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Minutes

Special Meeting

Township of the North Shore
Tuesday, November 19th, 2024
6 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Council: Tony Moor - Mayor
Robin Green - Councillor at Large
Richard Welburn - Ward 1 - electronic
Len Menard - Ward 2
Tracey Simon - Ward 3

Staff: Matt Simon, Public Works Manager/Fire Chief - *left meeting at 7:07 PM*
Rachel Schneider, Clerk
Craig Davidson, Deputy Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION # 24-355

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

T. Moor - item 7f

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS Nil

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes for the Special meeting of October 11th, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-356

Moved by: R. Welburn

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council of the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore adopts the Special meeting minutes of October 11th, 2024.

CARRIED

b) Minutes for the Regular meeting of October 15th, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-357

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council of the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore adopts the Regular meeting minutes of October 15th, 2024.

CARRIED

c) Minutes for the Special meeting of October 24th, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-358

Moved by: T. Simon

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 October 24th, 2024.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT Nil

REPORTS AND MOTIONS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATIONS

a) 2024 Budget Presentation by Deputy Treasurer

RESOLUTION # 24-359

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore receive the 2025 Budget Presentation by the Deputy Treasurer

CARRIED

b) 2025 Meeting Calendar

RESOLUTION #24-360

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council approve the proposed 2025 Township of The North Shore meeting calendar as presented.

CARRIED

c) Memorandum of Understanding - Snowmobile Trail Land Use Permission - Blind River Sno Riders

RESOLUTION #24-361

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore approves the signing by the Clerk of a new Memorandum of Understanding Prescribed Snowmobile Trail Land Use Permission form with the Blind River Sno Riders for the term of October 3, 2024, to October 3, 2029.

CARRIED

d) December Holiday Office Closure 2024

RESOLUTION #24-362

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 regarding the Municipal Office being closed between Christmas and New Years of 2024 for information purposes.

CARRIED

e) 2025 Ontario Provincial Policing Annual Billing Statement

RESOLUTION #24-363

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 OPP 2025 Annual Billing Statement for information purposes.

CARRIED

f) Resolution of Support - OPP Costs 2025

RESOLUTION #24-364

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore supports the Resolution of Supports from the Municipality of Tweed and the Township of Whitewater Region

THAT Council calls on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to Municipalities

AND THAT Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

- a) Memo from Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding a 34 day public comment period from October 18 - November 21, 2024 regarding amending Ontario regulation 409/19 - On-site and Excess Soil regulation and the Rules for Soil Management and Excess Soil Quality Standards.
- b) Memo from the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding the process for cremations of unclaimed deceased persons
- c) Memo from Service Ontario regarding stillbirth package applications and the elimination of administrative fees for certified copies of stillbirth registrations

RESOLUTION #24-365

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council receive item a - c of the November 6th, 2024, Consent Agenda for information purposes.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS (INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN LETTERS/REPORTS) Nil

INTRODUCTION, READING AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

- a) By-Law 24-57 being a by-law to enter into an Agreement for the Provision of 9-1-1 Primary PSAP Services

RESOLUTION #24-366

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore approve By-Law 24-57 being a by-law to enter into an Agreement for the Provision of 9-1-1 Primary PSAP Services be read a first, second and third time enacted and passed.

CARRIED

- b) By-Law 24-58 being a by-law to adopt the Employee Policy for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore

RESOLUTION #24-367

Moved by: R. Green

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore approve By-Law 24-58 being a by-law to adopt the Employee Policy for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore be read a first, second and third time enacted and passed.

CARRIED

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 5 questions asked during the Question Period of the November 19th, 2024, Special meeting:

Question 1:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Melody Rose

Ward of property/residence - Serpent River

Question asked (in general terms) - No question asked. Makes comment on Riverview Road and suggests Council consider completing portions of the road instead of the entire length. Comments that Handi Spot Road and Riverview Road are disintegrating, and this affects property values. Comments that in previous years an Engineering Report was completed that is missing, new report completed but no work done to road. Serpent River is also a part of the Township.

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - No comments or answers given other than thank you

Question 2:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Gary Gamble

Ward of property/residence - Algoma Mills

Question asked (in general terms) - Regarding Integrity Commissioner line and consultants' line in variance report - sees lump figures and wants breakdown

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor states this will be looked into

Question 3:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Alice Fahey

Ward of property/residence - Algoma Mills

Question asked (in general terms) - Asked if Council has considered establishing a Committee to look and see where upgrades are needed throughout the Township. There can be residents from each area who have different knowledge who can bring back information and ideas to Council.

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - Councillor Simon encourages the public to reach out to their Councillor with concerns who can bring concerns to Council and agrees when Alice states Committee can bring to Council as well.

Question 4:

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

Question asked not related to an item on the agenda.

Question asked (in general terms) - Makes several comments before and after question asked including stating overage of Integrity Commissioner costs and consultant (which was in a variance report included in item 7a), comments on Treasurer absence, states disarray on Rec committee, in Public Works Department and Fire Department, states lots of issues on Council and says Mayor is over his head and unable to control Council and staff, and that tax payers have lost faith in government. She said she feels disregarded and disappointed that the Nov 19 meeting did not address the meeting cancellation and refers to Nov 6th cancelled meeting as "whatever it was that you had here". She states that everyone's vehicles were at the office.

The question was asking if the Mayor and the Ward 2 and 3 Councillors would consider resigning and allowing for a by-election.

Answer given by Council and Clerk (in general terms) - Councillor Menard said that he will not resign. The Mayor states to Janice Gamble that he thinks they need to have a conversation, that incorrect information is getting out, and that he will not resign. Councillor Simon says she will not resign. The Clerk states that her vehicle was not at the office, that the Mayor called the Clerk on the phone to cancel the meeting, if anyone has concerns they should reach out to the Ombudsman to have the matter investigated officially, and that the meeting was cancelled correctly and per the Township Procedure By-Law and due to unforeseen circumstances. Councillor Green does not provide an answer but states he respects confidentiality and doesn't want to impose on anyone's personal business, but that Councillor Welburn has been asking for an answer and he can understand concerns from rate payers, who Council is being paid by. Councillor Welburn does not provide an answer but asks why the meeting was cancelled and why vehicles were at the office.

Question 5:

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

Question asked not related to item on the agenda.

Question asked (in general terms) - Asked if everyone is getting paid to do a certain job and if you can't read your procedures than why is it everyone else's problem?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - Councillor Simon states she did not know the Nov 6 meeting was cancelled until she got to the Municipal Office. Councillor Menard states the same.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #24-368

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

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 items 1-11, specifically:

- ii. (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees
- v. (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board
- vi. (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose
- viii. (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
- xi. (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

Closed session meeting attendance by: Township of The North Shore Municipal Council, Clerk, Deputy Treasurer

For the purpose of legal matters

The Mayor called a Recess at 7:06 PM

M. Simon left the meeting at 7:07 PM
L. Menard exited Council Chambers at 7:07 PM
C. Davidson exited Council Chambers at 7:07 PM
T. Simon exited Council Chambers at 7:07 PM
R. Schneider exited Council Chambers at 7:08 PM and returned at 7:10 PM
R. Green exited Council Chambers at 7:10 PM
T. Moor exited and returned to Council Chambers at 7:11 PM
R. Green returned to Council Chambers at 7:13 PM
T. Simon returned to Council Chambers at 7:13 PM
L. Menard returned to Council Chambers at 7:13 PM
C. Davidson returned to Council Chambers at 7:13 PM

The Mayor resumed the meeting at 7:13 PM

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #24-369

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Welburn

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore arise from Closed Session at 7:46 PM and report as follows: Council gave direction to the Mayor and Clerk regarding the legal matters

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

RESOLUTION # 24-370

Moved By: R. Green

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. 24-59, Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Special meeting held November 19th, 2024, be read a first, second and third time, enacted and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION # 24-371

Moved By: L. Menard

Seconded By: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore Special Council meeting of November 19th, 2024, do now adjourn at 7:48 p.m., to meet again on the 27th day of November 2024, at 6pm or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED


Tony Moor, Mayor


Rachel Schneider, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer