

The Corporation of the Township of James

December 13, 2018.

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

In attendance were: Reeve Terry Fiset, Councillor Dave Mullin, Councillor Jan MacDowall and Councillor Gary Palmer. Councillor Pam Cormier was absent with regrets. Reeve Terry Fiset chaired the meeting. Myrna Hayes and Shelly Tulpin were also in attendance.

Mullin/MacDowall:
A motion to approve the minutes of the November 8th/18 Regular Meeting.
Carried.

Delegation: None.

Mullin/Palmer:
A motion to approve the Township's November 30th/18 Treasurer's Report.
Carried.

Mullin/MacDowall:
A motion to approve the ELCF's November 30th/18 Treasurer's Report.
Carried.

Palmer/Mullin:
A motion to approve payment of November/18 Township of James Accounts.
Carried.

MacDowall/Mullin:
A motion to approve payment of November/18 ELCF Accounts.
Carried.

BY-LAWS: None.

RESOLUTION 09-18:

Mullin/MacDowall:
WHEREAS a resolution was circulated on October 6th/15 requesting support for the four-laning of Highway 11 from North Bay to Cochrane that was supported by 34 municipalities from Northeastern Ontario;
AND WHEREAS after meeting with MTO and OPP officials to review traffic counts and other statistics, the committee was informed that the data did not meet the requirements to four-lane this portion of Highway 11;
AND WHEREAS OPP data showed that accidents were spread out over the entire length of the highway and not just in certain high risk areas, with 15% involving commercial motor vehicles causing death or injuries;
AND WHEREAS Highway 11 is the preferred truck route connecting Ontario to Manitoba and western Canada and almost all goods and services travel by truck through the Temiskaming and Cochrane Districts;
AND WHEREAS the transport and tourist traffic has been steadily increasing over the past few years, raising safety issues for those using this two-lane highway;
AND WHEREAS when accident investigations occur, Highway 11 is closed down for periods of 8 to 10 hours with no detours being available in many areas resulting in isolation of residents;
AND WHEREAS the two plus one roads program has been successful in many European countries as indicated in the attachments;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for The Corporation of the Township of James strongly endorses and petitions the government of Canada, the government of Ontario and the Ministry of Transportation to develop a pilot project involving a two plus one roads program somewhere between North Bay and Cochrane;
AND FURTHER that this resolution be sent to the Temiskaming Mayors Action Group, Temiskaming Municipal Association, the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association and all municipalities in the Nipissing, Temiskaming and Cochrane District requesting their support;
AND FURTHER that all resolution of support be copies to the City of Temiskaming Shores (c/o Carman Kidd) for submission to the Nipissing-Temiskaming & Cochrane-James Bay MPPs, the Nipissing, Temiskaming-Cochrane and Timmins-James Bay MPPs, the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Transportation.
Carried.

RESOLUTION 10-18:

WHEREAS a resolution from the Town of Kearney has been received stating that the quality of the Municipal Voters' List remains inaccurate;
AND WHEREAS the Preliminary List of Electors which forms the Voters' List in Ontario is supplied by data from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC);
AND WHEREAS MPAC has a limited ability to fix the currency and accuracy issues that impairs the current process and the Voters' List continues to be flawed with data inaccuracies and outdated information;
AND WHEREAS a transformational solution to the way that the Voters' List is created and managed is required;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for The Corporation of the Township of James supports the re-establishment of the multi-stakeholder working group between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, AMCTO, MPAC and Elections Ontario in exploring and identifying ways to create and maintain an accurate Voters' List for Municipal Elections ;
AND FURTHER that Council request an update be provided from this 'Voters' List Working Group' on the transformational solutions being discussed.
Carried.

Mullin/Palmer: A motion to approve the appointment of Laurie Bolesworth to the POA Board.

Carried.

MacDowall/Mullin:

A motion to approve the appointment of Pam Cormier to the TDSSAB.

Carried.

Mullin/Palmer:

A motion to approve the purchase of an ad in Volume 6 of the Legion's 'Military Service Recognition' Book for \$570.00 tax included.

Carried.

MacDowall/Palmer:

A motion to lease a debit machine for the office for \$28.95/month plus \$4.95/month admin fee. The supplier is CHASE.

Carried.

Mullin/Palmer:

A motion to approve payment of annual bonus to full-time employees as in past years.

Carried.

Item 7.4: Shelly to investigate ways to improve the sound in the Community Centre. Ian Auger is willing to discuss prices of different materials and has invited Shelly to visit his studio to get more information.

Item 7.6: Councillor Dave Mullin provided an update regarding Recreation Committee activities as outlined in the minutes of the November 20th/18 meeting.

Reeve Fiset has agreed to serve as a member on the Recreation Committee.

The Recreation Committee has room for two more members.

Mullin/MacDowall:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Carried.