

TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 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. Guests in attendance were Fire Chief Matt Plant, Jacques Lacourse, President, North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce, Diane Labrecque, and Michelle, Abby and Jacob Lacourse. Staff member present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Ringle.

NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None noted.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2016-91

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 2016-92

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the *Minutes* of the February 25th, 2016 regular Council meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **‘Carried’**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution 2016-93

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the *Administration, By-law Enforcement, Council, Landfill, and Public Works* payroll accounts in the amount of \$25,969.52, and general accounts totaling \$101,624.29 for the month of February, 2016, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

CITIZEN'S PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Fire Chief Matt Plant was in attendance to present his *2015 Annual Report*, and to update Council on Fire Dept. matters.

Fire Chief Plant asked Council for permission to directly call out members of the Public Works staff for sanding or other services, as required, during firefighting operations, and Council authorized the preparation of a resolution for the next meeting.

Fire Chief Plant also asked Council if the Township's insurance would cover the members of the Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary if they were to become injured while providing food to their husbands during a fire fighting operation. Council requested that staff look into this matter and report back to Council.

Councillor David Hodgins, on behalf of Council, extended thanks to Fire Chief Plant and the members of the Fire Dept. for their commitment and service to the community.

Jacques Lacourse, President, North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce, was in attendance to provide information to Council with respect to the Chamber's new mandate, geographic district, and the services available to its membership. Mayor Jobin, on behalf of Council, thanked Mr. Lacourse for his informative presentation.

Resolution 2016-94

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that Council takes a five-minute recess. **'Carried'**
Time: 7:45 p.m.

Resolution 2016-95

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that Council returns to regular session. **"Carried"**
Time: 7:50 p.m.

Resolution 2016-96

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts, as presented, the Annual Report from Fire Chief Matt Plant, which is attached as Addendum "A" to these minutes. **'Carried'**

MAYOR STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution 2016-97

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

REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORT

Resolution 2016-98

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Budget Report, dated February 29th, 2016, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2016-99

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approves the 2016 Budget for the Powassan and District Union Public Library in the amount of \$213,773.00, with Chisholm’s share being \$30,138.00, and further that the Library Board and staff be commended for the excellent level of service provided. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-100

Nunzio Scarfone – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the signing of a revised Engineering Services Agreement with the Municipality of East Ferris for the period 2016 – 2018. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-101

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm confirms its support and agreement with the concerns brought forward by Charlie Angus, MP Timmins-James Bay to the Competition Bureau with respect to the regional pricing of gas. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-102

Chris Jull – Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes a donation in the amount of \$75.00 to the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-103

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the attendance of Mayor Leo Jobin and Councillor Nunzio Scarfone at the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services’ March 31st Consultation Session for the *Strategy for a Safer Ontario*, to be held in Sudbury, and further that remuneration and expenses be paid in accordance with relevant by-laws. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-104

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm nominates Cec Reid for a 2016 Senior of the year Award, in recognition of his many years of service to the residents of Chisholm as a municipal Council member. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-105

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the request from Marcelle Hamilton, asking for a change to the snow plow route, be referred to the Public Works Supervisor, for review and a report back to the Public Works Committee. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-106

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the *Overtime Report* for the period December 31, 2015 to February 24th, 2016 be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-107

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that the General Government Committee Meeting be rescheduled to Monday, March 21st, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2016-108

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that Council approves membership in the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario for the two Administrative Assistants. **‘Carried’**

Councillor Nunzio Scarfone put forward a recommendation, which was accepted by Council, to look at future asset management requirements in advance of the year they are scheduled for replacement.

Councillor David Hodgins, Chair of the Wistiwasing Watershed Management Committee Meeting, informed Council that he had been asked by the Committee to approach the Councils of East Ferris and Callander for their support for a funding request to undertake an assessment for a floating wetland for Wasi Lake to help combat the blue green algae in the watershed. Council requested that a resolution be brought forward in this regard at the next meeting.

Council requested that Fire Chief Plant be asked to include, in his annual report, the nature of the fire calls.

OPEN FORUM – None

Resolution 2016-109

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that Council 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 2016-110

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

Time: 8:30 p.m.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Resolution 2016-111

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that By-law 2016-08, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the March 8th, 2016 meeting, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 8th day of March, 2016. **'Carried'**

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2016-112

David Hodgins – Walter Ross: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 immediately following the Public Works Committee Meeting. **'Carried'**
Time: 8:35 p.m.

Mayor, Leo Jobin

Clerk-Treasurer, Linda Ringler

ADDENDUM “A”

Chisholm Fire Department 2015 Year End Report

In 2015 the fire department responded to 22 calls. No firefighter or civilian injuries were reported.

Manpower at year-end was 18 with regular attendance at our weekly training sessions by all members.

Any request for inspections or assistance from the public was also acted upon. Public education was carried out through township newsletter articles, our annual car wash and boot drive, and an open house at the Fire Hall during Fire Prevention Week. Our boot drive raised over \$1100.00 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The car wash raised an additional \$400.00 for Camp Bucko, which is a camp for children suffering from burn injuries. We would like to thank the Township residents for their support.

All our vehicles passed their yearly maintenance checks and the pumper passed its yearly pump check.

In 2015 we continued our home visits to new residents of the Township on behalf of the Township Council.

We purchased five more sets of bunker gear to replace some of our existing gear that has started to reach the end of its safe operating level. This completes our bunker gear replacement for all existing firefighters.

We ended the year within budget and carry no debt forward.

Matt Plant, Fire Chief

ADDENDUM "B"

MAYOR STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff Reports

1. *Building Permit Fee Annual Report* for the year ending December 31, 2015. Council requested that in future the Report contain the types of permits issued.
2. Letter from Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services advising that the Township has complied with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) and associated regulation for the year 2015
3. Report re: options for engineering services.
4. Summary of February, 2016 Revenue.
5. *Tax arrears* as of February 29th, 2016.
6. *Complaint/Occurrences Report* for the month of February, 2016.
7. Minutes of February 25th Public Works Committee Meeting.

Committee Reports

1. Minutes of January 25th Powassan and District Union Public Library Board Meeting.