

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting
Township of the North Shore
Wednesday, February 7th, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Matt Simon, Public Works Manager/Fire Chief - *left meeting at 7:05 PM*
Rachel Schneider, Municipal Clerk/Deputy Treasurer - *left meeting at 7:40 PM*
Craig Davidson - Deputy Treasurer - *left meeting at 7:05 PM*

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION #24-32

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

L. Menard - 7a

T. Simon - Item 5c, Closed Session item 3, Closed Session item 4c

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Special meeting minutes of January 4th, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-33

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore adopts the minutes of the Special meeting of January 4th, 2024.

CARRIED

b) Special meeting minutes of January 15th, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-34

Moved by: R. Welburn

Seconded by: T. Simon

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

CARRIED

T Simon exited Council Chambers at 6:06 PM

c) Regular meeting minutes of January 17th, 2024.

RESOLUTION #24-35

Moved by: R. Welburn

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore adopts the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 17th, 2024.

CARRIED

T. Simon returned to Council Chambers at 6:06 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

REPORTS AND MOTIONS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATION

L. Menard exited Council Chambers at 6:07 PM

a) Fire Fighter On Call RE: MNRF Fire Season

RESOLUTION #24-36

Moved by: R. Welburn

Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report for review and that Council approve that 2 Volunteer Fire Fighters be On Call at the rate of \$50 per day each on weekends during the MNRF Fire Season.

DEFERRED

L. Menard returned to Council Chambers at 6:21 PM

b) Financial Indicator Review 2022

RESOLUTION #24-37

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Welburn

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report as presented regarding the 2022 Financial Indicator Review for information purposes.

CARRIED

c) 2023 4th Quarter Variance Report

RESOLUTION #24-38

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the 4th Quarter Variance Report for 2023 for information purposes.

CARRIED

d) Internal Control Policy

RESOLUTION #24-39

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Welburn

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 Internal Control Policy

CARRIED

e) Library Agreement for 2024

RESOLUTION #24-40

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Welburn

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore extend By-Law 2000-16 to continue the agreement between the Township of The North Shore and the Blind River Public Library

CARRIED

f) Grant Application - Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada Grant

RESOLUTION #24-41

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, and that Council authorize staff to submit an application for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada Grant by March 14th, 2024

CARRIED

g) Resolution of Support - AMO - Social and Economic Prosperity Review

RESOLUTION #24-42

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Welburn

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges - like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

WHEREAS property taxpayers - including people on fixed incomes and small businesses - can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore request that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

h) Procedure By-Law Amendment

RESOLUTION #24-43

Moved by: R. Welburn

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore approve the proposed amendment to Section 6.2 of the Township of The North Shore Procedural By-Law

CARRIED

i) Recreation Committee Appointment - Council Representative

RESOLUTION #24-44

Moved by: R. Welburn

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report for consideration, and that Council appoint Councillor Simon to the Recreation Committee as the Council Representative

CARRIED

j) Public Contact with Council

RESOLUTION #24-45

Moved by: R. Welburn

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 and make a decision on how each member of Council would like the public to contact them for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council term

with the decision being:

Mayor - Option 5

At Large - Option 3

Ward 1 - Option 5 (and gave cheque)

Ward 2 - Option 2

Ward 3 - Option 2

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

- a) Letter from the Ontario Provincial Police - Community Safety and Policing Act

RESOLUTION #24-46

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: R. Welburn

BE IT RESOLVED: That item a, as set out on the Consent Agenda of the February 7th, 2024, Regular meeting of Council, be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS Nil

INTRODUCTION, READING, AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

- a) By-Law 24-09 being a by-law to amend the Procedural By-Law No. 19-13

RESOLUTION #24-47

Moved by: R. Welburn

Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore hereby approve By-Law 24-09 being a by-law to amend the Procedural By-Law no. 19-13 be read a first, second and third times, enacted and passed

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #24-48

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 items 1-11, specifically:

To 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
- iii. (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board
- 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, Clerk

For the purpose of human resource matters and the potential disposition of land.

CARRIED

C. Davidson left the meeting at 7:05 PM

M. Simon left the meeting at 7:05 PM

T. Simon exited Council Chambers at 7:07 PM and returned at 7:09 PM

T. Simon exited Council Chambers at 7:15 PM

Due to the absence of Clerk, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

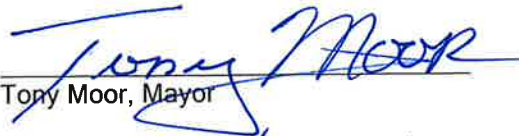
NIL

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

NIL

ADJOURNMENT

NIL


Tony Moor, Mayor


Rachel Schneider, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer