

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 6:00 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 6:02 p.m., with Councillors Paul Sharp, Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley (left at 6:38 p.m.). Councillor Scarfone was absent with regrets. Staff member present was CAO Jenny Leblond and OS Shawn Hughes and Fire Chief Ray Ford. Members of the public in attendance was Jason Leblond, Kendra Dehaan, Jacob Hertzler, and Menno Miller.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2023-58 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented. **'Carried'**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – February 28 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes. (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-59 Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the February 28, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

5. PRESENTATION – Ray Ford – Emergency Plan and Fire Department By-law 2013-13 (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-60 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accept the review of the Emergency Plan and By-law 2013-13, from Fire Chief Ray Ford. **'Carried'**

6. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – February 2023 (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-61 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 \$31,673.39 and general accounts totaling \$164,087.11 for the month of February 2023 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

7. CITIZEN'S PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

8. OPEN FORUM

9. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- (a) Mayor Report – The Mayor gave an update to Council on the communications with constituents, Vic Fedeli Inclusive Community Grant, and the first tree tapping ceremony.
- (b) Staff Reports
 - Overtime Report, February (Encl.)
 - Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)
- (c) Committee Reports
 - Minutes, General Government, January 2023 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Powassan Library Board, January 23, 2023 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Health Unit Board and Finance, January 25, 2023 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, NBMCA, January 25, 2023 (Encl.)
- (d) Correspondence
 - Email from Kendra Dehaan, Re: update on storage building (Encl.)
 - Letter from Chisholm United Church re: Speeding (Encl.)
 - Update from CIF Re: Withdrawal of Windup Plan Amendment Encl.)
 - Letter from Ministry of Resources and Forestry, Re: O. Reg 161/17 Amed. (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-62 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence Reports, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

10. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – Printed March 10, 2023

Resolution 2023-63 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed March 10, 2023, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

11. PUBLIC WORKS

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

Resolution 2023-64 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council accept the February 11 to March 9, Activity report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes. **‘Carried’**

- (b) Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond Re: 2005 Western Star and Insurance Claim on 2012 International. (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-65 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accept the cash value offer of \$94,430.98 from AVIVA as proceeds for the 2012 International and further sell the 2012 International on GovDeals.com or to a scrap metal business, to be determined by CAO and OS based on the projected highest return. **‘Carried’**

- (c) Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond Re: Training for Operations Superintendent (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-66 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approve the recommendation to enroll Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes into the T.J. Mahony Road School – Maintenance Section, for the session being offered May 1 -3, 2023. **‘Carried’**

12. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond Re: update on 2022 Forest Fire (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-67 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts the Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond and the Wildfire Investigation Report from the MNR, regarding the May 2022 Forest Fire (NB003). **‘Carried’**

- (b) Resolution Support from Nipissing Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee (VAWCC) (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-68 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm support Nipissing Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee in their efforts to endorse the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act (Bill 5), and further send a letter of support to MPP Vic Fedeli, the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). **‘Carried’**

(c) Resolution Support from Chatham-Kent Re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs. (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-69 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm support a resolution passed by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding the high insurance costs and the impact they have on Municipal Budgets. Therefore be it resolved that Council directs staff to send a letter to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs. **‘Carried’**

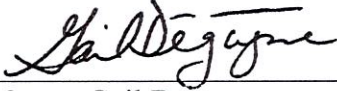
13. ADJOURNMENT

(a) By-law 2023-06 to confirm the proceedings of the council meeting.

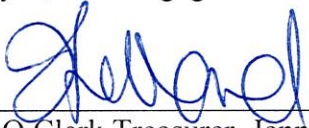
Resolution 2023-70 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that By-Law 2023-06 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the March 14th, 2023 meeting be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 14th day of March, 2023. **‘Carried’**

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment

Resolution 2023-71 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday March 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.. **‘Carried’**



Mayor, Gail Degagne



CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond