

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES AND LAND

"We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honor these teachings."

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Degagne, in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m., with Councillors, Bernadette Kerr, Claire Riley, Nunzio Scarfone, and Paul Sharp. Staff member present was CAO Lesley Marshall. There were 2 people in attendance in person and 2 online.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2025-24 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as printed. **'Carried'**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – January 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Resolution 2025-25 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the January 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – None

6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

a) Denny Sharp to present Grant Application for Phragmite Removal Project (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-26 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm receives the presentation from Denny Sharp regarding the Grant Application for Phragmite Removal Project. **'Carried'**

7. OPEN FORUM

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

(a) Mayor and Council Reports

- Mayor – The Mayor gave a general update on the following topics: OPP Board, Powassan Library, Ice Rink, Sunday Cards, Etc.

(b) Staff Reports

- 2024 Building Permit Fee Annual Report (Encl.)
- Council Remuneration and Expenses for 2024 (Encl.)
- Remuneration for Persons – Other bodies (Encl.)

(c) Committee Reports

- Minutes, Powassan Library, December 16, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board, December 16, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Board of Health, December 4, 2024 (Encl.)
- (d) Correspondence
- Letter, Solicitor General, Re: Public Safety (Encl.)
 - Letter, Minister of Rural Affairs, Re: Ontario Rural Economic Development Strategy (Encl.)
 - Federation of Ontario Public Library, Re: Ontario Digital Public Library (Encl.)
 - Federation of Ontario Public Library, Re: 2025-26 Budget Submission (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-27 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – None

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

(a) **Resolution to appoint member to the Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board**

Resolution 2025-28 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: WHEREAS the Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board Community Representative Advisory Committee recommended to Council for the Township of Bonfield, Council for the Township of Chisholm and Council for the Municipality of East Ferris that Brian Linn be appointed to the Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board as the community member who is neither a member of the council of, nor an employee of, any of the above municipalities, jointly appointed by all of the above municipalities; AND THAT this appointment shall be for the remaining 2022-2026 term of Council; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Chisholm approves of this recommendation. **‘Carried’**

(b) **Resolution to sign contract from Knight Piesold, for Landfill monitoring and reporting for 2025-2027 (Encl.)**

Resolution 2025-29 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the CAO to sign the Contract from Knight Piesold for the Landfill Monitoring and Reporting for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027. **‘Carried’**

(c) **Discussion on presentation Re: Grant Application for Phragmite Removal Project**

Resolution 2025-30 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Council authorizes staff work with the external volunteer group to finalize the budget details and approve and submit the final application for the Invasive Phragmites Control Fund. **‘Carried’**

(d) **Resolution Support from FONOM Re: Blue Box ineligible sources (Encl.)**

Resolution 2025-31 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for ‘eligible’ sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for including businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

AND WHEREAS these costs will further burden the municipalities' finances and potentially take resources away from vital infrastructure projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Chisholm hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Local MPP, AMO, ROMA and FONOM. 'Carried'

12. ADJOURNMENT

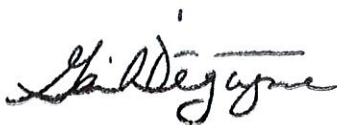
(a) By-law 2025-08 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.

Resolution 2025-32 Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that by-law 2025-08, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at the January 28, 2025, Council meeting, be read a first, second, and third time and passed this January 28, 2025.

'Carried'

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

Resolution 2025-33 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council now adjourn this meeting to meet again on February 11, 2025. 'Carried'



Mayor, Gail Degagne



CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall