



# Minutes

Regular Council Meeting  
Township of the North Shore  
Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6:00 p.m.  
Hybrid Meeting

## ATTENDANCE

- Council: Tony Moor - Mayor - electronic  
Richard Welburn - Ward 1 - electronic  
Len Menard - Ward 2  
Tracey Simon - Ward 3  
Robin Green - Councillor at Large
- Staff: Matt Simon, Public Works Manager/Fire Chief - *left meeting at 7:25 PM*  
Rachel Schneider, Municipal Clerk/Deputy Treasurer  
Craig Davidson - Deputy Treasurer

## CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### RESOLUTION #24-387

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore approves the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

## DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

### PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Cunningham Swan - Integrity Commissioner reports dated October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

### RESOLUTION #24-388

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council of the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore approves to make the Integrity Commissioner reports, as presented to Council by Cunningham Swan at the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Council meeting, available to the public by adding the reports to the Township's website, and by providing a copy of the report to the public upon written request.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes for the Regular meeting of November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**RESOLUTION #24-389**

Moved by: R. Welburn

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council of the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore adopts the Special meeting minutes of November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

DEFERRED

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT**

**REPORTS AND MOTIONS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATION**

- a) Accountability and Transparency - Overall costs including Fine to be paid by Township RE: Pater Boat Launching Area in Spragge

**RESOLUTION #24-390**

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report as presented that gives explanation of the overall costs including the fine to be paid by the Township of The North Shore regarding the Pater boat launching area in Spragge for information purposes.

CARRIED

- b) Notice of Integrity Commissioner Reports - January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting

**RESOLUTION #24-391**

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the report regarding notice of Integrity Commissioner reports being brought to the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Council meeting for information purposes, and that Council direct staff to schedule with the Integrity Commissioner to attend the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Council meeting to provide explanation of the Report received and answer any questions.

CARRIED

- c) WETT Inspection Policy

**RESOLUTION #24-392**

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report as presented for consideration, and that Council approve the WETT Inspections Policy.

CARRIED

- d) Training and Development Policy

**RESOLUTION #24-393**

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report as presented for consideration, and that Council approve the Training and Development Policy.

CARRIED

e) Pregnancy/Parental Leaves - Council Policy

RESOLUTION #24-394

Moved by: R. Green

Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report as presented for consideration, and that Council approve the Pregnancy/Parental Leaves - Council Policy.

CARRIED

f) 2025 Budget Meetings

RESOLUTION #24-395

Moved by: R. Green

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the report regarding 2025 Budget planning for information purposes

CARRIED

g) Marketing Materials for the North Shore Health Network - Flyer for Physician Recruitment

RESOLUTION #24-396

Moved by: R. Green

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the report regarding marketing materials for the North Shore, and that Council direct staff to advertise a poster seeking public input.

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

a) Letter from the Solicitor General regarding Policing costs

b) Email forwarded from Mayor - NWMO achievement regarding Canada's future site for deep geological repository for used nuclear fuel

c) Letter from the Treasury Board Secretariat regarding the proposed Emergency Management Modernization Act

d) Report from Deputy Treasurer regarding Recycling changes

e) Letter from MMAH regarding the introduction of the proposed Municipal Accountability Act

f) Letter to the Mayor regarding the area of Bootlegger's Bay in Algoma Mills

g) Email exchange between Maor and FONOM RE: medical field students

RESOLUTION #24-397

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council receive item a to g of the December 18th, 2024, Consent Agenda for information purposes, and direct staff to look into the acquisition/rental of Bootlegger's Bay in Algoma Mills.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION, READING, AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Per the Township of The North Shore Procedure By-Law, (Section 6.5.2.17) "Questions and answers will be noted in the meeting's minutes in general terms"

There were 17 questions asked during the Question Period of the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting:

**Question 1:**

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Gary Gamble  
Ward of property/residence - Algoma Mills

Question asked (in general terms) - Who is, was and should be responsible to ascertain permits?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor explains that the responsibility it is up to the Municipality and that there is now a clearer and better understanding for the use of permits

**Question 2:**

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Aline Gagnon  
Ward of property/residence - Ward 1

Question asked (in general terms) - Weren't staff members approached on Election Day to inform them of needing a permit and possible fines?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor stated that the Township needs to make sure permits are in place before work completed

**Question 3,4,5,6:**

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Melody  
Ward of property/residence - Ward 3

Question asked (in general terms) - Why were legal fees involved if fine given? What is the difference between submitting to Integrity Commissioner and the Ombudsman? Does the Ombudsman offer best practices? Do we have to follow the recommendations from the Integrity Commissioner?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor explains that lawyer involved to bring down fine amount. The Mayor explains that the Integrity Commissioner and the Ombudsman can both be contacted, that the Integrity Commissioner and Ombudsman offer best practices and recommendations, and that Council does not need to follow Integrity Commissioner recommendations.

**Question 7:**

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Nicolas Gagnon  
Ward of property/residence - Algoma Mills

Question asked (in general terms) - Who is accountable? (regarding Pater Boat launch)

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - No answer given. Mayor thanked for question, and said would look into.

**Question 8:**

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Gary Gamble  
Ward of property/residence - No place of residence spoken

Question asked (in general terms) - Is Council and staff prepared to follow suggestion from Integrity Commissioner regarding uncomfortable situations and showing more discretion before submitting complaints?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - No answer given. The Mayor explains conversations previous about fees, fees to the Municipality, and additional training. Councillor Green mentions costs of Integrity Commissioner, being mindful of fees, the use of the Ombudsman, and says is open to phone calls regarding his Integrity Commissioner complaint. Councillor Welburn speaks that he sees doubt in the crown regarding Pater Boat launch and accountability.

