



**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Jody Wildman, Mayor
Joe Wiederkehr, Councillor
Joe Cardinal, Councillor
Lorraine Aelick, Councillor
Bruce Ibbitson, Councillor

Staff: Michelle Pearse, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Wildman called the regular Council meeting to order at 6:30.

2. Moment of Silent Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. New Business

5. Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Resolution No: 2017 – 218

Moved by: J. Wiederkehr

Seconded by: J. Cardinal

Be it resolved that the minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising / Activity Log

Review of the Pending Projects list. Request for Quotes for Admin office insulation and emergency exit has been circulated.

7. Public Meetings

a. Disposition of Land

Application has been made by the abutting property owners of the Shore Road Allowance lying in front of Part of Lot 15 and Lot 16, Concession D on either side of the 15th

Sideroad, and in front of the property known as 2002 Shore Road, and as shown as Parts 1 and 3 on Reg. Plan 1R-13346.

Notice of the proposed closure and sale was sent to neighbouring property owners and various public bodies and agencies. No objection has been received from any agency; however one letter of objection has been received from a neighbouring owner.

Judy and John Potvin, 1999 Shore Road, both spoke against the sale stating that they have used the beach for 27 years and to have that right removed would negatively impact their family life. Katherine Henshell, solicitor for the Potvin's, spoke against the purchase, suggesting that the purchaser already has access to the lands so will not gain anything further from ownership. Matt Trainor, 512 B Line, noted the negative impact this sale would have on the residents of the Shore Road. Applicants Ed and Marilyn McDermid, 2002 Shore Road, spoke in favour of their application, being the only eligible purchasers of the two shore allowance parcels.

8. Accounts

Resolution No: 2017 – 219

Moved by: L. Aelick

Seconded by: J. Cardinal

Be it resolved that the Cheque Register dated August 23, 2017 in the amount of \$294,795.51 be approved as presented.

Carried

9. Staff and Committee Reports

a. Seniors Affordable Housing Project

Barbara Jackson, Chair, and Rick Thomas, Vice Chair of the Municipal Non Profit Housing Board, introduced a proposal for a new seniors affordable housing project on the same property as the existing Twin Rocks complex. Ms. Jackson emphasized the need for affordable housing for Seniors, adding that the land, the administration and structure is in place to build a new housing complex that will allow Seniors to remain on the Island. Rick Thomas noted the need to have the building accessed by a public road, which would require opening up the 10th Sideroad trail and bringing it up to provincially acceptable maintained standards to make it accessible to vehicular traffic.

The funding agreement requires the establishment of a separate corporation, which necessitates severing the two properties. The Township will be requested to be the conveyor of properties to enable this to happen. It may be necessary to request a zoning by-law amendment if the new building covers more than the maximum 17% of the new lot of roughly 2.9 acres.

The Township's water and sewer system does have capacity to add up to 18 new units, with the preferred connection from Catherine Street. The Township's utility accounts will benefit from the addition of more residential units created by the project.

Resolution No: 2017 – 220

Moved by: L. Aelick

Seconded by: B. Ibbitson

Be it resolved that the report from the Clerk Administrator and the information presented by Rick Thomas, Vice Chair, St. Joseph Township Municipal Non Profit Housing Corporation, be received; and

That Council supports the Housing Corporation's initiative for a new Seniors Affordable Housing complex on the same property as the existing Twin Rocks facility; and

That Council consider an application for Zoning Amendment to reduce the minimum lot size required under the Township's Zoning By-law; and

That Council consider a recommendation to open and assume maintenance of a portion of the unopened 10th Sideroad road allowance from Highway 548/C Line as a public road at the existing Dr. Trefry Centre/Twin Rocks Housing Complex driveway; and

That Council consider extension of the municipal water and sewer services from the Catherine Street entrance for the new housing facility, in consultation with the PUC.

Carried

b. Event Summary for the Go North Music Festival

Resolution No: 2017 – 221

Moved by: J. Wiederkehr

Seconded by: B. Ibbitson

Be it resolved that the report from the Office Assistant/Health Living Coordinator regarding the Event Summary for the Go North Music Festival be received.

Carried

c. Travel Policy

Resolution No: 2017 – 222

Moved by: J. Cardinal

Seconded by: B. Ibbitson

Be it resolved that the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding a draft Travel Policy be received; and

That Council approve a statement that any work related travel exceeding 200 km shall be reimbursed to the Council member or employee at the same rate as a car rental for the same time period, in addition to the cost of fuel, upon submission of receipts.

Carried

d. Fee Increase for Ice

Resolution No: 2017 – 223

Moved by: J. Wiederkehr

Seconded by: L. Aelick

Be it resolved that the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the fees for bags of ice be received; and

That Council approves an increase to the price of a bag of ice from \$2.25 to \$3.00 effective immediately.

Carried

10. Correspondence

a. Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection & Emergency Management Seminar
Decision Makers workshop to be held in Hilton Beach on October 5, 2017 RSVP

b. Letter from Algoma Public Health Receive
Re: Septic System Permit Fees increasing January 1, 2018

Council recommended that one staff member and one council member attend. This is part of the annual emergency training process required by the Office of the Fire Marshall.

Resolution No: 2017 – 224

Moved by: J. Cardinal

Seconded by: J. Wiederkehr

Be it resolved that the correspondence listed herein and dated August 23, 2017 be received.

Carried

11. By-laws

a. Sale of Shore Road Allowance, 2002 Shore Road

Matt Trainor requested a recorded vote. Councillor Aelick abstained from voting; three members and the Mayor voted in favour of the motion.

Resolution No: 2017 – 225

Moved by: J. Wiederkehr

Seconded by: B. Ibbitson

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2017 - 36 being a by-law to stop up, close and sell part of the Shore Road Allowance in front of Part of Lot 15 and 16, Concession D on either side of the 15th Sideroad, shown as Parts 1 and 3 on Registered Plan 1R-13346, and in front of the property known as 2002 Shore Road; and

That said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

12. Other Business

a. Topsoil Removal By-law

Resolution No: 2017 – 226

Moved by: B. Ibbitson

Seconded by: J. Wiederkehr

Be it resolved that the information regarding unauthorized removal of topsoil from a property on the 20th Sideroad be received; and

That Council direct staff to take measures to ensure that the hauler and the property owner are in compliance with the Township's Topsoil Removal By-law.

Carried

b. A letter was received from the North Shore Health Network Auxiliary, Richards Landing Matthews Site, thanking Township staff, in particular John Cain and summer crew, for assistance and support with Community Night. \$11,000 was raised.

13. Confirmation By-law

Resolution No: 2017 – 227

Moved by: L. Aelick

Seconded by: J. Cardinal

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2017-37 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held this Twenty Third day of August, 2017; and

That said by-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

14. Adjournment


Resolution No: 2017 – 228

Moved by: J. Wiederkehr


Seconded by: B. Ibbitson

Be it resolved that this meeting of the Council of The Township of St. Joseph adjourn at 8:12 pm, to meet again on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Carried



Joseph Wildman, Mayor



Michelle Pearse, Deputy Clerk Treasurer