

TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leo Jobin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Councillors David Hodgins, Chris Jull, Walter Ross, and Nunzio Scarfone present. Guests in attendance were Robert Palin, On-Site Sewage Program, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority, Tim Grimster, Ada Miller, Les Milton, and Marlene and Ron Walton. Dean Decaire, CPA, CA, BDO Canada LLP, joined the meeting in progress as did Shelly Lambe and Nick Lambe Foster. Staff member present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Ringler.

NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None noted.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2015-103

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented. **‘Carried’**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 2015-104

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the March 24th, 2015 regular Council Meeting be adopted as printed, and circulated. **‘Carried’**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Councillor Walter Ross clarified his comments regarding the March 24th Public Works/Council Meeting, and advised that he had only said that there should have been two separate agendas and meetings.

With respect to Resolution 2015-98, Councillor David Hodgins clarified that he had been asked by the Fire Department if they could use the beach shack, before it is torn down, for destructive training. Mayor Leo Jobin advised that the resolution was worded as it was in the event that a grant is not received, and the building is not torn down.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution 2015-105

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the *Administration, Council, Landfill, and Public Works* payroll accounts in the amount of \$25,829.76, and general accounts totaling \$176,794.01 for the month of March, 2015, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

CITIZEN’S PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Robert Palin, Manager, On-Site Sewage Program, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority, was in attendance to provide information with respect to the *Mandatory Maintenance Inspection Program for Sewage Systems under the Ontario Building Code Act*, and to answer questions in this regard. Mr. Palin provided Council with background, general, and financial information regarding the program.

Dean Decaire, CPA, CA, BDO Canada LLP, was in attendance to present the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 to Council, and to answer questions in this regard. Following his presentation, Mr. Decaire left the meeting.

Resolution 2015-106

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approves, as presented and revised, the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2015-107

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

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Resolution 2015-108

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

Time: 8:43 p.m.

With the approval of Council, Mayor Leo Jobin moved forward Item No. 7, New Business – *Consideration of information re: Permit to Take Water*.

Council considered information with respect to a *Permit to Take Water* issued by the Ministry of Environment for a property located on Chiswick Line, along with an email from the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority outlining the permits required in connection with the *Permit to Take Water*. Concerns expressed by Council members included the potential impact on the Township’s road infrastructure and that of a neighbouring municipality, and the amount of water to be taken from the property.

Resolution 2015-109

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm refers the information with respect to the *Permit to Take Water* issued to 1656351 Ontario Ltd. to its Planning Consulting firm, Municipal Planning Services, for review and a recommendation back to Council. **‘Carried’**

OPEN FORUM

During the Open Forum session, Shelley Lambe brought forward three issues of concern she had with respect to the *Permit to Take Water* issued to a property owner on Chiswick Line, which included a lack of notification and opportunity to provide feedback during the consultation period; a communication breakdown between the Ministry and the Township, and the need for the Township to be aware of items posted on the Environmental Registry; and a need for the Township and residents to assess the impact of the application on the Township’s infrastructure and water resources. Ms. Lambe informed Council that it was her intention to write a letter to the Minister of Environment requesting that he temporarily rescind the permit so that a 30-day public consultation can occur and so that the Ministry officials responsible can include the community’s feedback in assessing the permit.

MAYOR STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution 2015-110

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: 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 these minutes. **‘Carried’**

REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORT

Resolution 2015-111

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Budget Report, dated March 31, 2015, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-112

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the attendance and participation of Mayor Leo Jobin at the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival to be held on April 25th. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2015-113

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports, as requested, the 2015 budget of the Powassan and District Union Public Library. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2015-114

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolution 2015/03/78, passed by the Municipality of Callander on March 24, 2015, requesting that the Ministry of Transportation incorporate a paved shoulder on both sides of the road into the Design and Engineering for the Rehabilitation of Highway 654. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2015-115

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm endorses Resolution 14-2303-15 passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley at its March 23, 2015 meeting, with respect to rising hydro rates. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2015-116

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Sylvia Jones MPP’s Bill 36, the Respecting Private Property Act, to reflect the severity of trespassing and the damages that result from such thoughtless acts. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2015-117

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm proclaims June as Seniors’ Month in the Township, and further that the Recreation Committee has scheduled a Senior’s event for June 19th. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2015-118

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that a General Government Committee Meeting be scheduled for Thursday, May 21st, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. **‘Carried’**

Council considered an invitation from Near North Crime Stoppers to Mayor Leo Jobin to participate in its Celebrity Jail-a-thon on May 7th, and as Mayor Jobin was unable to attend, requested that a letter be sent declining the invitation and extending best wishes for a successful event.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councillor Chris Jull inquired what the process had been to obtain legal advice with respect to the publication of his Newsletter, as he had not seen any resolutions to this effect in Council meeting Minutes. After some brief comments, Councillor Jull was informed that his inquiry would be more appropriately discussed during the ‘In Camera’ session to be held immediately following the Council meeting, to consider advice subject to solicitor-client privilege relating to this matter.

Resolution 2015-119

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that Council does now move into ‘In Camera’ session to consider advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. **‘Carried’**

Time: 9:15 p.m.

Resolution 2015-120

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

Time: 9:40 p.m.

Resolution 2015-121

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that By-law 2015-12, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the April 14th regular Council meeting, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 14th day of April, 2015. **‘Carried’**

GENERAL DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2015-122

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. **‘Carried’**

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer

ADDENDUM "A"

MAYOR STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff Reports

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

1. Letters from Ministry of Finance:
 - Education property tax decisions for the 2015 taxation year; and
 - Notification that regulation setting education property tax rates for 2015 has been finalized.
2. Letter from Ontario Provincial Police re: 2014 reconciled policing costs and 2015 billing statement adjustment.
3. Memo re: Committee of Adjustment training.
4. Summary of March revenue.
5. Tax arrears as of March 31st, 2015.
6. *Complaint/Occurrences Report* for the month of March.
7. Minutes of March 24th Public Works Committee Meeting.

Committee Reports

1. Powassan and District Union Public Library:
 - Minutes of February 18th and March 30th Meetings
2. Councillor Nunzio Scarfone – Information from North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority (NBMCA):
 - NBMCA *Integrated Watershed Management Strategy (IWMS)*;
 - NBMCA *IWMS Subwatersheds*; and
 - NBMCA *Flood Forecasting and Warning Program*.