



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday, December 20, 2023
Council Chambers – 1669 Arthur Street, Richards Landing**

Present

Council

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

Staff

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator

Regrets

Councillor Bryon Hall

1. Call to Order

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

2. Moment of Silent Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. Adoption of the previous minutes

a. Regular Council Meeting – December 6, 2023

Resolution # 2023-318

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

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

Carried.

5. Accounts

Resolution # 2023-319

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated December 20, 2023, in the amount of \$333,613.65 be approved as presented.

Carried.

6. New Business and Discussion Items

7. Staff and Committee Reports

a. Request for Waiver of Rental Fee –Stand Up Physio Program

Resolution # 2023-320

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Cameron Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the request from the Huron Shores Family Health team to waive the rental fee for Council chambers to run the 12-week Stand Up Physio program, free of charge to community members, be received for information, and



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That Council authorizes staff to waive the rental fee for the program provided as a community benefit.
Carried.

b. WI Exercise Equipment RFQ Results

Resolution # 2023- 321

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding the results of a Request for Quotes for four pieces of outdoor fitness equipment for the WI park be received; and

That council authorize staff to award the contract to Blue Imp.

Carried.

c. Marina project update

Resolution # 2023- 322

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Cameron Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding the results of drilling for voids in the Marina Services Building Foundation and engineer recommended change of scope be received; and

That council approves the change order.

Carried.

8. Correspondence

Item #	Description	Action
Items to be received for information		
A	OPP – November 2023 Police Service Board Report	Receive
Items with a request for support (resolutions)		
B	Women in Crisis (Algoma Inc.) – Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic	Support
C	City of Sudbury – Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act	Support
D	Township of Clearview – Cemetery Administration Management Support	Receive

Resolution # 2023- 323

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

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



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That the recommended actions be taken.

Carried.

Resolution # 2023 - 324

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

Whereas the jury that heard The Renfrew County Inquest issued 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and delivered those recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and

Whereas recommendation #1 of the inquest is for the Province of Ontario to formally declare intimate partner violence an epidemic; and

Whereas every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner; and

Whereas this past year in Ontario, 62 women in 52 weeks, were victims of femicide; and

Whereas gender- and sexually diverse Indigenous individuals are particularly at risk, being five times more likely than non-Indigenous gender- and sexually- diverse individuals to experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime; and

Whereas according to Statistics Canada, 80 percent of intimate partner violence goes unreported; and

Whereas violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities nearly \$10 billion dollars per year; and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence; and

Whereas over 60 municipalities and regions across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic; and

Whereas on August 20, 2023, Ontario Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario passed a motion declaring intimate partner violence and gender-based violence an epidemic; called on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities and regions in Ontario and Canada to do the same; and called for changes to the Criminal Code; and

Whereas the St Joseph Township Council recognizes that issues of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence are matters of local importance, including public health, EMS, community services, and community safety,

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Council of the Township St Joseph recognizes the need to bring greater attention and resources to the issue of intimate partner violence and gender-based violence in accordance



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with recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest.

2. That staff be directed to write a letter to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario requesting that the Province of Ontario reconsider their previous decision and declare intimate partner violence and gender-based violence as an epidemic and act on all of 86 recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest by setting up a provincial implementation committee to oversee comprehensive consideration of all of the recommendations.
3. That the government of Ontario be urged to work with service providers and all levels of government to ensure the appropriate level of resources are put toward addressing the issue of intimate partner violence and gender-based violence in every community across the province.
4. That a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Arif Virani, minister of justice; the Honourable Doug Ford, premier of Ontario; the Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, associate minister of women's social and economic opportunity; the Honourable Parm Gill, minister of red tape reduction, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and Ontario's Big City Mayors.

Carried.

9. Addendum

a. Staff and Committee Reports

Treatment Plant – Pump Replacement & Electrical Upgrades

Resolution # 2023 - 325

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the quote for installation of the sewage treatments plant's lift station submersible pump and electrical upgrades be received for information, and

That Council accepts PUC's recommendation and authorize staff to award the project to Stobie Mechanical.

Carried.

10. Closed Session

Resolution # 2023- 326

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Cameron Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into Closed Session at 7:16 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. PSW Recommendation



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- b. 2023 Performance Evaluation Summary
- c. Fire Department Staff

Carried.

Resolution # 2023-327

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does rise from Closed Session at 8:39 p.m.

Carried.

Resolution # 2023- 328

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the resignation of two part-time Personal Support Workers be received with regret, and

That Council authorizes staff to offer the position of part-time Personal Support Worker to the individual named in the report.

Carried.

Resolution # 2023 - 329

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Cameron Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2023 performance evaluation summary be received for information, and

That Council authorizes the rate increases as discussed.

Carried.

Resolution # 2023 - 330

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding Fire Department staffing be received for information.

Carried.

11. By-Laws

- a. Community Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement

Resolution # 2023 – 331

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2023-41 BEING a by-law authorizing the Clerk Administrator to execute a Municipal Funding Agreement for the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG) between The Township of St. Joseph and The Province of Ontario, and,



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That said by-law be passed in open council on December 20, 2023.
Carried.

b. Confirmation

Resolution # 2023- 332

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Cameron Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2023- 42 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on December 20, 2023; and

THAT said by-law be passed in open council on December 20, 2023.
Carried.

12. Adjournment

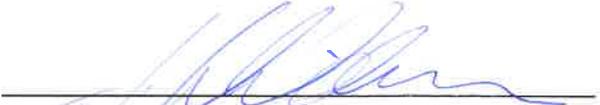
Resolution # 2023- 333

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Council of the Township of St. Joseph adjourn at 8:47 p.m. to meet again at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, or at the call of the chair.

Carried.



Joseph Wildman, Mayor



Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator