

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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 Paul Sharp, Bernadette Kerr, Nunzio Scarfone and Claire Riley. Staff member present was Acting Clerk Jessica Laberge. One member of the public joined by zoom.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2024-29 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented. **'Carried'**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – January 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Resolution 2024-30 Nunzio Scarfone and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the January 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – January 2024

Resolution 2024-31 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 \$50,351.86 and general accounts totaling \$921,560.75 for the month of January 2024 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

6. OPEN FORUM

7. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

(a) Mayor and Council Reports

- Mayor – General Update
- Report to Council from Councilor Scarfone re: ROMA Conference (Encl.)

(b) Staff Reports

- Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)
- Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond, Re: 2023 Council Remuneration and Expenses
- Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond, Re: 2023 Remuneration to Persons – Other Bodies
- Financial Indicator Review – Based on 2022 Financial Information Return

(c) Committee Reports

- Minutes, Recreation Committee, January 10, 2024 (Encl.)

- Minutes, Powassan Library, December 18, 2023 (Encl.)
- Minutes, Golden Sunshine, December 19, 2023 (Encl.)
- Minutes, North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority, December 13, 2023 (Encl.)
- Minutes, North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority, January 8, 2024 (Encl.)
- Memo, Re: Source Protection Plan Updates (Encl.)

(d) Correspondence

- Letter from OPP Re: Community Safety and Policing Act (Encl.)
- Letter, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Re: Crown Land Disposition (Encl.)
- Ministry of Northern Development Re: Northern Services Board Act (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-32 Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

8. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – Printed February 9, 2024

Resolution 2024-33 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed February 9, 2024, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

9. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Recommendation from the Rec Committee for a new member (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-34 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts a recommendation from the Recreation Committee to have Kim Gallagher join the Recreation Committee. **‘Carried’**

(b) Resolution Support from the Municipality of Calvin re: funding for cost sharing of provincial firefighting (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-35 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution forwarded by the Municipality of Calvin urging the Federal Government to commit additional funds for cost sharing of provincial firefighting and to consider the development of a national strategy of firefighting. And further urge the Federal Government to consider the measures necessary for acquiring a national fleet of Canadian made waterbombers, with home bases strategically located to best serve and respond to the needs of rural communities, and a national fire administration to better coordinate and manage efforts across the country. We also encourage the introduction of a program similar to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) which ended in 2013. And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defense, the Honourable Dog Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO). **‘Carried’**

(c) Resolution Support from Tay Township, re: Support Bill C-310 (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-36 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution forwarded by Tay Township supporting a resolution from the Municipality of Wawa to call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of tax credits for volunteer firefighting and

search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000. And further that this resolution be sent to the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP Vic Fedeli, and MP Anthony Rota. **'Carried'**

(d) Resolution Support from Town of Petrolia re ROMA and OGRA conference (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-37 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm support a resolution from the Town of Petrolia requesting ROMA and OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA and ROMA annual conference and that a hybrid option be considered for the sessions. And further that this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, and MPP Vic Fedeli. **'Carried'**

(e) Resolution Support from Ass. Of Ontario Road Supervisors re: Province wide courses for public works employees (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-38 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Whereas, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment.

Therefore be it resolved that the township supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue. And that the Township of Chisholm calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund. And that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccini, MPP Vic Fedeli, and the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors. **'Carried'**

(f) Resolution Support from FONOM Re: Social and Economical Prosperity Review (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-39 Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm support a resolution from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) asking the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario. And that a copy of this resolution and the full resolution from FONOM be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Leader of the Opposition, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities. **'Carried'**

11. ADJOURNMENT

(a) By-law 2024-04 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the council meeting.

Resolution 2024-40 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that by-law 2024-04, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the February 13th, 2024 Council meeting, be read a first second and third time and passed this 13th day of February 2024. **'Carried'**

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

Resolution 2024-41 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. **'Carried'**



Mayor, Gail Degagne



CAO Clerk Treasurer,
Jennistine Leblond