



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

6:30 p.m. - Wednesday, September 20, 2023
Council Chambers – 1669 Arthur Street, Richards Landing

Present

Council

Mayor Jody Wildman
Councillor Steven Adams
Councillor Bryon Hall
Councillor Cameron Ross
Councillor Greg Senecal

Staff

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator
Dan See, Superintendent of Public Works

Members of the Public

Dwayne Sigfrid
Peter Tarvudd
Janice Willett

1. Call to Order

Mayor Wildman called the meeting to order at 6:30 a.m.

2. Moment of Silent Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. New Business and Discussion Items

- a. Councillor Adams: OTH Rental fee waiver request – 4H club for Country Roads Tour

5. Adoption of the previous minutes

- a. Council Meeting – September 6, 2023

Resolution #2023-233

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

6. Accounts

Resolution #2023- 234

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated September 20, 2023, in the amount of \$611,384.07 be approved as presented.

Carried.

7. Deputation

- a. Dwayne Sigfrid – Shore Road winter maintenance

Request for winter maintenance to be completed earlier in the route than last winter. Discussion regarding normal route versus reasoning as to why and when roads are plowed in what order.

8. Public Meeting

a. Zoning By-Law Amendment – 2242 Canoe Pointe Road (PLAN 4215 LOT 16)

Property Location: PLAN 4215 LOT 16 (2242 Canoe Pointe Road) The application for zoning by-law amendment seeks to reduce the zone standard minimum lot area in the shoreline residential zone from 1 hectare (2.5 acres) to 0.9 hectares (2.22 acres) for the new lot and .8 hectares (2 acres) for the existing lot and, also to reduce the required minimum lot frontage from 45 metres (150 feet) to 18 metres (60 feet) for the new lot 43 metres (140 feet) for the existing lot.

9. Staff and Committee Reports

a. Landfill Committee Meeting Summary

Resolution #2023-235

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the summary from the Landfill Committee meeting held September 18, 2023, be received for information, and

That Council authorizes staff to enter into an agreement with Pinchin to undertake a study regarding waste management strategies and report and presentation of findings at the rate quoted.

Carried.

Resolution #2023-236

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a change in Landfill days schedule so that the Landfill will re-open for Sundays 2:00-8:00 p.m. on the first Sunday or April annually, and

That annual tipping weeks will be held during the week of Victoria Day and the week prior to Thanksgiving.

Carried.

b. Funding Application Request – FedNor Community Improvement Fund

Resolution #2023-237

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding a request to apply for funding from FedNor to cover costs of developing a Community Improvement Plan for downtown Richards Landing be received, and;

THAT Council authorizes staff to submit a funding application to FedNor.

Carried.

c. RFQ Results – Marina Lighthouse, Boardwalk Repairs & Trefry Eavestrough

Resolution #2023- 238

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the results of a Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Marina Lighthouse siding, boardwalk repairs and Trefry eavestrough work be received for information, and,

THAT staff be authorized to award the contract and enter into an agreement with Thomas Young Builders as quoted.

Carried.

10. Consent Agenda – Correspondence

Item #	Description	Action
Items with a request for support (resolutions)		
A	Municipality of Wawa – Maintaining OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatment	Support
B	FONOM – Support for Northern Ontario School of Medicine	Support
C	MMAH - Responding to the Housing Affordability Task Force’s Recommendations	Respond

Resolution #2023 – 239

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence items A through C be received for information; and

That the recommended actions be taken.

Carried.

Resolution #2023 – 240

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Cameron Ross

WHEREAS the Township of St. Joseph recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians, and

WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate, and

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario, and

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities, and

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University’s medical programs, and

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of St. Joseph urges the Provincial Government grant NOSM University’s request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario,

Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.
Carried.

11. Closed Session

Resolution #2023 - 241

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:53 p.m. in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, and the security of the property of the municipality or local board.

- a. Shore Road Allowance Remediation
- b. Fire Department Staffing
- c. Purchase of Property adjacent to municipal property

Carried.

Resolution #2023 - 242

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does rise from Closed Session at 10:03 p.m.

Carried.

Resolution #2023 - 243

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding work being completed on the Township's property (Shore Road Allowance and Water lot) behind Richards Street be received for information, and

That Council authorize staff to proceed as discussed.

Carried.

Resolution #2023 - 244

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Cameron Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding property adjacent to the municipal office be received, and

That Council authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Tulloch Engineering for survey costs to determine the legal description of parkland to be transferred to the municipality.

Carried.

12. By-Laws

- a. Zoning By-Law Amendment – 2242 Canoe Pointe Road (PLAN 4215 LOT 16)

Resolution #2023 - 245

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2023-31 being a By-Law to amend Zoning By-law 2011 - 34, as amended, reduce the zone standard minimum lot area in the shoreline residential zone from 1 hectare (2.5 acres) to 0.9 hectares (2.22 acres) for the new lot and .8 hectares (2 acres) for the existing lot and, also to reduce the required minimum lot frontage from 45 metres (150 feet) to 18 metres (60 feet) for the new lot 43 metres (140 feet) for the existing lot; and

That said by-law be passed in open Council on September 20, 2023.

Defeated.

b. Confirmation

Resolution #2023 – 246

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2023-32 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on September 20, 2023; and

THAT said by-law be passed in open Council on September 20, 2023.

Carried.

13. Adjournment

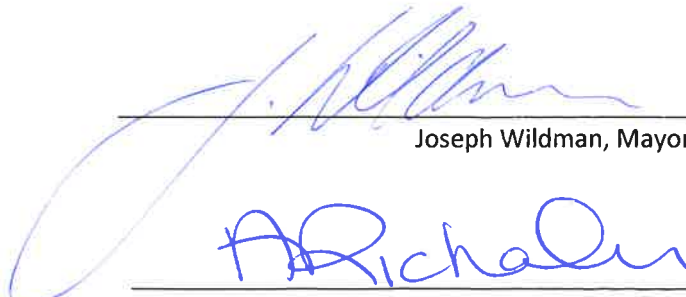
Resolution #2023 - 247

Moved By: Steven Adams


Seconded By: Cameron Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Council of the Township of St. Joseph adjourn at 10:10 p.m. to meet again at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, or at the call of the chair.

Carried.



Joseph Wildman, Mayor



Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator