

TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leo Jobin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Councillors David Hodgins, Susan Major, Teresa Miller, and Cec Reid present. Staff member present was Acting Clerk, Alice Lauzon. Guests in attendance are listed on the attached page.

NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Miller declared a pecuniary interest with respect to item #11 – Staff Reports (Complaint Report for the month of July), and refrained from discussing or voting on the item.

Councillor Major declared a pecuniary interest with respect to item # 11 – New Business (Information from Vic Fedeli, MPP Nipissing, with respect to energy policy, and whether or not to support “Unwilling Host” resolution), and left the Council Chambers during the discussion and vote on the matter.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2013-244

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.
‘Carried’

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 2013-245

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the July 9th, 2013 regular Council meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **‘Carried’**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - None

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS -

Resolution 2013-246

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Administration, Council, Landfill, and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$37,256.89, and general accounts totaling \$154,797.97 for the month of July, 2013, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

CITIZEN'S PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS -

1. Les Milton commented on the high property taxes, discrepancies with Administration, Public Works and Landfill. He would like to have a special meeting of Council to discuss the situation and would like to see some cost cutting. Mr. Milton also wanted to know where the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer was, adding that too many problems were not being looked after.
2. Walter Ross spoke about his rapidly increasing property taxes in Chisholm adding that since 2008 his assessment had increased by 16% and property taxes by 46%. Mr. Ross asked Council to come up with a better way of taxing that is less taxing and to tighten up the purse strings. He also wanted to know what they were going to do about the high assessment in the township.

OPEN FORUM –

Some of the residents present also expressed concern about the following items:

- Playground not yet complete; what is taking so long?
- Is Council going to finance private businesses?
- Surrounding municipalities have been successful in having MPAC review assessments; can this be done in Chisholm and can the residents have Council's support in doing this?
- With the average wage being just over \$21,000/year, how can anyone manage to pay such taxes and still manage to pay for everything else?
- Concerns that Chisholm won't grow if taxes keep going up.
- 30+ homes for sale in the Township and nothing is selling.
- Council needs to make it easier to develop in order to have a bigger tax base; Chisholm is a great place to live!
- Roads not properly maintained in the winter (more so when school buses are called off), making it difficult for emergency services when needed.
- Council was asked if Public Works Department could put out some signs when grading to alert drivers of the possible mound of gravel in the middle of the road.

Residents asked to have another meeting with Council in order to discuss some of these issues in more details. As a result, they were advised that such a meeting would be set up in the next month hopefully and that notice of this meeting would be posted on the Website as well as in the September Newsletter.

Resolution 2013-247

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that Council does now take a ten-minute recess. **'Carried'**

Time: 7:40 p.m.

Resolution 2013-248

Teresa Miller – David Hodings: Be it resolved that Council does now return to regular session. **'Carried'**

Time: 7:48 p.m.

MAYOR, STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was noted that a new Municipal Relations Representative for MPAC has been hired for Nipissing District. Staff was asked to contact her and invite her to the upcoming public meeting.

Councillor Hodgins presented a report from the Blue Green Algae information meeting he attended on July 15th, 2013.

Resolution 2013-249

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

REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORT

Resolution 2013-250

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Budget Report dated August 1st, 2013, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2013-251

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm agrees to contribute \$1,000 towards the upgrading of the animal control shelter to bring it up to standards.

After discussion, Council came to a unanimous decision to not contribute. Therefore the resolution was **‘Defeated’**.

Resolution 2013-252

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports in principle the construction of a new seniors’ complex in Powassan referred to as Pines II. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-253

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that Mayor Leo Jobin be authorized to participate in the 118th Powassan Fall Fair by riding on the parade float with local dignitaries and addressing the crowd. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-254

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts a recommendation brought forward from the July 25th Landfill Education Committee meeting as follows:

- (1) That the 8’ x 4’ sign at the landfill site be taken down and be brought back to the printer to have the list of materials printed in each section at a cost of approximately \$105.00. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-255

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts a recommendation brought forward from the August 6th General Government Committee meeting as follows:

- (1) That the Policy Manual be reviewed, and any policies that are outdated or in need of revision, be reviewed by the General Government Committee. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-256

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 8th Community Service Committee meeting as follows:

- (1) That the tennis court signs be ordered from One Stop Promotions as per quotations given. (\$78.00 plus taxes) **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-257

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the attendance of Mayor Jobin, Councillor David Hodgins, and Clerk-Treasurer, Linda Ringler at the September 11th, 2013 meeting of the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority and Stantec Consulting Ltd. to present findings of Integrated Watershed Management Strategy Technical Background Report and further that remuneration and expenses be paid in accordance with relevant by-laws.

‘Carried’

Resolution 2013-258

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolutions passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin on July 4th, 2013 with respect to Cassellholme.

‘Carried’

Resolution 2013-259

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: WHEREAS the Premier of Ontario has recently conveyed the Government’s desire to limit Industrial Wind Turbine (IWT) projects to communities that are willing hosts;

AND WHEREAS the municipality supports the position taken by a number of other Ontario municipalities that the province should impose a moratorium on the approval of wind energy projects until clear evidence is provided ruling out health impacts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm applauds the “willing host” position taken by the Premier and the Government;

AND THAT the Ministry of Environment be advised that the Township of Chisholm is not a “willing host” for Industrial Wind Turbines (IWTs);

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, as well as to the Minister of Environment, Minister of Energy, Minister of Rural Affairs and our local MPP. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-260

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports the Resolution passed by the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton with respect to Enbridge Pipelines Inc.’s approval from the National Energy Board. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-261

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that Council now takes a five-minute recess.
Time: 8:45 p.m. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-262

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that Council does now return to regular session.
Time: 8:50 p.m. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-263

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that Council moves into ‘In Camera’ session to discuss personal matters relating to identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees, under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act.
Time: 8:50 p.m. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-264

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that Council does now return to regular session.
Time: 9:30 p.m. **‘Carried’**

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Resolution 2013-265

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that By-law 2013-27, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the August 13th meeting, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 13th day of August, 2013. **‘Carried’**

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2013-266

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, September 10th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. **‘Carried’**

Mayor, Leo Jobin

Acting Clerk, Alice Lauzon

ADDENDUM "A"

MAYOR STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff Reports

Acting Clerk Alice Lauzon provided copies of the following information to Council:

1. Letter from Ministry of Finance re: third quarter payment of 2013 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocation.
2. Letter from Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) re: gas tax funding.
3. Email of introduction from Laura Voltti, MPAC's new Municipal Relations Representative for Nipissing District.
4. District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board Communiqué re: update on 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.
5. Memo re: Source Water Protection Policy implementation.
6. Ontario Regulation 284/09 Reporting re: 2013 Budget.
7. July 26th MIII Consultation Session – North Bay.
8. Minutes of July 3rd General Government Committee meeting.
9. Summary of July revenue.
10. Tax arrears as of July 31st, 2013.
11. Complaint Report for the month of July.

Committee Reports

1. Councillor Hodgins provided a copy of his report from the July 15th Blue Green Algae meeting.