

The Corporation of the Township of James

March 12, 2020.

The Regular Meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were: Reeve Terry Fiset, Councillor Dave Mullin, Councillor Jan MacDowall, Councillor Pam Cormier and Councillor Gary Palmer. Myrna Hayes and Shelly Tulpin also attended the meeting.

Mullin/Palmer:

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 13th/20 Regular Meeting.

Carried.

Delegation: Gary Palmer, Councillor

- Care should be taken when snow is dumped on vacant town lots that it will not impact abutting private property.
- A resident will be invoiced for laneway use annually, effective 2020.
- Skating rink should be ready for use for the March break.
- Roof over skating rink will be a waste of money. The Community Centre can re-vamped for skating/hockey.

Adam Gibson, Public Works Foreman

- The sea can for recycle materials has been delivered to the dump. In the spring the dump shack and the sea container will be moved to the other side of the road. The electronic collection sea container will also be moved to that location.
- The garbage truck overheated today. It might require a new transmission.
- No quotes for the replacement of the furnace in the firehall have been received to date.

Council commended the Public Works staff on the snow removal completed this year.

Adam left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Cormier/Palmer:

A motion to approve the Township's February 29th/20 Treasurer's Report:

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,439,915.78.

Carried.

Palmer/MacDowall:

A motion to approve the ELCF's February 29th/20 Treasurer's Report:

General Revenue Account Balance: \$118,139.30.

Carried.

MacDowall/Cormier:

A motion to approve payment of February/20 Township of James Accounts.

Carried.

Palmer/Cormier:

A motion to approve payment of February/20 ELCF Accounts.

Carried.

Mullin/Palmer:

A motion to charge Chester Jobson \$300.00 per year for the use of the laneway, effective January 1st/20 to December 31st/20.

Carried.

Reeve Fiset's comments regarding the fish derby:

It is very difficult to obtain insurance coverage for the fish derby when the holes are pre-drilled.

Start making ice earlier.....i.e. January. The fish derby should be held in February (i.e. on family day).

During March OPG starts to remove blocks from the dams upstream from Elk Lake and could compromise the ice conditions. He recommended that the fish derby be cancelled for this year. The safety of the participants and the best interests of Elk Lake should be the priority. Council was polled individually (except for one councillor that could not be contacted) regarding the above concerns and unanimously voted to proceed with the derby.

Reeve Fiset tendered his resignation from Council, effective immediately. He thanked Council and Staff for their past work and support. He also provided Council with a list of things to consider when planning future fish derbies.

If Council is agreeable, Terry will continue to work for the Community Forest and the Museum. He will also remain a member of the Volunteer Fire Department. He left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Councillor Dave Mullin chaired the remainder of the meeting.

A member of Council suggested that maybe the derby should be cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus.

Palmer/Cormier:

A motion to move forward with the fish derby until the province puts a limit on the number of people allowed to meet. Councillor Janet MacDowall opposed the motion.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 03-20:

Cormier/Mullin:

WHEREAS the 2019 Annual/Summary Report for the Elk Lake Drinking Water System has been prepared by Ontario Clean Water Agency;

AND WHEREAS the *Annual Report* is prepared in accordance with Section 11 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 under the Safe Drinking Water Act;

AND WHEREAS the *Summary Report* is prepared in accordance with Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 under the Safe Drinking Water Act;

AND WHEREAS the; *2019 Annual/Summary Report* has been provided to Council members for their review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for The Corporation of the Township of James approves the *2019 Annual/Summary Report* for the Elk Lake Drinking Water System as presented;

AND FURTHER that the report will be made available to the public during business hours at the municipal office and on the Township's web site @ www.elklake.ca.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 04-20: Deferred to April/20 Council Meeting.

Palmer/Cormier:

A motion to approve the proposed 2020 budget of \$28,850.00 for the Elk Lake Drinking Water System.

Carried.

Anthony Danis from OCWA will be invited to attend the June/20 Council Meeting to discuss the stand-by well cost.

Palmer/MacDowall:

A motion to accept Terry Fiset's letter of resignation from the Recreation Committee.

Carried.

Cormier/Palmer:

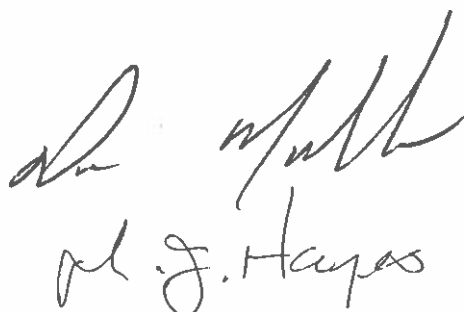
A motion to obtain 2 additional quotes for the window replacement project for the firehall and proceed with the best quote.

Carried.

MacDowall/Palmer:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Carried.



Handwritten signatures of Dave Mullin and Janet MacDowall.