

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 at 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 7:02 p.m., with Councillors Nunzio Scarfone, Bernadette Kerr, Paul Sharp and Claire Riley. Staff member present was CAO Jenny Leblond and OS Shawn Hughes attended by zoom. Members of the public in attendance was Jason Leblond and Kendra Dehaan.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2023-148 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as amended. **'Carried'**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – May 23, 2023, Regular Council Meeting, May 25th Public Meeting and Special Council Meeting. (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-149 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the May 23, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, and the May 25th, 2023 Public Meeting and Special Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – May 2023

Resolution 2023-150 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Administration, Fire Department, Council, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$31,759.37 and general accounts totaling \$278,984.10 for the month of May 2023 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

(a) Mike McInerney – Community Engagement Solution

Resolution 2023-151 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accept the presentation from Mike McInerney for the Community Engagement Solution, and further that the Council discuss this further at the next General Government Committee.

7. OPEN FORUM

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

(a) Mayor Report – The Mayor gave a general Update on the following topics: Cassellholme, Landfill Tour, Rec Committee's Ag Day

(b) Staff Reports

- Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond - General Updates (Encl.)
- Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)

(c) Committee Reports

- Draft Minutes, Committee of Adjustment, June 6, 2023 (Encl.)
- Minutes, Recreation Committee, May 3, 2023 (Encl.)
- Minutes, NBMCA, April 26, 2023 (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-152 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence Reports, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – Printed June 8, 2023

Resolution 2023-153 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed June 8, 2023, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

(a) Memo to Council from OS Shawn Hughes re: Activity Report (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-154 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council accept the May 7 to June 9, 2023, Activity report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes. **‘Carried’**

(b) Memo to Council from OS Shawn Hughes, Re: Tractor Purchase (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-155 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council approves the recommendation from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes for the purchase of a new TYM T574 Tractor with 8 foot disc mower and 72” finishing mower attachments from J&J equipment for the total of \$74,900 plus HST to be funded by the Efficiencies funding and Equipment Reserves. **‘Carried’**

11. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond, Re: 2023 Budget Change (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-156 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm change the capital budget expense for the dump truck/plow from \$387,000 to \$397,014 to account for the HST expense that is not refundable to the township and further increase the amount of borrowing by \$10,014. **‘Carried’**

(b) Memo from Recreation Committee Re: Bottle drive shed (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-157 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approve the request from the Recreation Committee to use \$1000 to purchase a building and bins to operate a year-round bottle drive at the Landfill with the proceeds going towards the Recreation Committee Budget. And further that the CAO recommends that the Council allow the recreation committee to use \$1000 from the Reserve for Recreation Prizes, and further that the Bottle Drive proceeds first replenish the reserve before increasing Recreation revenues. **‘Carried’**

(c) Memo from Chris Jones, Re: Steelridge Metal Zoning Amendment (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-158 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts the Memo from the Planner Chris Jones regarding Steelridge Metal Zoning By-law Amendment and contingent upon the applicant agreeing to locate the outdoor storage to a location behind the building, therefore be it resolved that Council directs staff to declare the application for zoning by-law amendment to be complete and schedule a public meeting under the Planning Act. Furthermore, Council requests the Planner to prepare a draft zoning by-law amendment as well as an amendment to the current site plan agreement.

And, finally that Council requests the applicant to locate the outdoor storage area to a location behind the building. **'Carried'**

(d) By-law 2023-21, a by-law to establish tax ratios for 2023 (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-159 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that By-law 2023-21, a by-law to establish tax ratios for prescribed property classes in the Township of Chisholm for the year 2023, be read a first, second and third time, and be passed this 13th day of June 2023. **'Carried'**

(e) By-law 2023-22, a by-law to adopt the 2023 budget (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-160 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that By-law 2023-22, a by-law to adopt the 2023 budget including estimates of all sums required for the purposes of the municipality during the year 2023 and to establish the tax rates to be levied, be read a first, second, and third time, and be passed this 13th day of June 2023. **'Carried'**

(f) By-law 2023-23, a by-law to borrow to purchase Western Star (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-161 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that By-law 2023-23, a by-law to authorize the borrowing of monies to purchase a Western Star dump/plow truck for the public works department, be read a first, second, and third time and passed this 13th day of June 2023. **'Carried'**

(g) Agreement with North Bay Regional Health Centre for Dispatch Services (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-162 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm Authorizes the Mayor and CAO to Execute the Agreement with the North Bay CACC for the communication services to the Chisholm Township Fire Department. **'Carried'**

(h) Request for a letter of support for the Powassan Family Health Team expansion (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-163 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Whereas the Powassan and Area Family Health Team (PAAFHT) was officially launched in August 2011.

Whereas the boundaries of PAAFHT stretch from Loring and Restoule in the west to Chisholm Township in the east, and from East Ferris in the north to Trout Creek and Laurier in the south. Whereas the PAAFHT has an opportunity to submit an application for Expression of Interest to expand and enhance interprofessional primary care teams.

Whereas the application is focused on expanding the provision of comprehensive primary health care to areas that have not had these services and have populations that are both marginalized and vulnerable.

And further will also expand services in the area to include physiotherapy and a nurse practitioner to provide acute/episodic services and referrals to other FHT programs and services to unattached patients.

And further this expansion would increase the ability to provide the right care in the right place at the right time.

Whereas the PAAFHT is planning to provide expanded services in Bonfield and South River/Machar and add new staff members including a nurse practitioner, registered practical nurse, social worker and physiotherapist as well as supporting administrative staff.

Whereas addressing the need for access to an interdisciplinary team will significantly enhance health outcomes and reduce emergency room visits and overall healthcare costs.

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm is pleased to support the Powassan & Area Family Health Team Primary Care Expansion Expression of Interest application for expanding and enhancing interprofessional primary care teams.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to Ontario Health, MPP Vic Fedeli and MPP Sylvia Jones. **'Carried'**

(i) Discussion on Temporary Tailers for Evacuated Livestock Owners (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-164 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm discuss agenda item 11(i) at the next General Government meeting. **'Carried'**

(j) Resolution Support from Cambridge Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-165 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm Supports a resolution from the City of Cambridge, requesting the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act to permit municipalities to locate an Automated Speed Enforcement system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones; and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Vic Fedeli, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). **'Carried'**

(k) Resolution Support from Plympton-Wyoming Re: Bell-Hydro Infrastructure (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-166 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm Supports a resolution from the Municipality of Tweed calling on the Province of Ontario to facilitate, coordinate, and regulate pole deployment measures across the Province of Ontario to prevent unnecessary duplication of pole infrastructure. And further that the Province of Ontario encourage Bell Canada and Hydro One to work together to provide access for poles to better service the infrastructure needs of Ontarians. And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, AMO, MPP Vic Fedeli, Bell Canada, and Hydro One. **'Carried'**

(l) Resolution Support from Huron Shores Re: Health Care Crises (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-167 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution from the Municipality of Huron Shores regarding the Health Care Crises occurring in rural and Northern Ontario, and further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, and MPP Vic Fedeli. **'Carried'**

(m) Recreation Committee Recommendation – Ontario Trillium Grant Application due June 14, 2023.

Resolution 2023-168 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approve the recommendation from the Recreation Committee to apply for the Ontario Trillium Grant for the painting of pickleball lines, and resurfacing of the Tennis Courts, and the installation of Fibertop engineered wood fibre safety surfacing for the playground area at the Tennis Courts. **'Carried'**

12. IN CAMERA

(a) a meeting held in regards to: labour relations or employee negotiations, and litigation and potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or board, as per Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act.

Resolution 2023-169 Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of Township of Chisholm now enter into in camera to discuss labour relations or employee negotiation, and litigation and potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or board, as per section 239(2) of the Municipal Act. Time: 8:24 p.m. **'Carried'**

Resolution 2023-170 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council now return to regular session.

Time: 8:59 p.m. **'Carried'**

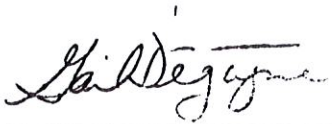
13. ADJOURNMENT

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

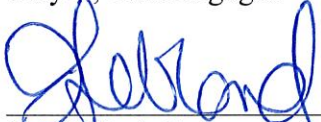
Resolution 2023-171 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that By-law 2023-24, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the June 13, 2023 meeting be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 13th day of June, 2023. **'Carried'**

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

Resolution 2023-172 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday June 27th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. **'Carried'**



Mayor, Gail Degagne



CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond