

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

Reeve Dave Mullin, Councillor Janet MacDowall, Councillor Terry Fiset and Councillor Gary Palmer attended the meeting. Councillor Kitty Bougie was absent with regrets. Reeve Dave Mullin chaired the meeting. Myrna Hayes and Teri-Lynn Jibb were also in attendance.

Fiset/Palmer:

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 8th/22 Regular Meeting.

Carried.

Councillor Fiset declared a conflict regarding Item #7.6 on the Agenda.

Delegation: Adam Gibson, Public Works

- Ice plant is up and running. Skating is due to begin in November. Curling is due to start in November also so the ice will be shared between skating and curling. The Curling Club will be charged \$500.00 per month during the shared portion of the season and \$1,000.00 per month in the new year when the outdoor rink is ready for skating.
- Will request quotations from suppliers to replace oil furnaces with propane furnaces at the Community Centre and the Public Works Shop.
- Boundary line for the Cooke Lake Road and Sixth Street has been established.
- The docks are out of the water. Museum and Ball Park have been winterized.
- A new blow-off vent is needed for the CC ice plant. A quote for it is expected shortly.

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

MacDowall/Palmer:

A motion to approve the Township's September 30th/22 Treasurer's Report.

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,381,195.63.

Carried.

Fiset/Palmer:

A motion to approve the ELCF September 30th/22 Treasurer's Report.

General Revenue Account Balance: \$124,819.71.

Carried.

Palmer/MacDowall:

A motion to approve the payment of Township of James September/22 Accounts totalling \$155,101.01.

Carried.

Fiset/Palmer:

A motion to approve payment of ELCF September/22 Accounts totalling \$103.69.

Carried.

Palmer/MacDowall:

A motion to adopt By-Law 22-17 to provide for advance vote for municipal election.

Carried.

BY-LAW 22-17:

Palmer/Fiset:

That a by-law to appoint a Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2022 Municipal Election; *be received and read a first time.*

Carried.

Fiset/Palmer:

That a by-law to appoint a Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2022 Municipal Election; *be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole.*

Carried.

Palmer/Fiset:

That a by-law to appoint a Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2022 Municipal Election; *as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 22-17 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.

Palmer/MacDowall:

A motion to adopt By-Law 22-19 authorizing the sale of Lot 168 on Fourth Street East.

Carried.

BY-LAW 22-19:

Palmer/Fiset:

That a by-law to authorize the sale of Lot 168 of Parcel 14769SST in Townplot Smyth, namely 13 Fourth Street East; *be received and read a first time.*

Carried.

Fiset/Palmer:

That a by-law to authorize the sale of Lot 168 of Parcel 14769SST in Townplot Smyth, namely 13 Fourth Street East; *be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole.*

Carried.

Palmer/Fiset:

That a by-law to authorize the sale of Lot 168 of Parcel 14769SST in Townplot Smyth, namely 13 Fourth Street East; *as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 22-19 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 06-22

Palmer/Fiset:

WHEREAS the Electoral Boundary Commission has proposed to remove one of the electoral ridings from Northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS proposal to diminish Northern Ontario's voice in parliament will have a detrimental effect on participatory democracy and regional development as the issues in Northern Ontario are significantly different than the issues facing the urban south;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Boundary Commission proposal to cut representation in the North is contrary to the 2017 electoral boundary changes for Ontario that recognized the need to add two seats to ensure fair participation for Northern residents;

AND WHEREAS many of the existing ridings in Northern Ontario are already larger than many European countries, a situation that will only be worsened by the addition of massively new regions to service;

AND WHEREAS the proposed new super ridings will force municipalities to compete for a limited amount of riding funding which will further exacerbate inequities in the North;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario's population per riding is already much higher than many other rural and isolated regions in Canada's north;

AND WHEREAS the courts have ruled that representation in Canada's democracy is not based merely on population but on regions of interest and the right of citizens to engage with their elected representatives;

AND WHEREAS any changes to electoral boundaries should be based on the principles of maintaining communities of interest within boundaries that are equitable in terms of population and geography;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for The Corporation of the Township of James hereby petitions the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission to withdraw the proposal to eliminate a Federal Riding in Northern Ontario;

AND FURTHER that Council for The Corporation of the Township of James calls on the Electoral Boundary Commission to maintain the electoral representation of Northern Ontario and ensure that any boundary changes are done in a manner that responds to regional and local needs.

Carried.

MacDowall/Palmer:

A motion to hire Belinda Beairsto of Eco-Logix to represent the Township of James during the WDO Transition for the sum of \$3,051.00 through to completion in 2025.

Carried.

Palmer/MacDowall:

A motion to charge Eacom Timber Corporation 50% of the 2021 Sixth/Pine Street sweeping invoice.

Carried.

Fiset/Palmer:

A motion to accept Pedersen Construction quotation of \$6,200.00 each for the installation of 7 curb stops on Ontario Street and 1 curb stop at the Green Garage for a total of \$48,600.

Carried.

Palmer/MacDowall:

A motion to move forward with the sale of 72 Ontario Street to Tracy & Shelley Matlock for \$15,000 plus HST and conveyance costs.

Carried.

Palmer/MacDowall:

A motion to accept Henry Fiset & Sons Ltd. quotation of \$19.60/Tonne for screened, salted winter sand and \$190.00/hour for the sander. Councillor Terry Fiset declare a conflict in this matter.

Carried.

MacDowall/Palmer:

A motion to have the Deputy Clerk attend the OCWA Standard of Care Training.

Carried.

Fiset/Palmer:

A motion to accept Northern Ontario Appraisals Ltd. quotation of \$2,800.00 for the appraisal of 11 new lots on Ontario Street.

Carried.

MacDowall/Palmer:

A motion to approve the purchase of an ad (\$553.10) in the 2023 RCL Military Service Recognition Book as in past years.

Carried.

Item 7.2: A letter will be sent to Linda Bartlett outlining the plan for the use of the Community Centre during the 2022-23 winter season.

Item 7.8: A letter will be written to Mr. Jeffrey explaining the purchase agreement relevant to Ontario Street lots.

Item 7.12 Teri-Lynn provided Council with Recreation Committee upcoming activities:

- Santa Claus Parade on December 18th/22 c/w bon fire, goody bags and hot chocolate,
- Fish Derby may be run privately instead of through the Recreation Committee.
- Centre de sante communautaire du Temiskaming will have use of the CC clubroom for exercising through to April/23.

Teri-Lynn also announced that she has raised sufficient funds to cover the deposit for the playground equipment. The order has been submitted and the equipment will be installed in 2023.

Councillor Fiset provided information regarding a new relief package that is needed for one of the fire trucks. The fire department has also been informed that firetrucks over 20 years old will not be certified no matter how many hours they have been in use.

Councillor MacDowall attended the recent TMA Meeting in Earlton. Some of the items discussed were;

- Federal Electoral Boundaries,
- Medieval Villages in Temiskaming,
- Montreal River Management Plan,
- Taxation for corporations owning farms should pay more than 25%, and
- The disgusting conditions of the rest stations on Highway 11.

Councillor MacDowall also suggested that the mileage rate for Council/Staff travel should be raised. It will be discussed at the November/22 Regular Meeting.

Reeve Mullin also raised the topic of speeding trucks going through town is becoming a problem. This matter will also be on the November/22 Agenda for discussion.

Palmer/MacDowall:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Carried.