



Minutes

Regular Council Meeting
Township of the North Shore
Wednesday, September 4th, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Matt Simon, Public Works Manager/Fire Chief - *left meeting at 6:45 PM*
Rachel Schneider, Municipal Clerk/Deputy Treasurer
Craig Davidson - Deputy Treasurer - *left meeting at 6:45 PM*

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION #24-261

Moved by: R. Green

Seconded by: T. Simon

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 of the Special meeting of August 9th, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-262

Moved by: R. Green

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 August 9th, 2024.

CARRIED

b) Minutes for the Regular meeting of August 14th, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-263

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 Regular meeting minutes of August 14th, 2024.

CARRIED

c) Minutes of the Special meeting of August 16th, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-264

Moved by: L. Menard

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 August 16th, 2024.

CARRIED

d) Minutes of the Special meeting of August 29th, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-265

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 August 29th, 2024.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

REPORTS AND MOTIONS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATION

a) Employee Right to Disconnect Policy

RESOLUTION #24-266

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 approve the Employee Right to Disconnect Policy.

CARRIED

b) Proclamation - Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day 2024

RESOLUTION #24-267

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

WHEREAS years of research confirms the benefits of high-quality early learning and childcare for young children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development and later life outcomes; and
WHEREAS childcare promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of parents and the broader community by supporting quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the economic and social life of their community; and

WHEREAS trained and knowledgeable Registered Early Childhood Educators and childcare staff are the key to quality in early learning and childcare programs; and

WHEREAS Registered Early Childhood Educators and childcare workers will be vital to the success of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care system; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore proclaim that October 24, 2024, be designated the 24th annual "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of childcare workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

CARRIED

c) Donation of Withheld Council Remuneration

RESOLUTION #24-268

Moved by: R. Welburn

Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED That Council direct Staff to provide a donation to the Blind River Emergency Food Bank in an amount equal to the remuneration withheld as a result of Council accepting the recommendation of the Integrity Commissioner.

CARRIED

d) Legal fees to be Paid - Invoice #964987

RESOLUTION #24-269

Moved by: R. Green

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council review the attached Invoice #964987 from Weaver Simmons, for information purposes.

CARRIED

e) Staff and Council as Volunteer Firefighters Policy

RESOLUTION #24-270

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED That Council receive the staff report as presented for consideration, and that Council approve the Staff and Council as Volunteer Firefighters Policy.

CARRIED

f) Ministry of Labour Field Visit Report dated August 19, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-271

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 Ministry of Labour Field Visit Report for August 19th, 2024, for information purposes.

CARRIED

g) Resolution of Support - Women of Ontario Say No

RESOLUTION #24-272

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

THAT the Council of the Township of The North Shore, considering a resolution in Support of Bill 5 (Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022), and Bill 207 (Municipal Accountability and Integrity Act, 2024) endorse the Resolution as follows:

WHEREAS Municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

WHEREAS a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe; and

WHEREAS Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the Municipality they represent, permit Municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the Municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict Officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election; and

WHEREAS approximately 207 Municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5; and

WHEREAS Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all Municipal Officials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of The North Shore express its support for Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act; and further

THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the local MP Carol Hughes, the local MPP Michael Mantha, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Women of Ontario Say No, and the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra.

The Mayor asked for Council to vote on DEFERRING the motion

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION #24-273

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: T. Simon

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CARRIED

h) Recommendations to Council from Cemetery Committee - Community War Memorial Funding
Application and purchase of war memorial

RESOLUTION #24-274

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore approves to change the location requested for the proposed monument to the front yard of the Municipal Office on the existing basketball net concrete, that Council direct staff to reach out to Elliot Lake Monuments regarding a deposit for the monument, that Council direct staff to reach out to the funding agency for further guidelines, and that Council direct staff to apply for the Community War Memorial Funding

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

- a) Hydro One North Shore Link Project Community open house invitation information
- b) Letter from the Office of the Deputy Minister and Commissioner of Emergency Management regarding the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant Round 2 launching late September 2024

RESOLUTION #24-275

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council receive items a and b of the September 4th, 2024, Consent Agenda for information purposes.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS **Nil**

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 was 1 question asked during the Question Period of the September 4th, 2024, meeting:

Question 1:

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

Question asked (in general terms) - Will Council consider reconsidering the Resolution of Support (item 7g) in support for the Women of Ontario Say No until background information is obtained on group

Answer given (in general terms) - It was explained by Council members that the support being shown is not specifically for the Women of Ontario Say No, but instead for the Provincial Bills that the Women of Ontario Say No and other organizations are asking for Municipalities to support.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #24-276

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
- 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 legal matters and human resource matters

CARRIED

M. Simon left the meeting at 6:45 PM

C. Davidson left the meeting at 6:45 PM

The Mayor called a recess at 6:46 PM

L. Menard exited Council Chambers at 6:46 PM

R. Green exited Council Chambers at 6:46 PM

T. Simon exited Council Chambers at 6:47PM and returned at 6:49 PM

R. Green returned to Council Chambers at 6:51 PM

R. Green exited Council Chambers at 6:52 PM

T. Simon exited Council Chambers at 6:52 PM

R. Green returned to Council Chambers at 6:53 PM
T. Simon returned to Council Chambers at 6:53 PM
L. Menard returned to Council Chambers at 6:53 PM

The Mayor resumed the meeting at 6:53 PM

L. Menard exited Council Chambers at 7:37 PM and returned at 7:38 PM

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #24-277

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 7:38 PM and report as follows: Council gave direction to the Mayor and Clerk regarding the legal matters

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

RESOLUTION # 24-278

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. 24-45, Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Regular meeting held September 4th, 2024, be read a first, second and third time, enacted and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION # 24-279

Moved By: T. Simon

Seconded By: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore Regular Council meeting of September 4th, 2024, do now adjourn at 7:40 PM to meet again on the 18th day of September 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED


Tony Moor, Mayor


Rachel Schneider, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer