

TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leo Jobin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Councillors Susan Major, David Hodgins, Teresa Miller, and Cec Reid present. Guests in attendance were Tim Grimster, Les Milton, Ashley Muttart, Walter Ross and Nunzio Scarfone. 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 time-sensitive items to the agenda:

- Requests for resolution support from the Municipality of McDougall and Township of The Archipelago opposing the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) new Billing Model for police services;
- Letter from Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration requesting nominations for the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers; and
- By-law 2013-41, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to execute a Capacity Funding Contribution Agreement under the Small Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund – Capacity Program (SRN-CPY).

Councillor Reid also informed Council that he would like to make a short presentation after *General Discussion*.

Resolution 2013-378

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 2013-379

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the November 26th, 2013 regular Council meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **‘Carried’**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - None

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution 2013-380

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Administration, By-law Enforcement, Council, Fire Department, Landfill, Livestock Valuer, and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$35,547.39, and general accounts totaling \$120,840.36 for the month of November, 2013, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

CITIZEN’S PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

OPEN FORUM

MAYOR, STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution 2013-381

Cec Reid – Susan Major: 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 2013-382

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Budget Report for the month of November, 2013, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-383

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approves a request from Fire Chief Matt Plant to set up into reserves, the Fire Department’s 2013 budgetary surplus for the purchase of more sets of bunker gear and tanker truck paint/minor body work to a maximum of \$20,000.00. **‘Defeated’**

Resolution 2013-384

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approves a request from Public Works Supervisor Real Gauthier to set up the Public Works 2013 budgetary surplus into *Reserve for Road Expenditures* to offset 2014 normal road expenditures. **‘Defeated’**

Resolution 2013-385

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm sets up the 2013 overall budgetary surplus into Reserve for Working Funds, to be drawn on as required for the 2014 budget. **‘Carried’**

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2013-386

Susan Major – Cec Reid: **WHEREAS** municipalities are required to retain and preserve the records of the municipality and its local boards in a secure and accessible manner; and **WHEREAS** Blue Sky Net is a non-profit Corporation whose mandate is to facilitate the development of technology within the Blue Sky region; and

WHEREAS Blue Sky Net has facilitated the creation and implementation of a GIS Municipal Partnership to which the Township of Chisholm belongs; and

WHEREAS the municipal property records currently stored in paper format are subject to destruction in the event of disaster such as fire or flood; and

WHEREAS Blue Sky Net would submit an application for funding for a project that would see the digitization of those property records and the addition of those digitized records to our existing GIS system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports, in principle, the application of Blue Sky Net to FedNor and the Ministry of Infrastructure to undertake a project that will see the digitization and conversion of our paper property file documents to electronic records that will be integrated with our existing GIS interface. By doing so, we will secure our Property Information files. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-387

Cec Reid – Susan Major: **WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm, at its November 26th meeting, passed Resolution 2013-370 to accept a recommendation from the November 21st Emergency Operations Control Group meeting that Spectrum be approached regarding better internet service in the Township; and

WHEREAS Blue Sky Net has provided pertinent information with respect to how the municipality should proceed to implement the above-noted recommendation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm grants Blue Sky Net access to the Assessment Parcels and associated Property Codes for the BAIMAP project area. The data would be held confidentially by Blue Sky Net for the sole purpose of quantifying the number of Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional properties in identified gap (coverage gap/low capacity) areas. The number of dwellings in each category will be key to helping Blue Sky Net quantify demand and number of dwellings that would benefit from government program investment dollars. Government programs would then be in position to prioritize project proposals and help improve broadband access and capacity for municipalities in Northern Ontario. **‘Carried’**

Council considered a request for comments from the Ministry of Natural Resources with respect to extending the term for existing private cottage tenure in Algonquin Provincial Park, and decided not to forward comments in this regard.

Resolution 2013-388

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts a recommendation brought forward from the October 30th General Government Committee meeting to adopt a Code of Conduct Policy for employees, and further that Policy No. 3.06 be and is hereby rescinded. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-389

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the attendance of Mayor Leo Jobin and Public Works Supervisor Real Gauthier at the Combined ROMA/OGRA Conference to be held in Toronto Feb. 23 – 26th, 2014, and further that remuneration and expenses be paid according to relevant by-laws and policies. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-390

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the purchase of a 1/10 Page (Business Card) ad at a cost of \$275.00 in the Military Service Recognition Book in recognition of Royal Canadian Legion Veterans and Troops. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-391

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm appoints Monika Mattes to represent Chisholm Township on the Powassan and District Union Public Library Board. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-392

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

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Resolution 2013-393

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

Time: 8:09 p.m.

Resolution 2013-394

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: **WHEREAS** the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are proposing a new billing model for charging municipalities for policing services, starting in 2015;

AND WHEREAS the current billing model is a deployment model, in which cost recovery is based on percentage of detachment workload, actual detachment staffing levels, wages and benefits, and a cost recovery component for other expenditures, which model has been in place for over 15 years;

AND WHEREAS the new methodology would charge each municipality a flat \$260 per household fee for the base costs related to providing police services, plus a variable charge for each call for service in that municipality. The rationale for this is that there is a base fixed cost for providing police services that must be borne by all participating

municipalities, regardless of the number of calls for service that the OPP responds to in each municipality. The OPP have advised that 73% of their costs are fixed (i.e. base costs) and 27% are variable:

AND WHEREAS the actual specifics of the cost for the calls for service have not been released or calculated, the OPP has estimated that the average cost per household in Ontario for policing services, including both the base cost and the calls for service, would be approximately \$369;

AND WHEREAS this model would see the OPP costs for the Township of Chisholm increase from \$73,219 in 2013 to \$221,769 in 2015 (an increase of 202%);

AND WHEREAS this model is fundamentally flawed, unfair and inequitable;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario and Premier Wynne cannot allow this type of unfair treatment towards small rural Ontario, and this funding model be scrapped immediately;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; The Honourable John Gerretsen, Attorney General of Ontario; Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FOMOM); Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Vic Fedeli, MPP - Nipissing.
‘Carried’

Resolution 2013-395

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolution 2013/197 passed by the Council for the Municipality of McDougall requesting the assistance of the Province of Ontario and Premier Wynne to abolish the proposed Ontario Provincial Police new Billing Model for police services starting in 2015. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-396

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolution No. 13-119 passed by the Council for the Township of The Archipelago requesting that the Province of Ontario and Premier Kathleen Wynne take steps to scrap the proposed Ontario Provincial Police new Billing Model for police services starting in 2015. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-397

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that By-law 2013-41, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to execute a Contribution Agreement under the Small Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund – Capacity Program with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Rural Affairs, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 10th day of December, 2013.
‘Carried’

Resolution 2013-398

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm forwards a letter of thanks to Pat Haufe for his services to the Township with respect to Livestock Valuation, and further that a donation of \$100 be made to Nipissing Museum in Mr. Haufe’s name. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2013-399

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that Council moves into ‘In Camera’ session to discuss personal matters relating to identifiable individuals. **‘Carried’**
Time: 8:29 p.m.

Resolution 2013-400

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that Council does now return to regular session. **‘Carried’**
Time: 8:50 p.m.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Council was provided with a copy of a letter from Peter Hume, Chair of AMO’s Waste Management Task Force, regarding an update on the current status of the Municipal Industry Program Committee’s (MIPC) Blue Box negotiations and the implications for Program funding for 2014.

Councillor Cec Reid made a short presentation to Council with respect to the high taxes in Chisholm; the lack of development and growth during the past year; his confidence that some adjustments to the draft Asset Management Plan would make it viable; and concluded his remarks by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Soul-Searching 2014.

Resolution 2013-401

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that By-law 2013-42, being a by-law to adopt the proceedings of the December 10th Council meeting, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 10th day of December, 2013. **‘Carried’**

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2013-402

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, January 14th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. **‘Carried’**

Mayor, Leo Jobin

Clerk-Treasurer, Linda Ringler

ADDENDUM "A"

MAYOR STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff Reports

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

- (1) Letters from Boards/Agencies in response to Township's request for 0% increase in 2014 budgets:
 - Ontario Provincial Police;
 - District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board; and
 - North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit.
- (2) Revenue as follows:
 - Province of Ontario - \$685,559.05 (MIII Project);
 - Court Security Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Program – 2013 annual payment of \$256.68; and
 - Triple M Metal - Scrap metal from landfill site - \$629.38.
- (3) Notice from Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. and the Nipissing Forest Local Citizens Committee (LCC) advising that Planned Operations for the second five year term (2014-2019) of the (2009-2019) Forest Management Plan have been approved and are available for inspection from November 26th to December 25th.
- (4) Summary of November Revenue.
- (5) Tax arrears as of November 30th.
- (6) Complaint Report for the month of November - None
- (7) Reports from Barbara Groves, Representative to the Callander ICA Advisory Group and the Integrated Watershed Management Strategy Steering Committee as follows:
 - November 22nd Lake Nipissing Summit; and
 - November 25th Community-Based Social Marketing Workshop.
- (8) Minutes of November 21st Emergency Operations Control Group meeting. and Tabletop Exercise.

Committee Reports

1. Councillor Cec Reid provided a report on the November 27th North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Source Protection Authority and Board of Directors' meetings. (Encl.)