

**TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Leo Jobin called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. with Councillors David Hodgins, Chris Jull, and Nunzio Scarfone present. Councillor Walter Ross was absent with regret. Guests in attendance were Susan Major and Stephen Young. 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 items to the Agenda:

- *Restore Your Shore Stewardship Agreement and Consent Agreement* for Wasi Beach; and
- Invitation to attend information session regarding the new OPP Billing Model.

**Resolution 2015-175**

David Hodgins – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented and amended. **‘Carried’**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution 2015-176**

Nunzio Scarfone – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular Council Meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **‘Carried’**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES** - None

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS**

**Resolution 2015-177**

David Hodgins – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the *Administration, Council, Landfill, and Public Works* payroll accounts in the amount of \$28,416.92, and general accounts totaling \$133,063.06 for the month of May, 2015, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

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

Susan Major, Advocacy, Chisholm Women's Institute, was in attendance to request Council's support of two resolutions put forward by the Women's Institute petitioning the Federal and Provincial Governments and milk marketing boards firstly, to stop the importation of milk and milk altered products into Canada, take the necessary steps to have these products provided by Canadian farmers, and urge Canadians to buy products with "the little blue cow with the maple leaf on her side and the 100% Canadian milk" assurance; and secondly, to address issues regarding the high costs associated with the purchase of milk quota by new farmers, thereby removing financial barriers to people wishing to get into the dairy business.

Stephen Young was in attendance to request a letter of support from Council for the quarry business he and his wife wish to establish in the Municipality of Powassan.

## **MAYOR STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Resolution 2015-178**

David Hodgins – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the *Mayor, Staff, and Committee Reports* be accepted as presented, and a summary of these reports be attached as Addendum "A" to these minutes. **'Carried'**

## **REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORT**

### **Resolution 2015-179**

Nunzio Scarfone – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Budget Report, dated May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015, be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution 2015-180**

David Hodgins – Nunzio Scarfone: **WHEREAS** the production of milk and dairy products, sold to Canadians, is a vital element in our diets; and

**WHEREAS** present Canadian dairy farmers are not able to keep up to the demand of our consumption; and

**WHEREAS** various dairy products are being imported into Canada to supply our needs, and;

**WHEREAS** the implementation of only 100% Canadian milk, in fluid milk and milk products, with the exception of artisanal cheeses, would be an incredible stimulus to jobs in Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the Dairy Farmers of Canada report that the Canadian dairy industry presently adds \$24.7 billion to the Canadian G.D.P., and yet lost \$900 million (2014) through milk importations,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm petitions the Federal, Provincial, and local milk boards to disallow the importation of milk and milk-altered products into Canada beyond January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the parties involved work together to formulate a plan to correct the issues of concern; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the population of Canada, being educated about the number of job opportunities that would be available to them, do use their purchasing power of milk and products to choose only those with a 100% whole cow, with a maple leaf on her side, to send a message to dairy processing plants, and the Federal Government, which has the power to make necessary changes. **‘Carried’**

#### **Resolution 2015-181**

Nunzio Scarfone – David Hodgins: **WHEREAS** the present system of bidding on available milk quota is a financial impossibility for new farmers wishing to start a dairy herd; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government of Canada, under The Milk Act, owns the milk of Canada, and has given the responsibility of managing this milk to the provinces, who have in turn given the job to the Provincial Milk Marketing Boards; and

**WHEREAS** this expensive quota can be removed from a dairy farmer, and is a constant threat to these farmers,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm petitions the Federal Government, the Provincial Governments, and the Provincial Milk Marketing Boards to work collaboratively and remedy this situation, whereby

- a) Present dairy farmers do not lose the expensive value paid for their quota;
- b) New farmers can enter the system without this prohibitive cost for quota;
- c) New farmers can make a profit, with their quota, at year’s end;
- d) All dairy farmers enter the “bidding-for-quota” negotiations with no prorating for larger dairy farmers, which means that “the big get bigger,” and the small can’t make a decent living off the farm, and
- e) The expectation of Canadians to have 100% Canadian guaranteed milk and products in their stores be in place by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. **‘Carried’**

#### **Resolution 2015-182**

David Hodgins – Nunzio Scarfone: **WHEREAS** Stephen and Gail Young are in the process of obtaining a license from the Ministry of Natural Resources to operate a quarry at Lot 12, Concession 9 in the Municipality of Powassan;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Chisholm would like to have a readily accessible supply of quarry aggregate products to meet its road maintenance and construction requirements;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports the efforts of Stephen and Gail Young to establish this above water quarry. **‘Carried’**

### **Resolution 2015-183**

Nunzio Scarfone – David Hodgins: **WHEREAS** the public electricity system in Ontario is a critical asset to the economy and vital to the living standard and well-being of all ontarians;

**AND WHEREAS** it is essential that Ontarians maintain public control and public decision-making with respect to electricity;

**AND WHEREAS** experience in other jurisdictions shows that privatization typically means consumers pay more for electricity;

**AND WHEREAS** a privatized Hydro One will no longer be subject to scrutiny by the Auditor General, the Ombudsman, the Financial Accountability Officer, or the Integrity Commissioner, and will no longer be required to provide information or services to citizens under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, or the French Language Services Act;

**AND WHEREAS** our public electricity system currently generates hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue for the provincial government every year to help pay for public services we all depend on;

**AND WHEREAS** the sale of shares in Hydro One will provide a short-term financial gain for the province in exchange for a much larger long-term financial loss;

**AND WHEREAS** the provincial government has no mandate from voters to sell any part of Hydro One;

**AND WHEREAS** opinion polls show Ontarians oppose the privatization of Hydro One by a significant margin in every part of the province;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm call on the provincial government to:

- Halt the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One as a public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians;
- Strengthen Hydro One by investing in the next generation of workers and upgrading our electricity transmission infrastructure;
- Respect the autonomy and local decision-making powers of local distribution companies by not forcing these companies into mergers or sales;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm communicate this resolution to the Premier, with copies to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy, area MPPs, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm work through AMO to encourage other Ontario municipalities to express their opposition to the privatization of Hydro One. **‘Carried’**

### **Resolution 2015-184**

David Hodgins – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the attendance of Mayor Leo Jobin at the 120<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Fair to be held on September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the Municipality of Powassan, and to join other invited guests to ride on the parade float and address the crowd in the opening ceremonies on the fairgrounds. **‘Carried’**

### **Resolution 2015-185**

Nunzio Scarfone – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the attendance of Mayor Leo Jobin, Councillors Nunzio Scarfone and Chris Jull, Clerk-Treasurer Linda Ringler, and Administrative Assistant Jessica Scarfone at the Integrated Watershed Management Strategy Municipal Meeting to be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Corbeil Park Hall. **‘Carried’**

### **Resolution 2015-186**

David Hodgins – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts recommendations brought forward from the May 21<sup>st</sup> General Government Committee Meeting as follows:

- That the draft Film and Television Production Application be approved for use in Chisholm Township;
- That the following priorities from the Waste Recycling Strategy be implemented immediately:  
Priority Two – Lower bag limit for residential properties to 78 next year (next cards);  
Priority Three – Front Line Staff Training;  
Priority Four – Public Education associated with improving participation; and  
Priority Five – Workshop attendance.
- That the Landfill Site be closed at 4:00 p.m. in winter and 5:00 p.m. in summer, to become effective for the new card cycle. **‘Carried’**

### **Resolution 2015-187**

Nunzio Scarfone – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm is in agreement with recommendation brought forward from the May 21<sup>st</sup> General Government Committee Meeting with respect to charges for fees and services provided by the Township, and further that notice has been given to the public that this matter will come before Council on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and that any person may attend the Public meeting and/or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendments. **‘Carried’**

### **Resolution 2015-188**

David Hodgins – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts recommendations brought forward from the May 26<sup>th</sup> Public Works Committee Meeting as follows:

- That a detailed cost breakdown be requested from the Municipality of Powassan for the culvert and ditching work on Boundary Road; and
- That the 2015 gravel and sand tendering requirements be as follows:  
Gravel – 6,500 cubic meters applied to the roads, and 2,000 cubic meters stockpiled at the garage; and  
Winter Sand – 1,500 cubic meters to be stockpiled at the garage site. **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2015-189**

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that Council does now take a ten-minute recess.  
**‘Carried’**

Time: 8:05 p.m.

**Resolution 2015-190**

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that Council does now return to regular session.  
**‘Carried’**

Time: 8:15 p.m.

**Resolution 2015-191**

Chris Jull – David Hodgins: Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm has provided financial support to the Powassan and District Union Public Library for over forty years; and

Whereas every resident of the Township can avail themselves of the services offered by the library should they choose to do so; and

Whereas Council conducted a survey regarding the provision of library services and the majority of respondents expressed a desire to continue funding to the Powassan Library;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm continues to fund the library, and

Further that Mayor Leo Jobin and Councillor Chris Jull exercise a right in the agreement to review the formula, and negotiate with the other municipalities to fund the library based on a percentage of the actual membership for the preceding year. **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2015-192**

David Hodgins – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes staff to implement *Direct Deposit* for payroll as soon as possible at an approximate cost of \$800 per year. **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2015-193**

Chris Jull – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the Mayor to execute a *Restore Your Shore Stewardship Agreement and Consent Agreement* with the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority for shoreline naturalization at Wasi Beach. **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2015-194**

Chris Jull – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the attendance of the following at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Information Meeting with respect to the new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Billing Model:

- Mayor Leo Jobin; and
- Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Lorena Thompson. **‘Carried’**

## **OPEN FORUM**

During the *Open Forum* Susan Major commented that it is interesting to be here, and commended Council for doing a wonderful job.

### **Resolution 2015-195**

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that Council does now move into ‘In Camera’ session to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations under Section 239(2)(d) of The Municipal Act, and personal matters relating to identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees under Section 239(2)(b) of The Municipal Act. **‘Carried’**

Time: 8:40 p.m.

### **Resolution 2015-196**

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that Council does now return to regular session. **‘Carried’**

Time: 8:51 p.m.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Councillor Chris Jull put forward a recommendation for Council to have a discussion with respect to policing costs at some point in time.

### **Resolution 2015-197**

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that By-law 2015-16, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular Council meeting, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015. **‘Carried’**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Resolution 2015-198**

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 immediately following the Public Works Committee Meeting and the Public Meetings to consider the budget and changes to the fees by-law. **‘Carried’**

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer

## ADDENDUM "A"

### MAYOR STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Mayor Reports

1. Minutes of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board regular meeting.
2. Email from District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board re: Update on Strategic Plan for 2015-2020.

#### Staff Reports

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

1. AMO Communications – Information re: Bill 109, the Employment and Labour Statute Law Amendment Act, 2015, proposed legislation intended to effect a number of changes to workplace laws, including the following:
  - The labour relations provisions of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 (FPPA);
  - The Public Sector Labour Relations Transition Act, 1997 (PSLRTA); and
  - The Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997 (WSIA).
2. Memo re: possibility of sharing engineering services.
3. Summary of May revenue.
4. Tax Arrears as of May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015. In the amount of \$163,343, which is a reduction of \$10,612 or 6% from the month of April, 2015.
5. *Complaint/Occurrences Report* for the month of May.
6. Minutes of May 27<sup>th</sup> Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee Meeting.

#### Committee Reports

1. Minutes of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Powassan and District Union Public Library Board Meeting.