

# Minutes

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Regular Meeting of Council  
Township of the North Shore  
Wednesday, September 20, 2017  
7:00 PM  
Municipal Office, Algoma Mills

## ATTENDANCE

Council: Brenda Wilson - Acting Mayor  
Barbara Barton - Councillor Ward 2  
Sandra Kilfoyl - Councillor Ward 1

Staff: Maryse Sabourin - Acting Clerk

Absent: Randi Condie - Mayor  
Joyce Robitaille - Councillor Ward 3  
Mary Lynn Duguay- Clerk

## CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

## DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Wilson requested those members present to declare any pecuniary interest with matters appearing on the agenda.

Deputy Mayor Wilson declared for 8 ii b).

## ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Moved By: Sandra Kilfoyl  
Seconded By: Barbara Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adds to the agenda as follows:

8 i. d) NSHN Foundation Request

"CARRIED"

## PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Barbara Barton  
Seconded By: Sandra Kilfoyl

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be approved as presented/amended:

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council September 6, 2017.

"CARRIED"

## **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Sandra Kilfoyl and Barbara Barton submitted reports of their recent tour on September 11th of the NWMO Research and Development Facility in Oakville, Ontario. This facility is set up to demonstrate and showcase the current full-sized components and technologies in order for people to see how the project works. Scientific experiments are also conducted on the premises in order to ensure the top-quality managing of nuclear fuel over indefinite time periods. Included as well was a tour of the McMaster University Nuclear Reactor and both tours were found to be very informative and interesting.

Sandra also attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and reported that \$5,000 was raised at the Golf Tournament and that they are trying to do more fundraising, or take on an existing event next year. Betty Ann Dunbar also approached her regarding the HNCEA Summit for Tourism and a letter was sent to Suzanne Faubert-Astles indicating the township's support of the NCIR application to MNDM as a committed partner to this regional project. The Chamber is also looking at scheduling a breakfast meeting with NWMO in order to learn more of its plans for deep geological repository.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

As presented.

## **REPORTS AND MOTIONS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF, COMMITTEES; AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The following reports of municipal staff and committees and communications were presented to council:

- i. Clerk-Treasurer
  - a) 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day 2017
  - b) Algoma Paddlers - Canoe storage
  - c) Review of Procedural By-Law proposed changes
- ii. Other
  - a) Firefighter Attendance Records
  - b) Disbursement report - Sept. 14, 2017

## **OLD BUSINESS (INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN LETTERS/REPORTS)**

Additions to the Old Business List - Updated list to be sent to Council.

## **MOTIONS ARISING FROM REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF AND COMMITTEES; AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved By: Sandra Kilfoyl  
Seconded By: Barbara Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Public Works employee to prioritize projects as follows:

- 1. Rink
- 2. Viewing Platform

"CARRIED"

Moved By: Barbara Barton  
Seconded By: Sandra Kilfoyl

**Whereas** years of research confirm the benefits of high quality child care for young children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development and later life outcomes ; and

**Whereas** child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of parents, families and the broader community by supporting quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the economic and social life of their community; and

**Whereas** many studies show that trained and knowledgeable Early Childhood Educators and child care staff are the key to quality child care, and that good wages and working conditions are associated with higher job satisfaction and morale, longer staff turnover which leads to high quality education and care;

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that October 25, 2017 be designated the 17<sup>th</sup> annual "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in the Township of the North Shore in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

"CARRIED"

Moved By: Barbara Barton  
Seconded By: Sandra Kilfoyl

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillors will attend the Child Care Facilities with a flower of appreciation.

"CARRIED"

Moved By: Sandra Kilfoyl  
Seconded By: Barbara Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees to allow the Algoma Paddlers Club to store their long canoes in the Township Spragge garage for the winter months at no charge.

"DEFEATED"

Moved By: Sandra Kilfoyl  
Seconded By: Barbara Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the sale of raffle tickets in our municipality in support of the hospitals operating under the North Shore Health Network Foundation.

"CARRIED"

Moved By: Barbara Barton  
Seconded By: Sandra Kilfoyl

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the disbursements report dated Sept. 14, 2017 as presented/amended.

**"CARRIED"**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were none

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Norm Brown inquired why Council is entertaining spending tax payers money on the construction of a platform on Lookout Road whereas there are other projects that require attention and for which, as per the 2017 Budget, Council will need to secure a debenture of \$325,000? Why not resolve high priority issues and defer the construction of the platform until such time as the township has a surplus in its budget? It was suggested that this matter be brought back for discussion by resolution at Council's next meeting.

Janet Brown mentioned that at the August 23rd meeting she had inquired if Council would be willing to revisit the policing user fees which are now being billed separately from taxes. She once more re-iterated that she felt it was an unfair application of service and whether the Mayor will be reconsidering his decision?

Sylvain Matthieu and Karen McChesney also had questions regarding the high increase of taxes for 2017 and expressed their discontent. Furthermore, as they are seasonal residents, they felt that they had very little opportunity for input in these matters as the information regarding budget meetings is not readily available to them. They suggested that notices be sent to seasonal residents for the scheduled yearly budget meetings as well as a copy of the monthly council meetings.

Al Gemmill pointed out that the township's assessment had gone down and consequently the mill rate had gone up which could account for part of the 2017 increase in taxes, but questioned why the township had run a deficit in 2016? Maymar Gemmill inquired about the NWMO budget and what was the yearly amount received and how this money was spent?

Dave Ferguson questioned Council as to how many other municipalities were charging policing as a user fee and stated that he objected to this practice.

Joanne McClellan stated that residents are being billed the OPP billing costs as per the township billing and they are lower than the provincial average.

Gerry Gagnon stated that residents with more than one home were being billed policing user fees in accordance to the number of residences owned. Gerry also inquired if the OPP billings reflected the number of call outs?

Cheryl Lattimer inquired why there are fewer council meetings in the summer? She mentioned seasonal residents were in the area at this time and perhaps it would facilitate their attendance to meetings.

**INTRODUCTION, READING AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Moved By: Barbara Barton  
Seconded By: Sandra Kilfoyl

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No 17-25 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing for the year 2017, be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**"CARRIED"**

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

Moved By: Sandra Kilfoyl  
Seconded By: Barbara Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 17-26 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council at its meeting held Sept. 20, 2017 be read a first, second and third time enacted and passed

**"CARRIED"**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By: Barbara Barton  
Seconded By: Sandra Kilfoyl

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the next regular meeting of the Council of the Township of the North Shore be held at the municipal office in Algoma Mills on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Mayor and this meeting be adjourned.

**"CARRIED"**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Brenda Wilson, Deputy Mayor

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Maryse Sabourin, Acting Clerk