

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023 FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC MEETING AT 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 6:36 p.m., with Councillors Paul Sharp, Nunzio Scarfone, Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley. Staff member present was CAO Jenny Leblond. Members of the public who signed in can be found attached to these minutes.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Nunzio Scarfone declared pecuniary interest to agenda item 13(c)

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2023-72 Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented. **'Carried'**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – March 14, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Resolution 2023-73 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the March 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

5. PRESENTATION -None

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS - None

8. CITIZEN'S PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

- (a) Delegation from David Goodwin Re: Sale and Conveyance of Road Allowance – Extension of Booth Road to Wasi Lake Shoreline – Presentation was made in the public meeting prior.

9. OPEN FORUM

Members of the public voiced their concerns in regards to the sale of the Road Allowance that leads to Wasi lake. Comments made are as follows: Why would Council sell this?, Importance of historical land, for use by future generations, what is the intentions of the purchasers, could be used by a subdivision, sale of land price, how will shoreline be protected?

10. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- (a) Mayor Report – The mayor gave an update on the following topics: Meeting with Amish Community, Meeting at the School in Astorville, staff relations, Good Roads Delegation.
- (b) Staff Reports
- (c) Committee Reports
 - Municipal Levy Package, NBMCA (Encl.)
 - Municipal Levy Package, Powassan Library (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Golden Sunshine, Jan 17, 2023 (Encl.)
 - Letter to Council from Almaguin Adult Learning Centre (Encl.)
- (d) Correspondence
 - Algonquin Park Forest – 2023-2024 Annual Work Schedule (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-74 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence Reports, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

11. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT - None

12. PUBLIC WORKS

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Planning Report and By-law 2023-xx being a by-law to stop up and close Lakeshore Road Allowance (Encl.)
Resolution 2023-75 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that By-law 2023-07, being a by-law to close, stop up and declare the lands to be surplus and to sell part of the original shore road allowance in front of part lot 13, concession 13, in the Township of Chisholm, be read a first, second and third time, and passed this 28th day of March 2023. **‘Carried’**
- b) Planning Report and By-law 2023-xx being a by-law to Stop up and Close Road allowance (between Lot 5 and Lot 6 Con. 12) (Encl)
Resolution 2023-76 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that By-law 2023-08, being a by-law to close, stop up and declare the lands to be surplus and to sell part of the road allowance in between lots 5 and 6, Concession 12, township of Chisholm. be read a first, second and third time, and passed this 28th day of March, 2023. **‘Carried’**
- c) Planning Report and By-law 2023-xx being a by-law to Stop up and Close Road allowance (between Con. 14 and 15 Lot 20) (Encl)
Resolution 2023-77 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that Agenda Item 13 © be amended to deferred. **‘Carried’**
Resolution 2023-78 Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that By-law 2023-09, being a by-law to close, stop up and declare the lands to be surplus and to sell part of the road allowance in between Concession 14 and 15, and Part of the original shore road allowance in front of the unopened road allowance between concession 14 and 15, township of Chisholm, be read a first, second and third time, and passed this 28th day of March, 2023. **‘Deferred’**
- d) By-law 2023-xx being a by-law to establish the Committees of Council (Encl)
Resolution 2023-79 Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that by-law 2023-10, being a by-law to establish the committees of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm and to identify its representatives on local boards, agencies and other external

committees, be read a first, second and third time and passed this 28th day of March 2023. **‘Carried’**

- e) Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond, Re: Support Causes by Painting Trucks (Encl.)
Resolution 2023-80 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approve the recommendation from the Public Works staff to paint the new dump truck Royal Blue to raise awareness for the Alzheimer’s Society. **‘Carried’**
- f) Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond, Re: Increasing limits on credit cards (Encl.)
Resolution 2023-81 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approves the request from CAO Jenny Leblond to increase the corporate credit card limits for both the CAO and OS from \$5,000 to \$10,000. **‘Carried’**
- g) Discussion re: Financially Supporting the Laurentian Ski Hill (Encl.)
Resolution 2023-82 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approve the request from the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority to contribute to the Laurentian Ski Hill capital costs.
‘Defeated’

- h) Resolution Support – From the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit re: food insecurities and income (Encl.)

Resolution 2023-83 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone:

Whereas, improved financial stability allows municipal residents to participate, contribute, and invest in their local economies and communities; and

Whereas, poverty puts additional pressure on municipalities, who are responsible for delivering necessary and strained public and social services to support residents who are struggling with the consequences of inadequate income; and

Whereas, food insecurity has a detrimental impact on physical and mental health; and

Whereas, adequate income is an important social determinant of health that greatly impacts food security and other social determinants of health such as mental health, housing and transportation; and

Whereas, the 2022 Cost of Eating Well report shows that households reliant on social assistance do not have enough money for the costs of living, including food; and

Whereas, 67% of households in Ontario with social assistance as their main source of income experience food insecurity.

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm support efforts to raise awareness about, and work to reduce, health inequities, including food insecurity; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, That the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm endorse the letter from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and call on the Province of Ontario to:

- legislate targets for the reduction of food insecurity as part of the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy; and
- increase social assistance rates to reflect the costs of living, and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and
- urge the province to resume investigating the feasibility of creating a guaranteed living wage (basic income) in the Province of Ontario; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, That the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm provide correspondence of these resolutions to the North Bay Parry Sound District

Health Unit, neighbouring municipalities, Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier), the Honourable Merrilee Fullerton (Minister of Children, Community and Social Service), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health) and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA), MP Anthony Rota, MP Scott Aitchison, MP Marc Serre, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). **‘Carried’**

i) AGENDA ADDITION: Resolution to Conceil Scolaire Catholique Franco-Nord Re: The capacity issue at St. Thomas-d’Aquin

Resolution 2023-84 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley:

Whereas the Conseil Scolaire Catholique Franco Nord (CSCFN) is seeking consultation from the communities that feed into Ecole elementaire catholique Saint Thomas d’Aquin (EECSTA) for options because of increased enrollment;

Whereas EECSTA is experiencing increased enrollment due to its good reputation and reputation of the communities within the school district;

Whereas the CSCFN has proposed 5 options to remediate the growing pressure for space in the school with the two plausible options being restraining enrollment from outside the district and/or moving the grade 7 and 8s to Ecole secondaire catholique Algonquin;

Whereas the community fought tirelessly for the new school that historically is a K-8 model;

Whereas research shows that K-8 schools have significant positive impacts on students social and psychological development as well as their mental and physical health;

Whereas if the local 7 and 8 students are moved to Algonquin, they would be on the bus for approximately 3 hours per day and not able to provide daycare supports to their younger siblings;

Whereas EECSTA is a community hub that enables students and our community to excel and promote our rural culture;

Whereas our students deserve the opportunity to remain in their familiar and support environments for as long as possible, especially during the most tumultuous time of their lives and after the last few turbulent years of the pandemic;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm request for further collaboration to problem solve long term solutions for the strain on space in the school due to increased enrollment in conjunction with all stakeholders. While maintaining the current K-8 model whilst other viable options be investigated.

And Further that administration be directed to forward this motion to neighbouring municipalities who have students that could feed into Ecole Elementaire Catholique Saint Thomas d’Aquin and the Conseil Scolaire Catholique Franco Nord. **‘Carried’**

14. IN CAMERA

(a) a meeting held in regards to labour relations or employee negotiations, as per Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act.

Resolution 2023-85 Nunzio Scarfone and Claire Riley: 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, as per section 239(2) of the Municipal Act. Time: 7:45 PM **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2023-86 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council now return to regular session. Time: 8:27 PM **‘Carried’**

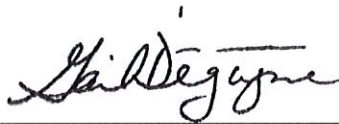
15. ADJOURNMENT

(a) By-law 2023-11 to confirm the proceedings of the council meeting.

Resolution 2023-87 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that By-Law 2023-11 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the March 28th, 2023 meeting be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 28th day of March, 2023. **'Carried'**

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment

Resolution 2023-88 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the chair. **'Carried'**



Mayor, Gail Degagne



CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond