

# Minutes

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Regular Meeting of Council  
Township of the North Shore  
Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019  
7:00 PM  
Municipal Office, Algoma Mills

## ATTENDANCE

Council: Barbara Barton- Acting Mayor  
Brenda Green- Councillor At Large  
Gary Gamble- Councillor Ward 1  
Melody Rose- Councillor Ward 3

Staff: Mary Lynn Duguay- Clerk

Absent: Randi Condie - Mayor

## CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Barton called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

## DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none.

## ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Moved By: Gary Gamble  
Seconded By: Melody Rose

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

8 i) g) Internet survey results

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## 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 Committee of Adjustment - Aug. 7, 2019
- b) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council - Aug. 7, 2019
- c) Minutes of Special Closed Meeting of the Committee of Adjustment, Aug. 22, 2019

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### **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Brenda - HNCEA - Broadband Task Force meeting - Aug.28, 2019.  
Presentations from Blue Sky Net, Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre, Galaxy Broadband and Bell Mobility. Report attached.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

None

### **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) Canada's Rural and Remote Broadband Conference
  - b) Smart Green Communities invitation to join.
  - c) Integrity Commissioner Protocol - charging for complaints
  - d) By-law against feeding wildlife within Municipal Boundaries
  - e) Resolutions of support - previously approved
  - f) Resolutions of support - for approval
  
- ii.
  - a) Council Expense Reports - August 2019

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

Old Business discussion

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

Moved By: Gary Gamble  
Seconded By: Melody Rose

WHEREAS there are 444 municipalities in Ontario that are very efficient and well-governed, and who respond quickly to ratepayer's needs;

AND WHEREAS in the 1990's the Conservative Government forced many municipalities to amalgamate on the guise they would become more efficient, effective, save money, lower taxes and ultimately reduce the provincial deficit:

AND WHEREAS there has never been a valid evidence-based study that supported these outcomes;

AND WHEREAS forced amalgamation actually accomplished just the opposite, ill feelings, increased animosity and mistrust, job losses, rise in local taxes and an increase in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there are many positive examples of small rural and northern municipalities working together in a collaborative and cooperative manner via shared agreements that responds to local needs without amalgamation and provincial interference;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has a large deficit due to their own decision-making;

AND WHEREAS recently the same Conservative Government recently reduced one large regional municipal government by 50% without “consultation”;

AND WHEREAS this same Conservative Government is presently reviewing other provincial regional governments through a purported “consultative” approach with a view to reduce or eliminate them;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government should investigate all other internal ways of reducing their deficit and becoming more fiscally responsible over time rather than downloading to the one level of government that is the most efficient, has the lowest cost and is closest to the electorate which will not put a dent in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS the Province could look at what other provinces have done to reduce the debt with one singular education system, organizing unorganized municipalities, controlling OPP costs, substantially increase fines, and find a way to collect millions and millions of dollars in unpaid fines and instead, invest in the north to create jobs and stimulate and enhance economic development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT before the Provincial Government forces amalgamation in any of the 444 municipalities in Ontario, our AMO organization go beyond requesting “consultation” and “demand” that the Provincial Government do the following:

- 1) Hold a local referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate or not.
- 2) Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation actually saves jobs, lowers taxes and reduces the provincial deficit.
- 3) Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement that best suits their local needs and to be permitted to do so on their own time and volition.
- 4) To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in this consultative process.
- 5) To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario.

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Christine Elliot, Deputy Premier, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and all MPP's in the Province of Ontario.

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to AMO, NOMA, ROMA, FONOM and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

**"CARRIED"**

Moved By: Gary Gamble  
Seconded By: Melody Rose

WHEREAS in April 2017, the Federal Government introduced Bill C-45, The Cannabis Act, and Bill C-46, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code, outlining plans to legalize, regulate and restrict access to cannabis in Canada; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario responded with corresponding legislation, the Cannabis Control Act, 2017, the Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, 2017, the Cannabis License Act, 2018 and Bill 36- Cannabis Statue Law Amendment Act, 2018; and

WHEREAS collectively, this legislation created a regulatory regime effective October 17, 2018, that allows Ontario residents who are 19 years of age or older to: 1. Purchase recreational cannabis online through the Ontario Cannabis Store 2. Possess up to 30 grams of cannabis. 3. Grow up to four (4) cannabis plants per household 4. Purchase cannabis from a provincially approved private retail supplier as of April 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario were given until January 22, 2019 to choose if retail cannabis stores will be prohibited within their borders and those that "opted out" may at a later date by resolution of their respective Council, lift the prohibition and permit them in the future; and

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 468/18 permits limited municipal regulatory control over location and zoning, licensing and spatial separation to sensitive land uses other than a school as defined by the Education Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Council of the Township of the North Shore recommends that additional local regulatory controls be approved by the Province of Ontario around retail cannabis stores that would: A. provide a municipality with the unrestricted ability to control the location of retail cannabis stores through zoning and, B. in the alternative to A: 1) limit the concentration and number of cannabis retail stores in any one municipality by introducing a minimum distance separation

measure between retail stores (minimum 500 metres); and 2) that cannabis stores be restricted to a Commercial Zone or Area which permits retail stores; and 3) clearly defining sensitive land uses, in addition to schools, which would be impacted by having a retail cannabis store located adjacent to them. Such other sensitive land uses would include, but not be limited to, day cares, colleges and universities, community centres, nursing homes, libraries, and actively programmed municipal parks; and 4) that the current minimum distance separation of 150 metres from a cannabis retail store to a school be increased to a minimum of 500 metres from any sensitive land use to be defined as noted in paragraph 3 above, and C. that all municipalities that have approved retail cannabis stores to be located in their jurisdictions receive 50% of ALL excise tax collected by the Province of Ontario on the sale of cannabis; not limited to revenues in excess of \$100 million; and

THAT upon adoption of this resolution; it be presented to all Ontario Municipal Councils with a request to endorse and that the municipally adopted resolutions then be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Premier of Ontario's office

**"CARRIED"**

Moved By: Gary Gamble  
Seconded By: Brenda Green

WHEREAS the Police Services Act was amended on January 1, 2019 mandating all communities in Ontario to adopt a Community Safety and Well-being Plan by January 1, 2021;

AND WHEREAS an AMCTO Report entitled; "Bearing the Burden" identified the significant reporting burden that has been placed on municipal government;

AND WHEREAS in 2018, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing stated that the Province understood the burden that reporting takes on municipalities and would develop and put in place a plan to reduce that burden;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have not seen much, if any, movement on reducing the reporting burden;

AND WHEREAS the requirements for implementing and maintaining Community Safety and Well-being Plans increase the workload and reporting burden for all municipalities;

AND WHEREAS small municipalities across the Province carry an ever-increasing burden of reporting requirements, lack of staff, loss of property assessment, increasing infrastructure deficits and host of other maladies;

AND WHEREAS the funding that could assist municipalities in addressing the new requirements in preparing and adopting Community Safety and Well-being Plan was given to the Ontario Provincial Police;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General in partnership with the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention has developed a three part course at a cost of \$225 which will require additional travel to a centralized location thereby increasing costs for municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario continues to rely on local tax dollars for an increasing number of provincially mandated programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL of the Township of the North Shore asks the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to reconsider the “one size fits all” requirements of the Safer Ontario Act and implement changes that would allow for a scalable model for Community Safety and Well-Being plans;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for further consideration and support.

**“CARRIED”**

Moved By: Gary Gamble  
Seconded By: Brenda Green

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Council expense reports for August 2019 as presented/amended.

**“CARRIED”**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

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

Moved By: Gary Gamble  
Seconded By: Brenda Green

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 19-23 being a by-law to amend the Township of the North Shore Zoning By-law 17-07 be read a first, second, third time, enacted and passed.

**"CARRIED"**

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

Moved By: Brenda Green  
Seconded By: Gary Gamble

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 19-24 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council at its meeting held SEPT. 4, 2019 be read a first, second and third time enacted and passed

**"CARRIED"**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By: Gary Gamble  
Seconded By: Brenda Green

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, Sept. 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Mayor and this meeting be adjourned.

**"CARRIED"**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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Barbara Barton, Deputy Mayor

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Mary Lynn Duguay, Clerk