

# Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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## MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 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 Admin. Jessica Laberge, OS Shawn Hughes and Fire Chief Ray Ford. CAO Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Leblond attended by zoom. There was 1 person in attendance in person and 1 online.

### 2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

#### 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Resolution 2024-250** Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as printed. **'Carried'**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – October 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and October 30, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes.

**Resolution 2024-251** Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the October 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting and October 30, 2024 Special Council meeting Minutes, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

#### 5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – October 2024

**Resolution 2024-252** Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Administration, Fire Department, Council, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$35,314.38 and general accounts totaling \$219,112.76 for the month of October 2024 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

#### 6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

(a) Fire Chief Ray Ford - Report (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-253** Nunzio Scarfone and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm receives the Fire Department 2023 Report presented from Fire Chief Ray Ford. **'Carried'**

#### 7. OPEN FORUM

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

- (a) Mayor and Council Reports
  - Mayor – The Mayor gave an update on: Remembrance Day Ceremonies attended, upcoming AMO Training, Powassan Library Christmas event.
- (b) Staff Reports
  - Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)
  - Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond Re: General Update (Encl.)
  - Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond Re: Tax Arrears (Encl.)
- (c) Committee Reports
  - Minutes, Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board Meeting, Oct 29, 2024 (Encl.)
  - Minutes, North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority, September 11, 2024 (Encl.)
  - Minutes, Powassan Library, September 16, 2024
- (d) Correspondence
  - Mix and Mingle – Discovery Routes, November 12, 2024 (Encl.)
  - AMO Watchfile, October 24, 2024 (Encl.)
  - AMO Watchfile, October 31, 2024 (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-254** Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

**9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT** – Printed November 7, 2024

**Resolution 2024-255** Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed November 7, 2024, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

**10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS**

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

**Resolution 2024-256** Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that Council accept the October 5, 2024 to November 8, 2024, Activity report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes. **‘Carried’**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) By-law 2024-32, Being a by-law to appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer and execute an agreement (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-257** Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that By-law 2024-32, being a by-law to appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer, be read a first second and third time and passed this November 12, 2024, and further that the Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to execute the agreement with the Township of Bonfield to share this service. **‘Carried’**

- (b) Request for entry point change for Bonfield Snowmobile Club Trail BF 205 (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-258** Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approve the change in entry point off of the road allowance (cedar road) for trail BF 205. **‘Carried’**

- (c) Memorandum of Understanding – Bonfield Snowmobile Club (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-259** Nunzio Scarfone and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign and execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Bonfield Snowmobile Club for the 2024-2025 season. **‘Carried’**

(d) Canada Summer Jobs Program Call for Applications (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-260** Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the CAO to apply for the Canada Summer Jobs Program for a Summer Student to work with the Public Works Department.  
**‘Carried’**

(e) 2024 Budget Projections (To Follow)

**Resolution 2024-261** Nunzio Scarfone and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm receives the 2024 Budget Projections Report from CAO Jenny Leblond as per Policy 8.07 Budget Policy. **‘Carried’**

(f) 2025 Council Conference Dates (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-262** Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm Authorizes the attendance to the following Conferences:

- ROMA – Do not attend
- Good Roads -
- AMO -
- FONOM -

And that the Council wait to make a decision on Good Roads, AMO, and FONOM once Agenda’s are available. **‘Carried’**

(g) Crime Stoppers offer for free signage (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-263** Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council directs staff to request free signage from Crime Stoppers. **‘Carried’**

(h) Resolution to establish an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-264** Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario’s already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Chisholm requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement and fund the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario’s rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of

Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; **'Carried'**

- (i) Resolution Support from St. Catharines Re: Green Roads Pilot Projects (Encl.)  
**Resolution 2024-265** Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm received a resolution from St. Catharines regarding a Green Roads Pilot Project and further requests that staff keep informed on any updates to this and inform Council if necessary. **'Carried'**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

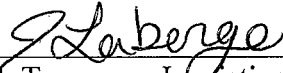
- (a) By-law 2024-33 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.  
**Resolution 2024-266** Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that by-law 2024-33, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of council at the regular Council meeting November 12, 2024, be read a first second and third time and passed this November 12, 2024. **'Carried'**

- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

**Resolution 2024-267** Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council now adjourn this meeting to meet again on November 26, 2024. **'Carried'**



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Mayor, Gail Degagne



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CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond

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