

The Corporation of the Township of James

July 9, 2020.

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Reeve Dave Mullin, Councillor Janet MacDowall, Councillor Gary Palmer and Councillor Pam Cormier attended the meeting. Councillor Terry Fiset was absent with regrets. Myrna Hayes was also in attendance.

**Cormier/Palmer:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 11<sup>th</sup>/20 Regular Meeting and June 15<sup>th</sup>/20 Budget Meeting.

**Carried.**

**Palmer/MacDowall:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 22<sup>nd</sup>/20 Special Meeting.

**Carried.**

Delegation: Adam Gibson, Public Works

- Contractor from Matheson quoted the cheapest price for putting the insulation in the fire hall attic. Pending receipt of WSIB coverage and liability insurance he will be awarded the contract.
- Jody Aitchison will be doing the wiring for the hot water heater, etc.
- Lee Paradis will take out the chimney, remove the wall and change the door location.
  
- There are no options for ditch cutters for the Township's tractor. Brownlee's suggested renting their unit at \$75.00 per hour, plus float move. Will try it out and report back to Council.
  
- Water connection to new residence on Rosedale Avenue will have to be bored under Hwy 560 and very expensive. Will look into using the Museum curb stop instead. Waiting to hear from MTO regarding the application to bore under the highway.
  
- There was damage caused to West Street by a delivery truck. An invoice for the required repairs will be sent to the property owner.
  
- Trouble continues at the beach building. Doors have been kicked in. 4-wheelers are causing disturbances on the beach.

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

**Palmer/Cormier:**

A motion to approve the Township's June 30<sup>th</sup>/20 Treasurer's Report.

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,663,720.40.

**Carried.**

**Cormier/Palmer:**

A motion to approve the ELCF June 30<sup>th</sup>/20 Treasurer's Report.

General Revenue Account Balance: \$117,542.90.

**Carried.**

**Cormier/MacDowall:**

A motion to approve the payment of Township of James June/20 Accounts totalling \$216,878.32.

**Carried.**

**MacDowall/Palmer:**

A motion to approve payment of ELCF June/20 Accounts totalling \$1,422.88.

**Carried.**

### **BY-LAW 20-05**

**MacDowall/Palmer:**

That a By-Law to amend Schedule 'A' of By-Law 03-02 establishing fees charged by The Corporation of the Township of James for various certificates and services; be received and read a first time.

**Carried.**

**Palmer/Cormier:**

That a By-Law to amend Schedule 'A' of By-Law 03-02 establishing fees charged by The Corporation of the Township of James for various certificates and services; be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

**Carried.**

**Cormier/MacDowall:**

That a By-Law to amend Schedule 'A' of By-Law 03-02 establishing fees charged by The Corporation of the Township of James for various certificates and services; as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 20-05 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.**

### **BY-LAW 20-06**

**MacDowall/Cormier:**

That a By-Law to establish 2020 tax ratios; be received and read a first time.

**Carried.**

**Cormier/Palmer:**

That a By-Law to establish 2020 tax ratios; be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

**Carried.**

**Palmer/MacDowall:**

That a By-Law to establish 2020 tax ratios; as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 20-06 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.**

### **BY-LAW 20-07**

**Cormier/Palmer:**

That a By-Law to adopt 2020 tax rates and to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof; be received and read a first time.

**Carried.**

**MacDowall/Palmer:**

That a By-Law to adopt 2020 tax rates and to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof; be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

**Carried.**

**MacDowall/Cormier:**

That a By-Law to adopt 2020 tax rates and to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof; as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 20-07 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 06-20**

**Palmer/MacDowall:**

WHEREAS Council for The Corporation of the Township of James received correspondence dated May 14, 2020 from The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding issues discussed at their May 13<sup>th</sup>/20 virtual meeting;

AND WHEREAS the correspondence brought attention to AMO's Discussion Paper 'New Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Boards: Building a Framework for Better Policing Governance';

AND WHEREAS AMO's discussion paper proposes the Northern Ontario District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSAB) replace the current OPP Detachment Boards;

AND WHEREAS the FONOM Board has identified several issues with DSSAB Boards replacing the current Detachment Boards, and recognizes that Community Policing is distinctive to each Municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of James is in agreement with the opinion of FONOM in that the current DSSAB's would not be the best solution for overseeing the Northern OPP Detachments;  
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to FONOM and its member municipalities, AMO, The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General and John Vanthof, MPP for Temiskaming-Cochrane.

**Carried.**

## **RESOLUTION 07-20**

### **Cormier/Palmer:**

WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways in Northeastern Ontario is a growing area of public concern;  
WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly;  
WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is a critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;  
WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;  
WHEREAS the Municipality of The Corporation of the Township of James is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products  
WHEREAS the Municipality of The Corporation of the Township of James is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces;  
AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of The Corporation of the Township of James strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces.  
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of The Corporation of the Township of James forward this resolution to the Honorable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northeastern Ontario Municipalities and the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association.

**Carried.**

## **RESOLUTION 08-20**

### **Palmer/Cormier:**

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are now required to follow the accounting standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB);  
AND WHEREAS with the introduction of tangible capital asset accounting in 2009, municipalities are now required to manage two sets of accounts;  
AND WHEREAS one set of accounts is prepared on a modified accrual basis and used in preparation of each annual budget;  
AND WHEREAS PSAB accounts include amortization, post-employment benefits and solid waste landfill closure and post-closure amounts;  
AND WHEREAS the PSAB accounts are omitted from budget preparation;  
AND WHEREAS these excluded costs (\$249,424) must be reported to Council prior to the budget approval each year;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for The Corporation of the Township of James accepts the exclusion of the PSAB amortization accounts as presented.

**Carried.**

### **Cormier/MacDowall:**

A motion to accept the resignation of Denise Prichard from the Museum Board.

**Carried.**

### **Cormier/Palmer:**

A motion to move in-camera at 8:10 to discuss the Ball Park Road and other matters.

**Carried.**

### **MacDowall/Palmer:**

A motion to move out of 'in-camera' at 8:40 p.m.

**Carried.**

**Palmer/Cormier:**

A motion to direct the Township's solicitor to send a letter of response to M. Doupe updating Council's position regarding Ball Park Road.

**Cormier/MacDowall:**

A motion to instruct the Township's solicitor to proceed with the plan to address the Ball Park Road issue.

**Carried.**

**Palmer/MacDowall:**

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

**Carried.**

Janet MacDowall  
M. J. Hayes