

# Minutes

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Regular Meeting of Council  
Township of the North Shore  
Wednesday, December 18, 2019  
7:00 PM  
Municipal Office, Algoma Mills

## ATTENDANCE

Council: Barbara Barton- Councillor Ward 2  
Gary Gamble- Councillor Ward 1  
Melody Rose- Councillor Ward 3  
Brenda Green- Councillor at large

Staff: Mary Lynn Duguay- Clerk

## CALL TO ORDER

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

## DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none.

## ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Moved By: Brenda Green  
Seconded By: Gary Gamble

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

8. i)f) Declaring the office of the Mayor vacant

**"CARRIED"**

## PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

None

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Gary Gamble  
Seconded By: Brenda Green

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

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council Dec. 18, 2019.

**"CARRIED"**

## COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Gary - The Library budget is still working out financials. Government grants depend on them getting their paperwork done. If we are able to get the Library reports earlier, they will be included in our newsletter.

Barb - Dr. Recruitment - Working on the budget. No numbers yet as to how many of our residents use Blind River vs Elliot Lake hospital services. There will be an increase in the amount contributed from each community. The Blind River recruiter works for four areas- Thessalon, Blind River, Manitolin and Richards Landing hospital sites. There are no terms of reference for all of these sites. Our contribution will be raised to \$7400.

ELNOS- Financial statements were distributed to Council. Our request for lighting for the Spragge Rink was approved for \$3900.00.

### **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.
  - a) Acknowledgement signs- Lauzon Creek pavilion, Volleyball courts
  - b) 2020 meeting Calendar
  - c) Project Change for Green Stream funding
  - d) Resolutions of support- for approval- Township of Ramara
  - e) Resolutions of support -previously approved
- ii.
  - a) ELNOS - Spragge Rink lighting
  - b) 2018 Financial Indicator Review

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

none

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

Moved By: Brenda Green  
Seconded By: Gary Gamble

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve signs acknowledging the work done by Caddell Masonry at the Lauzon Creek Pavillion and Millenium Hardscape at the Volleyball courts.

**"CARRIED"**

Moved By: Gary Gamble  
Seconded By: Brenda Green

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2020 Calendar as presented/amended - adding July 15, Aug. 19, Dec. 2 and 16, 2020.

**"CARRIED"**

Moved By: Brenda Green  
Seconded By: Melody Rose

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve changing the project for the Infrastructure Canada- Green Stream Intake from the Pronto Wastewater Expansion project to the Serpent River Water Treatment Plant upgrade project.

**"CARRIED"**

Moved By: Melody Rose  
Seconded By: Brenda Green

WHEREAS Council acknowledges receipt of the AMO report entitled "A reasonable Balance: Addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs.";

AND WHEREAS COUNCIL endorses the report submitted by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL of the Township of the North Shore request the Attorney General of Ontario to conduct a full review of joint and several liability as it affects municipalities.

**"CARRIED"**

Moved By: Brenda Green  
Seconded By: Melody Rose

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 matters for which and in the area in which the municipality has jurisdiction for the enforcement of this Act";

AND WHEREAS the Province has asked local governments to find efficient and cost effective ways to deliver municipal services is now asking 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 Premier Ford stated in his keynote address at the Association of Ontario Municipalities 2019 Conference, that "we can't continue throwing money at the problem (broken systems) as our predecessors did, into top-down, dig government schemes. That is nether compassionate nor sustainable";

AND WHEREAS alternative methods of building administration and enforcement have been proposed in this consultation that remove municipal authority but not the associated liability,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Township of the North Shore requests that the Province of Ontario work with the current building sector groups that, for the past fifteen years, have been working to support the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and 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 regards to building services delivery, are introduced in the Legislature nor have negative impact on municipalities.

**"CARRIED"**

Moved By: Melody Rose  
Seconded By: Brenda Green

WHEREAS more than 444 Canadian municipalities have declared Climate Emergencies, some of which are also implementing strategic plans in order to help reduce global carbon emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change; and;

WHEREAS the most recent report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has indicated that within 12 years, in order to keep the global average temperature increase to 1.5 degree C and maintain a climate compatible with human civilization, there must be a reduction in carbon emissions of about 45% from 2010 levels, reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2050; and;

WHEREAS based on current projections of the future impacts of human-caused climate change, climate change will adversely affect the local economy, local infrastructure and property, put a strain on municipal budgets and result in significant economic and health burdens for local residents, particularly our vulnerable populations; and;

WHEREAS climate change will jeopardize the health and survival of many local plant and animal species as well as their natural environments and ecosystems; and;

WHEREAS Municipalities are understood to produce and/or have regulatory jurisdiction over approximately 50% of carbon emissions in Canada; and;

WHEREAS implementing climate action and making a transition to a low-carbon economy also represents a significant opportunity to stimulate economic growth, increase job opportunities and develop new technologies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of the North Shore support the Town of Amherstburg in declaring a Climate Emergency.

**"CARRIED"**

Moved By: Gary Gamble  
Seconded By: Brenda Green

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declares the office of the Mayor vacant.

**"CARRIED"**

**CLOSED SESSION (in at 7:45 pm)**

Moved By: Gary Gamble  
Seconded By: Melody Rose

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed in closed session to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act:

s.239(2) b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees:

a) Firefighter Remuneration 2019

**"CARRIED"**

**RETURN TO OPEN (out at 8:05 pm)**

Moved By: Melody Rose  
Seconded By: Gary Gamble

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to an open meeting.

**"CARRIED"**

Moved By: Gary Gamble  
Seconded By: Melody Rose

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Firefighter Remuneration report for 2019 as presented/amended.

**"CARRIED"**

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

Moved By: Melody Rose  
Seconded By: Gary Gamble

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 19-31 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council at its meeting held Dec. 18, 2019 be read a first, second and third time enacted and passed

**"CARRIED"**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By: Gary Gamble  
Seconded By: Melody Rose

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, January 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Mayor and this meeting be adjourned.

**"CARRIED"**

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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Barbara Barton, Deputy Mayor

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Mary Lynn Duguay, Clerk