

**TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Leo Jobin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Councillors David Hodgins, Susan Major, Cec Reid and Walter Ross present. Guests in attendance were Keith Bradford and Raymond Lauzon, representing the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW); Tim Grimster; Chris Jull; Les Milton; Ashley Muttart; Murray Rose; and Nunzio Scarfone. Staff member present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Ringler.

**NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** – None noted.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

With the approval of Council, Staff added the following time-sensitive items to the Agenda:

- Letter from Eastholme to Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation;
- Temporary Automatic Aid Agreement with the Municipality of East Ferris for the provision of emergency services;
- Vacation request from Public Works Supervisor Real Gauthier; and
- A memo from Staff with respect to outstanding dog taxes.

**Resolution 2014-176**

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution 2014-177**

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 regular Council meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. ‘Carried’

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES** – None

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS** – None

## **CITIZEN'S PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

Keith Bradford, President, North Bay Local CUPW, was in attendance to request Council's support of CUPW's efforts to stop Canada Post from eliminating door-to-door mail delivery, and any other lessening of its services. After Mr. Bradford's presentation, Council made a decision to provide a resolution of support for CUPW's efforts.

## **MAYOR, STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Resolution 2014-178**

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the '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 2014-179**

Cec Reid – Susan Major: **Whereas** the Township of Chisholm believes that Canada Post and the services provided including mail delivery are an integral part of life to all residents within the Township of Chisholm;

**And Whereas** the post offices and the services they provide in Small, Rural and Northern Communities have become a part of the fabric of our way of life and are essential to the socioeconomic wellbeing of our communities;

**And Whereas** local governments in Canada have a direct financial interest in the security and stability of Canada's postal system, to ensure reliable communications with ratepayers and certainly in the timely payment of taxes and other fees;

**And Whereas** Canada Post, a consistently profitable crown corporation, has announced its intention to eliminate residential door-to-door mail delivery in Canada, calling into question the stability of Canada's postal system, the certainty of communications and payments, and the reliability of business transactions;

**And Whereas** the Township of Chisholm recognizes the growing importance of accessibility, along with an increasing proportion of the population being seniors and the importance of residential door-to-door delivery for these segments of the population;

**And Whereas** the Township of Chisholm experiences harsher winters than other areas in the country making neighbourhood mailboxes less accessible compared to other jurisdictions, further adding to the importance of residential door-to-door delivery in our community;

**And Whereas** this fundamental change in Canada's communication system is unprecedented in the G7 countries and has been announced in the absence of any meaningful consultation with local government, Canada Post customers or postal workers;

**Therefore Be It Resolved** the Township of Chisholm requests that the Federal Government direct Canada Post to maintain the current levels of postal service in Small, Rural and Northern Communities and continue to maintain residential door-to-door delivery in Canada and consult with CUPW to find profitable solutions through diversification;

**And Be It Further Resolved** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transportation; and Jay Aspin MP, Nipissing-Temiskaming;

**And Be It Further Resolved** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and Jay Aspin MP for Nipissing-Temiskaming for their support and endorsement. **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2014-180**

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts recommendations brought forward from the May 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting as follows:

- (1) That revisions be made to Draft Budget No. 3 for the year 2014 as follows:
  - Account 1-3-8000-9905 – Increase of \$6,736 for a total of \$334,592
  - Account 1-4-1100-3225 – Increase of \$6,736 for a total of \$24,588.
- (2) That staff be instructed to finalize the 2014 budget, with a tax rate of 0.01281770 and a tax levy of \$1,416,549 as proposed at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting, and that by-laws be prepared for the June 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting for adoption. **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2014-181**

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm does not accept a recommendation brought forward from the May 14<sup>th</sup> Recreation Committee Meeting that the baseball diamond at the Public Works Garage be cleaned up and have the sand/gravel pile moved off the field so residents can use the space, due to the fact that the space is needed for materials, and the liability implications. **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2014-182**

Susan Major – Cec Reid: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts recommendations brought forward from the May 15<sup>th</sup> Public Works Committee Meeting as follows:

- (1) That the tender from R.G.T. Clouthier Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$121,966.55 be accepted as the successful tender for the Township’s 2014 Gravel Crushing requirements, and further that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to execute a Contract with the Contractor for the work.
- (2) That the tender from R.G.T. Clouthier Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$26,781.00 be accepted as the successful tender for the Township’s 2014 Winter Sand requirements, and further that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to execute a Contract with the Contractor for the work.
- (3) That P. Eng. Antoine Boucher and Public Works Supervisor Real Gauthier be authorized to conduct an in-water evaluation of major road culverts. **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2014-183**

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm acknowledges the receipt of a letter from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario with respect to *Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation*, dated May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, and further that the *Express Consent Form* be completed by Staff. **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2014-184**

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approves a request from the Township of Baldwin to have Staff contact local media and publish a similar article as was published in the Manitoulin Recorder regarding OPP costs. **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2014-185**

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer and Fire Chief to execute a Temporary Automatic Aid Agreement with the Municipality of East Ferris Fire Dept. for the provision of automatic aid for emergencies within Chisholm on Hillcrest Road and Village Road north of the Wasi River. **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2014-186**

Cec Reid – Susan Major: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approves a request from Public Works Supervisor Real Gauthier for vacation for the year 2014. **‘Carried’**

A letter from Eastholme East District of Parry Sound Home for The Aged, addressed to the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation was provided to Council with respect to the recent excavation and removal of trees. Mayor Leo Jobin, the Township’s representative to the Corporation, provided information with respect to the contents of the letter.

**OPEN FORUM**

Comments from the public were received regarding the culvert of Village Road; the use of steel plates to allow travel across the collapsed culvert; the use of reserve funds to alleviate inconvenience to the public; request for a second opinion on the culvert work; questioning of Council’s recent support of a letter from the Beer Store; and an inquiry questioning Council’s decision to discuss staffing for the Chiswick Line project at an ‘In Camera’ session.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Councillor Walter Ross raised a concern with respect to the *Equipment Rental Tender for Chiswick Line* in that tri-axle trucks are being called for, which excludes local tandem truck owners. Staff informed Council of the receipt of an email from P. Eng. Antoine Boucher providing clarification in this regard, which would be obtained during the recess.

**Resolution 2014-187**

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that Council does now take a ten-minute recess. **‘Carried’**  
Time: 8:15 p.m.

**Resolution 2014-188**

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that Council does now return to regular session. **‘Carried’**  
Time: 8:25 p.m.

Following the recess, Council was provided with a copy of an email from P. Eng. Antoine Boucher, clarifying that equipment rental contractors are allowed to tender, using sub-contractors for dump trucks.

**Resolution 2014-189**

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm moves into ‘In Camera’ session to discuss personal matters relating to identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees. **‘Carried’**

Time: 8:27 p.m.

**Resolution 2014-190**

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

Time: 9:40 p.m.

**Resolution 2014-191**

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approves of past precedent being followed with respect to Part-Time Equipment Operator Terry Tran’s vacation and sick days, which were built up during his temporary assignment as Full-time Grader Operator. **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2014-192**

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the renewal of a contract for recycling with R & D Recycling, based on the terms discussed at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2014-193**

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that By-law 2014-16, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Township of Chisholm at the meeting held on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014. **‘Carried’**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution 2014-194**

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. **‘Carried’**

Time: 9:42 p.m.

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Mayor, Leo Jobin

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Clerk-Treasurer, Linda Ringler

## **ADDENDUM "A"**

### **MAYOR STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Staff Reports**

Clerk-Treasurer Linda Ringler provided the following to Council:

- (1) Information re: Account from Lewis Motors with respect to International Truck.
- (2) Minutes of May 6<sup>th</sup> Committee of Adjustment Meeting.