

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. Myrna Hayes and Shelly Tulpin also attended the meeting.

Mullin/MacDowall:

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 12th/19 Regular Meeting.

Carried.

Mullin/MacDowall:

A motion to approve the Township's December 31st/19 Treasurer's Report:

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,542,110.69.

Carried.

Mullin/Palmer:

A motion to approve the ELCF's December 31st/19 Treasurer's Report:

General Revenue Account Balance: \$122,894.24.

Carried.

Mullin/MacDowall:

A motion to approve payment of December/19 Township of James Accounts.

Carried.

MacDowall/Mullin:

A motion to approve payment of December/19 ELCF Accounts.

Carried.

BY-LAW 20-01:

Mullin/MacDowall:

That a By-Law to authorize the borrowing of two hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$220,000) to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, current expenditures of the Corporation for the year; be received and read a first time.

Carried.

MacDowall/Mullin:

That a By-Law to authorize the borrowing of two hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$220,000) to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, current expenditures of the Corporation for the year; be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

Carried.

Mullin/MacDowall:

That a By-Law to authorize the borrowing of two hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$220,000) to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, current expenditures of the Corporation for the year; as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 20-01 and that the said by-law be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-Law Book.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 01-20:

MacDowall/ Mullin:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has legislated in the Building Code Act that 'the Council of each municipality is responsible for the enforcement of this Act in the municipality' and 'the Council of each municipality shall appoint a chief building official and such inspectors as are necessary for the enforcement of this Act in the areas in which the municipality has jurisdiction'; AND WHEREAS the Council of a municipality may pass by-laws applicable to the matters for which and in the area in which the municipality has jurisdiction for the enforcement of this Act; AND WHEREAS the Province that has asked local governments to find efficient and cost-effective ways to deliver municipal services is now asking these same municipalities to collect a tax on their behalf to create a new Delegated Administrative Authority to deliver services that have historically been the responsibility of the Ontario Government; AND WHEREAS the Township of James is one of twenty-one (21) municipalities (Temiskaming Municipal Services Association) that has shown its commitment to finding cost efficiency;

AND WHEREAS Premier Ford stated in his keynote address at the 2019 AMO conference that 'we can't continue throwing money at the problem (broken systems) as our predecessors did, into top-down, big government schemes'-that is neither compassionate nor sustainable;
AND WHEREAS alternative methods of building administration and enforcement have been proposed in this consultation that remove municipal authority but not associated liability;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for The Corporation of the Township of James requests that the Province of Ontario research their own efficient and cost effective means to deliver their services, or work with other building sector groups that, for the past fifteen years, have been filling the voids as MMAH has severely reduced its service delivery role, or provide evidence-based justification to municipalities that the creation of a new Delegated Administrative Authority is necessary prior to any legislative changes to the Building Code Act, with regard to building service delivery, are introduced in the Legislature;
AND FURTHER that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Jim McDonnell, Parliamentary Assistant for MMAH and FONOM for their consideration.

Carried.

Item 7.1: A cell phone use policy will be developed and put in place. All employees will be reminded that there are to be no personal calls, text messages, etc. made/received on company time.

Item 7.2: Shelly will contact the Curling Club to inform the president that the ice will be removed from the Community Centre beginning January 16/20 as there seems to be little to no interest in curling this year.

Item 7.3: Council reviewed the sample by-law prohibiting the use of engine brakes in Elk Lake. The by-law will be finalized and presented to Council at the February/20 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

Item 7.7: Shelly will contact Eco-Logix regarding the placement of a recycling container at the dump.

Mullin/MacDowall:

A motion to accept Arianna Leveille's notice of resignation from the Recreation Committee.

Carried.

Palmer/MacDowall:

A motion to direct the Township's Auditor, Kemp Elliott & Blair LLP to apply any/all 2019 surplus/deficit funds from Waterworks, Elk Lake Community Forest (ELCF) and Working Funds to Waterworks Reserve, ELCF Reserve and Reserve for Working Funds respectively.

Carried.

Mullin/ MacDowall:

A motion to increase new Public Works staff 's wage by \$2.00/hour at the completion of his probation period that ends February 3/20. He will be provided the opportunity to enroll in OMERS. The interview committee will meet with him within the next two weeks.

Carried.

Shelly will be contacting a gentlemen from Huntsville regarding the Integrity Commissioner position to be filled. More information will be provided to Council at the February/20 meeting.

Shelly advised Council that she has received two quotes for the installation of the a/c unit at the new gym. The quotes are within \$100.00 of each other at \$4500.00.

Mullin/ Palmer:

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

Carried.



M. J. Hayes