

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH

COUNCIL MEETING

ADDENDUM

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Council Chambers – 1669 Arthur Street, Richards Landing

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1. Correspondence

- a. Snowmobile Travel at Humbug Point

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence regarding snowmobile travel in the area of Humbug Point Road be received, and

THAT Council directs staff to _____.

2. By-Laws

- a. Agreement – Northern Ontario’s Resource Development Support Fund

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2022-15 being A By-law authorizing the Treasurer to execute a Municipal Funding Agreement for local infrastructure between The Township of St. Joseph and the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, and

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

Mayor and Council The Township of St. Joseph

Re: An urgent matter of public safety. Concerning snowmobile travel at Humbug Point.

February 16/2022

The issue involves the safe access to pass open water and dangerous ice conditions for snowmobilers in the area of the Gilbertson Bridge. One of the owners of property at Humbug Point has put up no trespassing signs, placed large rocks in an attempt to block travel and threatened snowmobilers with trespassing charges for using this traditional crossing. As you know this is the only safe passage that has been used for years to cross the bridge area.

The large rocks placed on MTO property should be removed immediately as a hazard to those who are unaware of this issue and could cause a collision with serious injury or death.

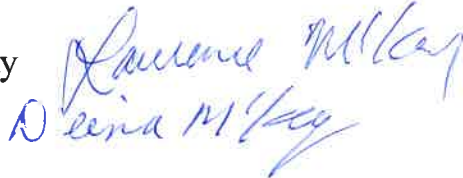
To be absolutely clear, no one is actually on or crossing the deeded land of the property owner. The property line as shown on township maps clearly shows that the travel is only on MTO property.

We believe the agreement between the multiple property owners at Humbug Point and MTO was to ensure that access to their property would not be closed up at some point by MTO.

In the interest of public safety and concerns we therefore request council to petition MTO to attempt to resolve this situation in a timely manner given the very short snowmobile season remaining.

We note that it is illegal to cross open water with a snowmobile. While some may ignore the law to get by the property in question it does put at risk others who are just following the tracks into danger especially after dark or snowy conditions. This also puts the lives of our first responders in danger if they must respond to a fast water rescue.

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BY-LAW 2022-15

A By-law authorizing the Treasurer to execute a Municipal Funding Agreement for local infrastructure between The Township of St. Joseph and the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF).

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

WHEREAS The Township of St. Joseph wishes to enter into Agreement with the MNDMNRF in order to participate in the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund, with the fund administration to be carried out by MNDMNRF under the Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Township of St. Joseph does hereby enact as follows:

1. THAT the Treasurer be hereby authorized to execute a Municipal Funding Agreement between the MNDMNRF and The Township of St. Joseph.
2. THAT any by-law or portion thereof previously approved by Council which conflicts with this By-law shall be hereby repealed.
3. Should any section, subsection, clause, paragraph, or provision of this By-law be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this by-law or the by-law as a whole.
4. THAT this By-law shall take effect on the day of passing.

READ A FIRST, AND TAKEN AS READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME and finally passed in open Council on February 16th, 2022

Joseph Wildman, Mayor

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator