

TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2016

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. There were no guests or members of the public in attendance. Staff member present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Ringler.

NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None noted.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2016-04

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 2016-05

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the *Minutes* of the December 8th, 2015 regular Council meeting, and the January 6th special Council meeting to discuss various matters relating to the Public Works Department, be adopted as printed and circulated. **‘Carried’**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution 2016-06

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Administration, By-law Enforcement, Council, Environment/Landfill, Fire Department, and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$50,948.72, and general accounts totaling \$249,434.40 for the month of December, 2015, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

CITIZEN’S PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS – None

MAYOR STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution 2016-07

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the *Staff Reports* and *Committee Reports* be accepted as presented, and a summary of these reports be attached as Addendum “A” to these minutes. **‘Carried’**

Council requested that in future the Minutes of the Cassellholme, District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority, and North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit be included in the Agenda packages. Council also requested that the *Complaint/Occurrences Reports* include the date the complaint was taken care of, and the action taken.

REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORT

Resolution 2016-08

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Budget Report for the month of December, 2015, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2016-09

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that By-law 2016-01, being a by-law to provide for the Township’s 2016 borrowing requirements for the year 2016, be read a first, second and third time and passed this 12th day of January, 2016. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-10

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that By-law 2016-02, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 12th day of January, 2016. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-11

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that Resolution No. 2015-375, passed by Council at its December 8th, 2015 regular meeting, regarding the privatization of Hydro One, be and is hereby rescinded. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-12

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: **WHEREAS** in April 2012, the Ontario Minister of Energy established the Ontario Distribution Sector Review Panel to provide expert advice to the government on how to improve efficiencies in the sector with the aim of reducing the financial cost of electricity distribution for electricity consumers; and

WHEREAS in the report, *Renewing Ontario Electricity Distribution Sector: Putting the Consumer First*, the Panel has produced a thorough review of the sector and has put forward a plan for building a new model for electricity distribution in Ontario, one that creates robust, efficient and well-resourced utilities that will reduce costs to the consumer and support the continued economic growth of this province; and

WHEREAS the Report points out that Ontario currently has the most fragmented distribution sector in Canada, and calls for a major restructuring of Ontario's electricity distribution sector which would consolidate the Local Distribution Companies in Ontario into eight to twelve larger regional distributors; and provide cost savings and a more efficient electricity distribution system; and

WHEREAS in this highly competitive world it is vital that electricity be delivered in the most efficient and cost effective manner to ensure that the electricity distribution sector thrives and meets the challenges of the coming decade,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm petitions the provincial government to immediately halt the privatization of Hydro One, and seriously consider the recommendations outlined in the Report, with a view to providing a more cost efficient electricity distribution system for all Ontarians, and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in the Districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound for consideration and support; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Energy, AMO, and FONOM. **'Carried'**

Resolution 2016-13

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm rescinds Policy No. 2.14 – Employment Standard – Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation; and Policy No. 8.02 – Delegation of Powers and Duties Policy, in light of the approval of new policies with respect to these matters. **'Carried'**

Resolution 2016-14

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts an invitation from the City of North Bay to participate in the City's Household Hazardous Waste Program for the year 2016 at a cost of \$1,162.00. **'Carried'**

Resolution 2016-15

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that Resolution No. 2015-10 brought forward from the December 9th, 2015 Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee Meeting concerning a request for 2016 budget funds, be forwarded to the Finance Committee Meeting for consideration. **'Carried'**

Resolution 2016-16

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm acknowledges the receipt of information from the Ministry of Natural Resources with respect to Municipal Fire Agreement Rates to/from Municipalities valid for 2016. **'Carried'**

Resolution 2016-17

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolution 2015/12/315 passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander on December 22, 2015, calling on the provincial government to recognize the plight of northern and rural Ontario residents who are directly impacted by the rate increases and the economic ramifications on rural communities as residents are forced to leave their homes and close their businesses due to unsustainable hydro rate increases. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-18

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolution No. 2015/475 passed by the Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing on November 17th, 2015, to petition the Government of Ontario to intercede on behalf of Northern Ontario residents and businesses who are burdened with unmanageable financial hardship due to increasing hydro rates. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-19

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports, in principle, Resolution 2015/12/316 passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander, regarding the section of the Voyageur Cycling Route that passes through the Municipality of Callander. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-20

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolution No. 2015/506 passed by the Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing on December 15th, 2015, urging the Minister of Energy to consider expanding the accessibility to natural gas services to northern Ontario communities in order to provide a similar financial saving opportunity to all northern residents and businesses. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-21

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolution No. 2015/507 passed by the Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing on December 15th, 2015, urging the Ministry of Transportation to expedite its re-classification of all winter highway classes in Northern Ontario to ensure that each one receives the appropriate level of maintenance required during the winter months thus ensuring the safety and security of all northern travelers. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-22

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolution No. 2015/508 passed by the Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing on December 15th, 2015, urging the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to consider amending the qualifying criteria so that all roundtrips exceeding 100 km in total travelled distance be eligible for the Northern Health Travel Grant thus ensuring fair and equitable reimbursement for all Ontario residents who must travel outside of their community for specialized health care services. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-23

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolution 129/2015 passed by the Council of the Municipality of Port Hope on December 15th, 2015, requesting a meeting with the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and the Minister of Energy to discuss issues surrounding its opposition to incineration facilities, and other matters. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-24

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution, being New Motion 2 passed by Kingston City Council on December 15th, 2015, endorsing a national discussion of a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians, and encouraging the provincial and federal governments through their respective responsible Ministers, including the Ontario Minister of Health and the Ontario Deputy Minister in Charge of Poverty Reduction, to work together to consider, investigate, and develop a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-25

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolution 22-0712-15 passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley on December 7th, 2015, requesting that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario; and that the Minister return to the table with Ontario’s doctors and work together through mediation-arbitration to reach a fair deal that protects the quality, patient-focused care Ontario’s families deserve. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-26

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the renewal of membership in the following associations for the year 2016:

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario - \$1,047.82;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities - \$319.98;
- Association of Municipal Managers Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) \$424.88 each for the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer;
- Municipal Law Enforcement Officers’ Association (Ontario) Inc. – \$110.00;
- Municipal Waste Association - \$113.00;
- Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professionals - \$139.44; and
- Ontario Association of Committees of Adjustment and Consent Authorities (OACA) - \$120.00. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-27

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes attendance at the following conferences as follows:

- Ontario Good Roads Association to be held in Toronto February 21st – 24th, 2016 – Councillor Nunzio Scarfone and Public Works Supervisor Real Gauthier; and

- Northeastern Fire Education Conference and Trade Show to be held in North Bay April 1st to April 3rd, 2016 – Councillor David Hodgins, and further that remuneration and expenses be paid for each of the conferences in accordance with relevant by-laws. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-28

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts, as presented, the Overtime Report for the period December 3 to December 30th, 2015. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-29

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that Council does now move into ‘In Camera’ session to discuss personal matters relating to identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees. **‘Carried’**

Time: 8:04 p.m.

Resolution 2016-30

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

Time: 8:17 p.m.

OPEN FORUM - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Resolution 2016-31

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that By-law 2016-03, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the January 12th, 2016 regular Council meeting, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 12th day of January, 2016. **‘Carried’**

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2016-32

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, January 26th, 2016 immediately following the Public Works Committee Meeting, or at the call of the Chair. **‘Carried’**

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer

ADDENDUM "A"

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff Reports

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

1. Letter from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation re: 2016 funding requirement.
2. Letter from North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit re: *Accommodation Planning – Construction Contract Awarded*.
3. Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: *The Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015*.
4. Letter from Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs re: release of government's report entitled *2015 Rural Roadmap: The Path Forward for Ontario*.
5. Memo re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Expression of Interest.
6. AMO Communications – Members' Update: Waste Free Ontario Act.
7. Summary of December, 2015 Revenue.
8. Tax arrears as of December 31, 2015.
9. Complaint/Occurrences Report for the month of December, 2015.
10. Minutes of December 2nd, 2015 Emergency Operations Control Group Meeting.
11. Minutes of December 8th Public Works Committee Meeting.

Committee Reports

1. Minutes of November 30th, 2015 Meeting of Powassan and District Union Public Library Board.