**Question 9,10:**

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - No name given  
Ward of property/residence - No place of residence given

Question asked (in general terms) -What is the total cost of the Pater Boat Launch and are there any other costs on top of what is in the report? Will there be more costs coming?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor explains he does not know if any other fees at this time.

**Question 11:**

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Janice Gamble  
Ward of property/residence - Ward 1

Question asked (in general terms) - Given the Integrity Commissioner's caution (in his report), given a Council member has suggested a Town Hall meeting previously, and to foster good communication, is Council open to putting a pause on Integrity Commissioner complaints until Council hosts a Town Hall meeting for residents and Council to discuss issues and ask questions to provide an information exchange?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - No answers given. The Mayor states Council will take that into consideration and thanks for the question. Councillor Simon states previous and offered training, Integrity Commissioner reports allow the public to see complaints whether dismissed or not dismissed, that members of Council agree with how the public is feeling, and that meeting rules and the Code of Conduct need to be followed. Councillor Welburn asks for clarification on training and refers to previous offers to speak to staff and Council.

*C. Davidson exited Council Chambers at 7:00 PM and returned at 7:00 PM*

**Question 12:**

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Joanne McLellan  
Ward of property/residence - Algoma Mills

Question asked (in general terms) - (mentions possible swapping of land 10 years ago) Instead of purchasing property of Bootlegger's Bay, can there be a swap?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor explains that the MNRF will be contacted, and the previous possible land swap opportunity 10 years ago will be looked into.

**Question 13:**

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Jeremy Schneider  
Ward of property/residence - Ward 1

Question asked (in general terms) - If Bootlegger's Bay is currently Crown Land and anyone can use it, why are we worried about spending taxpayer money?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor states this could be part of looking into Bootlegger's Bay when contacting the MNRF about land swap. Councillor Welburn states previously he believes grants and bursaries were mentioned when speaking about Bootlegger's Bay.

**Question 14,15:**

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Rhonda Kirby  
Ward of property/residence - Ward 1

Question asked (in general terms) - What can the Township do to ensure that Environmental Standards are held to the highest standards? Should a Committee be established?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor thanks for the questions and says Committee will be taken into consideration.

**Question 16:**

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Nicolas Gagnon  
Ward of property/residence - Algoma Mills

Question asked (in general terms) - When will public get answers to questions asked during question period?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - No answer given. Councillor Welburn states that as long as he is on Council things will not be swept under and will be looked at, promptly. Councillor Simon reminds the public that Council needs to be careful with what is discussed publicly from Closed Session.

**Question 17:**

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Joanne McLellan  
Ward of property/residence - Algoma Mills

Question not related to item on agenda.

Question asked (in general terms) - Why things are not coming back under Old Business?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor states that will be looked into and thanks for question.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLUTION #24-398**

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore move to Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, to consider:

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose
- (h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them
- (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board

And to move to Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 (3) of the Municipal Act, to consider:

- (b) an ongoing investigation respecting the Municipality, a local board or a Municipally-controlled Corporation by the Ombudsman appointed under the Ombudsman Act, an Ombudsman referred to in subsection 223.13 (1) of this Act, or the investigator referred to in subsection 239.2 (1)

Closed session meeting attendance by: Township of The North Shore Municipal Council, Clerk, Fire Chief

For the purpose of legal and human resource matters

CARRIED

C. Davidson, in addition, attended Closed Session

*The Mayor called a Recess at 7:15 PM*

*R. Green exited Council Chambers at 7:15 PM*

*L. Menard exited Council Chambers at 7:15 PM*

*T. Simon exited Council Chambers at 7:16 PM*

*M. Simon exited Council Chambers at 7:16 PM*

*C. Davidson exited Council Chambers at 7:16 PM*

*R. Schneider exited and returned to Council Chambers at 7:19 PM*

*T. Simon returned to Council Chambers at 7:19 PM*

*L. Menard returned to Council Chambers at 7:19 PM*

*R. Green returned to Council Chambers at 7:19 PM*

*M. Simon returned to Council Chambers at 7:19 PM*

*C. Davidson returned to Council Chambers at 7:19 PM*

*The Mayor resumed the meeting at 7:21 PM*

*M. Simon left the meeting at 7:25 PM*

*R. Schneider exited Council Chambers at 7:36 PM*

*C. Davidson acted as Clerk as of 7:36 PM*

*C. Davidson exited Council Chambers at 8:12 PM*

*R. Schneider returned to Council Chambers and resumed the role of Clerk at 8:12 PM*

*C. Davidson returned to Council Chambers at 8:13 PM*

*R. Green exited and returned to Council Chambers at 8:13 PM*

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLUTION #24-399**

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore arise from Closed Session at 8:14 PM and report as follows: Council gave direction to the Mayor and Clerk regarding the legal matters

The Mayor asked if Council would like a recorded vote.

**Results:**

Councillor R. Green - Yea

Councillor L. Menard - Yea

Councillor T. Simon - Yea

Councillor R. Welburn - Nay

Mayor T. Moor - Yea

CARRIED

**CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**RESOLUTION # 24-400**

Moved By: T. Simon

Seconded By: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore hereby approve By-Law No. 24-62, Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Regular meeting held December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, be read a first, second and third time, enacted and passed.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION # 24-401**

Moved By: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore Regular Council meeting of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, do now adjourn at 8:16 PM to meet again on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025 at 6:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

  
Tony Moor, Mayor

  
Rachel Schneider, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer