

TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leo Jobin called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. with Councillors David Hodgins, Walter Ross, Chris Jull, and Nunzio Scarfone present. Staff member present was Acting Clerk, Alice Lauzon. Guests in attendance were David Durocher, Jenny Leblond and Jason Leblond.

NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None noted.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2016-73

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the *Agenda* for this meeting be adopted as presented. **‘Carried’**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 2016-74

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the *Minutes* of the February 9th, 2016 regular Council meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. **‘Carried’**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS - None

CITIZEN’S PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Presentation from the East Parry Sound Literacy Council was postponed to a future meeting due to inclement weather and road conditions.

MAYOR STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution 2016-75

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the *Staff Reports* be accepted as presented, and a summary of these reports be attached as Addendum “A” to these minutes. **‘Carried’**

REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORT - None

NEW BUSINESS

Council asked for a copy of the previous Engineering Agreement in order to compare the two before signing.

Resolution 2016-76

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes a contribution to the Powassan Agricultural Society in the amount of \$75. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-77

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes a donation of \$120 to the East Parry Sound Regional Science Fair. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-78

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes staff to submit the 2016 Membership fee for the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association in the amount of \$160.00. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-79

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the attendance of Mayor Jobin and Councillor Ross at the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Spring meeting on Friday, April 29th, 2016 to be held at the Kearney Community Centre, in Kearney, Ontario and that remuneration be paid in accordance with the relevant by-law. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-80

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports Resolution 5-127-05 passed by the Council of the Town of Carleton Place calling upon Minister Jeff Leal to discontinue the use of the current evaluation criteria that penalizes municipalities that plan to maintain their infrastructure and instead distribute all future infrastructure grants to all municipalities utilizing a fair and equitable formula. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-81

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports the resolution passed by the Council of the Town of Aurora calling upon the Government of Ontario to limit the jurisdiction of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) to questions of law or process and to require the OMB to uphold any planning decisions of Municipal Councils unless they are contrary to the processes and rules set out in legislation. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-82

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: **WHEREAS** municipalities are required to invest their reserves in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 and Ontario Regulation 438/97 (as amended), which specifically outlines allowable investments;

and WHEREAS to ensure the sustainability and sound stewardship of the municipality’s investments, the municipality is of the opinion that changes should be made to the Municipal Act, 2001 and Ontario Regulation 438/97 (as amended), to allow for the prudent investment of reserves, if those investments are professionally managed and part of a broader investment strategy;

AND WHEREAS the Prudent Investor Standard is an industry accepted best practice in effectively managing a portfolio of investments, and the Standard applies to investments, not in isolation, but in the context of the portfolio of investments and as part of an overall strategy, that should incorporate acceptable risk and return objectives suitable to the stakeholders;

AND WHEREAS the Province is conferring “Prudent Investor” status on the City of Toronto to enable greater diversification in portfolio management,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Local Authority Services (LAS), and the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario (MFOA), have long requested that the Prudent Investor Standard apply to all municipal investments that are invested with The One Investment Program;

AND WHEREAS in 2005, municipalities were granted the ability to invest in longer-term corporate bonds and Canadian equity investments via only the One Investment Program, and the One Investment Program has demonstrated strong investment returns for municipalities within these ‘new’ investment sectors;

AND WHEREAS the institutional portfolio managers utilized by the One Investment Program recommend that the Prudent Investor Standard approach is a more appropriate approach to investing;

AND WHEREAS operating municipal investments under the Prudent Investor Standard is precluded by the Municipal Act, Eligible Investments, in its current form;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the request of AMO, LAS, and MFOA to amend Ontario Regulation 438/97 (as amended) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to allow municipalities to invest consistent with the Prudent Investor Standard, if such investments are through the One Investment Program.

‘Carried’

Resolution 2016-83

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm supports the Concerned Citizens of Eastern Ontario urgently seeking accountability and transparency from the governments of Ontario and Canada and asking that a formal process be established to allow for direct and active democratic participation in the creation of any land claim agreement, and

therefore agree to circulate the petition to all concerned residents in this extensive land claim region by including the petition website address and other information on the Township's website. **'Carried'**

OPEN FORUM

During the *Open Forum*, the following comments were made:

- Jason Leblond thanked Council for their contribution to the East Nipissing-North Parry Sound Veterinary Services Committee and invited them to attend the Symposium at the Trout Creek Arena on Saturday, February 27th, 2016.

Resolution 2016-84

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that Council does now move into 'In Camera' session to discuss a litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. **'Carried'**

Time: 7:45

Resolution 2016-85

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

Time: 8:00

'Carried'

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Resolution 2016-86

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that By-law 2016-07, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the February 25th, 2016 regular Council meeting, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 25th day of February, 2016. **'Carried'**

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2016-87

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Time: 8:05 p.m.

Mayor, Leo Jobin

Clerk-Treasurer, Linda Ringler

ADDENDUM "A"

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff Reports

Acting Clerk Alice Lauzon provided copies of the following information to Council:

1. Letter from City of North Bay, Distribution of Net Revenue from Provincial Offences Act.