



Minutes

Regular Council Meeting
Township of the North Shore
Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

- Council: Tony Moor - Mayor
Richard Welburn - Ward 1
Len Menard - Ward 2
Tracey Simon - Ward 3 - electronic
Robin Green - Councillor at Large
- Staff: Matt Simon, Public Works Manager/Fire Chief - *left meeting at 6:14 PM*
Rachel Schneider, Municipal Clerk/Deputy Treasurer - *left meeting at 6:15 PM*
Craig Davidson - Deputy Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION #24-303

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 agenda as circulated

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes for the Regular meeting of September 18th, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-304

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 Regular meeting minutes of September 18th, 2024.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

REPORTS AND MOTIONS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATION

a) Notice of Integrity Commissioner Report - October 15th, 2024, Regular Council Meeting
RESOLUTION #24-305

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: R. Welburn

BE IT RESOLVED That Council receive the report regarding notice of Integrity Commissioner reports being brought to the October 15th, 2024, Regular Council meeting for information purposes, and that Council direct staff to schedule with the Integrity Commissioner to attend the October 15th, 2024, Regular Council meeting to provide explanation of the Reports received and answer any questions.

CARRIED

b) Recommendation to Council from Cemetery Committee - Following fee schedule for Cemetery sales

RESOLUTION #24-306

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive and consider the recommendation from the Cemetery Committee meeting of September 19th, 2024, and that Council approve the recommendation from the Cemetery Committee and direct staff to follow the Township of The North Shore Fees Schedule By-Law 21-56, as amended, regarding Cemetery sales.

CARRIED

c) Provision of Notice Policy
RESOLUTION #24-307

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 review and approve the proposed amendments to the Provision of Notice Policy.

CARRIED

d) Resolution of Support - AMCTO Provincial updates to the Municipal Elections Act

RESOLUTION #24-308

Moved by: R. Welburn

Seconded by: R. Green

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections.

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process,

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities.

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026.

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario.

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill.

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce.

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities.

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration.

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of The North Shore calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, Algoma-Manitoulin MPP, and AMCTO.

CARRIED

e) Employee Policy

RESOLUTION #24-309

Moved by: R. Welburn

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 for consideration, and that Council review the proposed amendments to the Employee Policy, and that Council forward any further proposed amendments of the policy to the Clerk to be reviewed by Council at the October 15th, 2024, Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

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 0 questions asked during the Question Period of the October 2nd, 2024, meeting:

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #24-310

Moved by: R. Green
Seconded by: R. Welburn

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore move to Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 (3.1) of the Municipal Act, to consider:

- ii. (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees
- iv. (d) labour relations or employee negotiations
- 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, Designated Clerk

For the purpose of legal and human resource matters.

CARRIED

M. Simon left the meeting at 6:14 PM
R. Schneider left the meeting at 6:15 PM

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #24-311

Moved by: R. Green
Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore arise from Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. and report as follows: Council gave direction to the Mayor and the Designated Clerk regarding the human resource matters

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

RESOLUTION # 24-312

Moved By: R. Welburn
Seconded By: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore hereby approve By-Law No. 24-51, Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Regular meeting held October 2nd, 2024, be read a first, second and third time, enacted and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION # 24-313

Moved By: R. Green

Seconded By: R. Welburn

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore Regular Council meeting of October 2nd, 2024, do now adjourn at 7:44 PM to meet again on the 15th day of October 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED


Tony Moor, Mayor


Rachel Schneider, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer