally at least ten years, to help infrastructure investment partners tackle our significant infrastructure needs; and

That Ontario, as Canada's most populous province, should be allocated infrastructure support under any new federal infrastructure support commensurate with its population and economic importance; and

That any new federal infrastructure support program must recognize the number and variety of infrastructure systems owned, managed and operated by municipalities in Ontario and the critical supports these provide to local communities and economies by providing for an exclusive municipal allocation in any new federal infrastructure support program; and

That the priorities of local governments in Ontario, as defined by their long-term municipal asset management plans, must be recognized and eligible for direct federal support under any new federal infrastructure support program; and

That those municipalities that have or will have comprehensive asset management plans in place at the time the Federal program is in effect should be considered immediately eligible for any new infrastructure program funding from the federal government.

'Carried'

Resolution 2012-276

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the attendance of Mayor Leo Jobin, or in Mayor Jobin's absence, Councillor David Hodgins at the fall meeting of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association

to be held at the South River Machar Community Centre/Arena on September 28th, and further that remuneration and expenses be paid in accordance with relevant by-laws. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-277

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm declares the week of October 14-20 as Local Government Week in the Township of Chisholm. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-278

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts a recommendation brought forward from the August 21st Public Works Committee meeting as follows:

- (1) That the price quotations from Stuart’s Landscaping for the following work, as outlined in Quotation No. 2012chis, dated June 27th, 2012, be accepted as presented:
 - \$600 - \$800 to break rock at the township office as marked; and
 - \$1200 - \$2400 for rock in the ditch on River Road, if monies can be found in the Public Works budget. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-279

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the attendance of Clerk-Treasurer Linda Ringler at the “How to Develop an Asset Management Plan” to be held in Sudbury on October 11th, 2012, and further that remuneration and expenses be paid in accordance with relevant policies. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-280

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Overtime Report, for the period June 21st to August 29th, 2012, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-281

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Cemetery Trust Fund Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2011, be accepted as prepared by BDO Canada LLP. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-282

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts a recommendation from the Committee of Adjustment to have Chris Jones, Municipal Planning Services, complete the Township’s Official Plan and Zoning by-law as per letter from Mr. Jones dated September 10th, 2012. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-283

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm acknowledges the receipt of correspondence from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities with respect to the loss of Ontario Northland Transportation Corporation services delivery, and further that Council requests that staff provide the information requested. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-284

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that Council extends the meeting past the 9:30 p.m. deadline to complete items on the agenda. **‘Carried’**

Time: 9:25 p.m.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councillor Teresa Miller requested that a notice re: Library Week be published in the October newsletter.

Resolution 2012- 285

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that Council moves into ‘In Camera’ session to consider personal matters relating to identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees. **‘Carried’**

Time: 9:29 p.m.

Resolution 2012-286

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that Council returns to regular session.

Time: 10:07 p.m. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-287

Cec Reid – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm rescinds Resolution No. 2012-249 with respect to participation in the preparation of an integrated Watershed Management Plan by the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority (NBMCA) and further that the NBMCA be advised that the township would like to participate in the process by receiving the minutes of Steering Committee meetings. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-288

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that By-law 2012-31, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the September 11th, 2012 meeting, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 11th day of September, 2012. **‘Carried’**

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2012-289

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that we do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, September 25th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. **‘Carried’**

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer

ADDENDUM "A"

MAYOR STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Reports

Mayor Leo Jobin provided reports on the following events:

- (1) August 24th Golden Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation (Pines) BBQ.
- (2) August 31st Powassan Fall Fair parade and opening ceremonies.

Staff Reports

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

- (1) Letter from Vic Fedeli, MPP Nipissing, announcing funding for municipalities for the preparation of asset management plans.
- (2) Memo from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) re: MPAC Update.
- (3) Letter from Meridian Planning Consultants Inc. re: merger with MHBC Planning Urban Design and Landscape Architecture.
- (4) 2012 Budget Ontario Regulation 284/09 Reporting.
- (5) Report re: by-laws.
- (6) Report re: audit fees.
- (7) Summary of August revenue.
- (8) Tax arrears as of August 31st, 2012 in the amount of \$125,793.00, which is a reduction of \$4,478.00 or 3% from the month of July.
- (9) Minutes of August 9th Information Session re: Septic Mandatory Maintenance Inspections.
- (10) Minutes of September 4th North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Integrated Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee meeting.

Committee Reports

Councillor Cec Reid provided a report on the following meeting:

- (1) August 15th North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting.