

# Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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## **MINUTES** **COUNCIL MEETING** **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

### **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 Deputy Chair Paul Sharp, in Council Chambers at 7:01 p.m., with Councillors Bernadette Kerr, Nunzio Scarfone and Claire Riley. Mayor Degagne was absent with regrets. Staff member present was CAO Jenny Leblond. Presenter Kathleen Jodouin and Natalie Austin were present. There was 1 participant by zoom.

### **2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

### **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution 2023-229** Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented. **'Carried'**

### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – September 12, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

**Resolution 2023-230** Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the September 12, 2023 Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

### **5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS** – None

### **6. PRESENTATION**

(a) Request to be Heard –Kathleen Jodouin Re: Intimate Partner Violence (Encl.)

**Resolution 2023-231** Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council accepts the presentation from Kathleen Jodouin from Nipissing Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee. **'Carried'**

### **7. OPEN FORUM**

### **8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

(a) Mayor Report – General Update

(b) Staff Reports

- Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond Re: AMO conference (Encl.)

(c) Committee Reports

- Minutes, Golden Sunshine Housing, August 22, 2023 (Encl.)
- Minutes, General Government, July 19, 2023 (Encl.)
- FONOM, Delegation AMO Conf., re: On Mental Health and Addiction (Encl.)
- FONOM, Delegation AMO Conf., re: School Board Trustee election 2026 (Encl.)

▪ FONOM, Delegation AMO Conf. re: Prov Grant to Northern ON Health Crisis (Encl.)  
**Resolution 2023-232** Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: 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**

- (a) Report to Council from CAO Jenny Leblond Re: Winter Sand Tender  
**Resolution 2023-233** Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that Tender CH 2023-04 for the supply and delivery of 4,500 Tonnes of screened winter sand, be awarded to Miller Paving LTD. for the lowest bid of \$70,935.75 including H.S.T, for the 2023 season.  
**‘Carried’**

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Development Agreement Re: John Janssen (Encl.)  
**Resolution 2023-234** Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm, as a condition to severance file 2022-04, enter into a Development Agreement with John and Elizabeth Janssen, and further that the Mayor and CAO execute the agreement. **‘Carried’**
- (b) Request for Concurrence for proposed Rogers Cell Tower on Alderdale Rd (Encl.)  
**Resolution 2023-235** Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm confirm that Forbes Bros. Ltd. on behalf of Rogers Communications Inc. have met the Township’s consultation requirements and concur with the proposal to install a Rogers Cell Tower on private property located along Alderdale Road.  
**‘Carried’**
- (c) Integrity Commissioner Annual Report 22/23, and term expiration (Encl.)  
**Resolution 2023-236** Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts the 2022/2023 Annual report from Integrity Commissioner David King, and agrees to enter into a new service agreement for a 3 year term ending December 31, 2026. **‘Carried’**
- (d) Approval of Top 5 Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendation (To Follow)  
**Resolution 2023-237** Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm compiled their Top 5 Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations, to forward to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.  
**‘Carried’**
- (e) Discussion, 2024 Council Conference attendance (Encl.)  
**Resolution 2023-238** Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm agree to the following conference attendance:
- ROMA –
  - OGRA –
  - FONOM –
  - AMO  
**‘Deferred’**
- (f) Discussion on the 2023/2024 Snowmobile Season

**Resolution 2023-242** Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that Councillor Sharp give chair status to Councillor Scarfone to discuss item 11(f). **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2023-243** Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Councillor Sharp return to the chair role.

(g) Resolution support from FONOM, Re: funding Northern Ontario School of Medicine (Encl.)

**Resolution 2023-239**

Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Township of Chisholm strongly supports the resolution from FONOM requesting the Provincial Government to grant NOSM University’s request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario. **‘Carried’**

(h) Resolution support from Nipissing Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee (Encl.)

**Resolution 2023-240**

Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Whereas the jury that adjudicated the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam Inquest (The Renfrew Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and

Whereas recommendation #1 of the Inquest is for the Province of Ontario to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and

Whereas, every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner; and

Whereas, on any given night in Canada, over 6,000 women and children sleep in shelters because it is not safe for them at home; and

Whereas each year, over 40,000 arrests result from domestic violence, accounting for about 12% of all violent crime in Canada; and

Whereas over one in three women in Canada aged 15 years and older will experience IPV in their lifetime; and

Whereas the cost of violence against women costs the national justice system, social assistance budgets, and municipal budgets millions of dollars per year; and

Whereas IPV is preventable; and

Whereas at a municipal level, IPV contributes to an unsafe community, an increase in homelessness, decreased police and ambulance capacity, additional needs for social housing, and added pressures on the healthcare system and social services; and

Whereas in 2022, Victim Services of Nipissing District received 475 calls for service for IPV and supported 400 female IPV victims as well as 39 children, who were harmed or witnesses of IPV; and

Whereas in 2022, Children’s Aid Society had 146 investigations open for a child’s exposure to domestic violence, which accounts for 13.1% of their total call volume for the year; and Whereas 400 survivors of intimate partner violence accessed supports offered by the Community Counselling Centre of Nipissing in 2022; and

Whereas in 2022, 201 or 31% of admissions to the North Bay Jail had an active domestic violence alert, and 7.8% had an active sex offence charge;

Therefore, be it resolved that Chisholm Council

- recognizes the issues of violence against women and girls as a serious to the health and wellness of local families; and
- is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness and long-term danger of violence in our community; and
- declares, in accordance with Recommendation #1 of the Renfrew Inquest, that Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women are an epidemic;

Be it further resolved that the municipality integrate IPV into its community safety and well-being plan, which aligns with recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County jury recommendations; and Be it further resolved that this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable. Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women’s Social and Economic Opportunity, The Honourable Parm Gill Minister of Red Tape Reduction, and Vic Fedeli, MPP; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be circulated to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health, West Nipissing Ontario Provincial Police Detachment, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

**‘Carried’**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

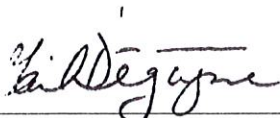
(a) By-law 2023-xx being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the council meeting.

**Resolution 2023-241** Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that By-law 2023-33, Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council meeting, be read a first, second and third time and passed this September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**‘Carried’**

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

**Resolution 2023-244** Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council now adjourn this meeting, to meet again on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. **‘Carried’**



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Mayor, Gail Degagne



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CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond