

TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leo Jobin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Councillors Susan Major and Cec Reid present. Councillor David Hodgins was absent with regret. Guests in attendance were Marie Rosset, CEO, and Gary Sturge, Director, Powassan and District Union Public Library. Members of the public present were Tim Grimster, Chris Jull, Les Milton, Ashley Muttart, and Walter Ross. Staff members present were Administrative Assistant Jessica Scarfone and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Ringler.

NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None noted.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

- (1) Request from Les Milton for answers to a list of questions; and
- (2) Invitation from the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival Committee to Mayor Leo Jobin to attend annual first Tapping Ceremony to be held on March 8th.

Resolution 2014-62

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 2014-63

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the February 11th regular Council meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **‘Carried’**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS - None

CITIZEN'S PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Marie Rosset, C.E.O. and Gary Sturge, from the Powassan and District Union Public Library were in attendance to make a *State of the Union* presentation to Council with respect to library matters, including challenges facing the library; an update on the library's plans for this year; and expansion plans. Mayor Jobin, on behalf of Council, thanked Ms. Rosset and Mr. Sturge for their presentation.

OPEN FORUM

A request was put forward to Council to move the *Open Forum* session to the end of the meeting.

MAYOR, STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution 2014-64

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

REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORT - None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-65

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to help cover costs associated with the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) Zone 7 spring workshop, to be hosted by the Township of Nipissing, so that registration costs to the participants and their municipalities are kept to a reasonable rate. **'Carried'**

Resolution 2014-66

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes renewal of membership in the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association for the year 2014 at a cost of \$155.00. **'Carried'**

Resolution 2014-67

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts recommendations brought forward from the February 4th General Government Committee meeting as follows:

- (1) That Staff be instructed to draft up a Code of Conduct for Council, based on the Township of Wilmot's Code.
- (2) That a resolution be passed opposing the legalization of prostitution.

- (3) That a draft by-law to prohibit the depositing of snow on any highway or bridge under the jurisdiction of the Township, and the regulation of traffic during winter maintenance and snow control operations be adopted, and a schedule of set fines be prepared. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2014-68

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that Council takes a ten-minute recess. **‘Carried’**
Time: 7:58 p.m.

Resolution 2014-69

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that Council returns to regular session. **‘Carried’**
Time: 8:10 p.m.

Resolution 2014-70

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that By-law 2014-06, being a by-law to prohibit the depositing of snow on any highway or bridge under the jurisdiction of the Township, and the regulation of traffic during winter maintenance and snow control operations, be read a first, second, and third time and be passed this 27th day of February, 2014, and further that set fines be prepared for approval by the Ministry of Attorney General. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2014-71

Cec Reid - Susan Major: Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada, in a unanimous decision, struck down the current laws surrounding prostitution; and
Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada found that current laws violate the guarantee to life, liberty, and security of the person enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and
Whereas Parliament has been given a one-year reprieve to respond with new legislation, meaning the current laws will remain in place until December 2014;
Now Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm advises Federal Minister of Justice Peter MacKay that the Township of Chisholm is vehemently opposed to any plans by Parliament to legalize prostitution. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2014-72

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts a recommendation from the February 13th Finance Committee meeting as follows:

- (1) That revisions be made to Draft Budget No. 2 as outlined in Resolution No. 2014-05 of the Finance Committee. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2014-73

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 February 20th Public Works Committee meeting as follows:

- (1) That a price quotation from D.M. Wills Associates Limited in the amount of \$4,800 plus HST be accepted to complete the Bridge Inspection Program for the year 2014, as required under the Public Transportation and Improvement Act. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2014-74

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolution No. 25/10/13/004 passed by the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria, lobbying the provincial government to stop the roll out of mandatory on-site septic system inspections and to continue to only require them in known vulnerable areas adjacent to source water areas; and further that the province builds into any regulation the corresponding funding to compensate property owners and small municipalities who cannot continue to rely on the property tax base to meet the constant downloading of responsibility without equivalent funding. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2014-75

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolution No. 059-14 passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior on February 10, 2014, urging the Government of Ontario to ensure that electricity rates both in the short and long-term, allow businesses to remain competitive in a global environment and ensure that the vulnerable residents of our communities are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates, and further that the Ontario Energy Board be urged not to approve any further rate increases for electricity. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2014-76

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolution #CC2014-33 passed by the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury requesting the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to advocate the Province of Ontario to work with municipalities to develop a long term and sustainable solution that will allow municipalities to avoid rising litigation and claim costs, which divert funds from more critical yet under-funded municipal services; and that the request for the Law Commission of Ontario on Municipal Legislative reform address the issue of the effects of Joint and Several Liability on municipal insurance claims. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2014-77

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm hereby designates May 10th, 2014 as World Lupus Day, and October 2014 as Lupus Awareness Month in an effort to promote public awareness and advocacy for the disease of *lupus*, and further that proclamations provided by the Lupus Foundation of Ontario be posted on the township’s website for all citizens to access. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2014-78

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the attendance of Mayor Leo Jobin at the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival’s annual First Tapping Ceremony to be held on March 8th, 2014, and further that remuneration and expenses be paid in accordance with relevant by-laws.

Council considered and decided not to attend a 2014 LAS Town Hall Information Session to be held in Orillia April 10th.

Cec Reid, Chair of the Public Works Committee, verbally responded to a list of questions regarding public works and other matters, submitted to the office by Les Milton on February 24th. During this time, members of the Chisholm Ratepayers' Coalition asked additional questions, and also provided information to Council with respect to some of the items on the list of questions.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Resolution 2014-79

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that By-law 2014-07, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Township of Chisholm at the meeting held on February 27th, 2014, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 27th day of February, 2014. **‘Carried’**

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2014-80

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 11th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. **‘Carried’**
Time:

Mayor, Leo Jobin

Clerk-Treasurer, Linda Ringle

ADDENDUM “A”

MAYOR STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Reports

1. Report on activities for the month of February.

Staff Reports

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

- (1) Letter and Report from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing showing 2014 Annual Repayment Limit.
- (2) Letter and cheque from City of North Bay re: balance of Provincial Offences Act distribution for the year 2013.
- (3) Email from CGIS re: 911 Addressing Project.