

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 also attended the meeting.

Mullin/Palmer:

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 14th/19 Regular Meeting.

Carried.

Delegation: Adam Gibson, Public Works Foreman

Outdoor skating rink is ready. As no applications for the outdoor skating rink attendant position were received, Shelly contacted Charles Palmer and he is willing to fill the position during his winter break from college. His rate of pay will be \$18.00 per hour. Councillor Gary Palmer declared his conflict for this item and did not participate in the discussion.

Reeve Fiset & Councillor Cormier suggested that snow removal at the intersections should start ASAP.

Reeve Fiset informed Council that there would be a crane parked at the Jack Munroe Park for the month of January.

Councillor Cormier inquired about snow removal from the sidewalks down town. Adam replied that everyone was cleaning their own sidewalk and there have been no issues to date.

Councillor Mullin was assured by Adam that the Community Centre would be ready for the Santa Claus Parade.

Reeve Fiset asked Adam to request a quote from Demora for paving of Sixth Street. This quote will be included in the 2020 budget. He also thanked Adam and Travis for putting up the tree downtown.

Adam left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Reeve Fiset also provided Council with an update regarding the Safety & Well-Being Plan that each municipality is to have in place by 2021. This matter was discussed at the recent TeMAG meeting. All in attendance were in agreement that no town in the area has the resources for such an undertaking. It was recommended that TDSSAB hire a contractor to develop the plan for all affected municipalities in Temiskaming.

Mullin/Palmer:

A motion to approve the Township's November 30th/19 Treasurer's Report:

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,701,575.90.

Carried.

Cormier/Palmer:

A motion to approve the ELCF's November 30th/19 Treasurer's Report:

General Revenue Account Balance: \$122,875.29.

Carried.

Cormier/Mullin:

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

Carried.

Cormier/Mullin:

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

Carried.

BY-LAWS: None scheduled.

RESOLUTION 08-19:

Mullin/MacDowall:

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Township of James is serviced by the Temiskaming Health Unit on a shared cost formula with the District municipalities;

AND WHEREAS these shared costs include and in part from the current reserves of the Temiskaming Health Unit;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has stated its intent to study the current Public Health Unit structure with a proposed target of reducing the number of operating Public Health Units from the current 35 to as few as 10 Public Health Units;

AND WHEREAS any consolidation or reduction in the number of Public Health Units may come with significant employee severances;

AND WHEREAS any potential severance would be solely due to a decision made by the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS any employee severances created from any reduction or consolidation of Public Health Units should be the responsibility of the Province of Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for The Corporation of the Township of James request the Temiskaming Health Unit return current reserves to the participating funding municipalities under the same formula as collected and that each municipality hold such dollars until final decisions are made and carried out by the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Temiskaming Municipal Association, Temiskaming Health Unit and each member of the Temiskaming Health Unit Board.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 09-19:

Cormier/MacDowall:

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General has mandated under Part XI of the Police Services Act, 1990 that all municipalities are required to prepare, adopt and implement a Community Safety and Well-being Plan (CSWB);

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General has further mandated that the CSWB Plan be adopted by municipalities prior to January 31, 2021;

AND WHEREAS representatives from various municipalities within the District of Temiskaming met in Kirkland Lake on November 13, 2019 to discuss working together in a collaborative and collective manner in order to achieve compliance with the ministry's directives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for The Corporation of the Township of James requests that Temiskaming DSSAB be approached to assume the lead role in developing a CSWB Plan for the municipalities within the District of Temiskaming and the Municipality of Temagami.

Carried.

Mullin/MacDowall:

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

Carried.

MacDowall/Cormier:

A motion to hire Charles Palmer to be the outdoor rink attendant for the Christmas break @ \$18.00 per hour. **Councillor Gary Palmer declared his conflict regarding this item.**

Carried.

MacDowall/Mullin:

A motion to approve 2019 bonus payments to permanent staff as in past years.

Carried.

Item 7.6: Information regarding the Township's regulations regarding number of urns/coffins per plot allowed etc. will be provided to Council at the January/20 meeting.

Reeve Fiset stated that Miller Mtnc in looking for a dump for the disposal of treated timbers from a bridge. The Township's fee is \$40.00 per cu yd plus equipment/spreading. The Township's dump is able to accept such material.

The use of jake brakes is becoming a problem in Elk Lake. Council will be passing a by-law and posting signs in 2020 banning the use of these brakes in town.

Shelly spoke to the Building Official, Dave Barton regarding the walk-in cooler that the owner wanted to move onto residential property. He said it was up to Council to decide. Mr. Barton will be invited to attend a future meeting to get his opinion regarding sea containers on residential property. Therefore, a letter will be sent to Dan Chowns stating that he cannot move the walk-in cooler to his residential property.

Mullin/ Palmer:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Carried.



M. J. Hayes

