



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
~~DRAFT~~ MINUTES  
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday, March 20, 2024  
Council Chambers – 1669 Arthur Street, Richards Landing

**Present**

**Council**

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

**Staff**

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator

**Regrets**

Councillor Cameron Ross

**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 – March 6, 2024

Resolution #2024- 73

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

**5. Accounts**

Resolution #2024- 74

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated March 6, 2024, in the amount of \$204,207.79 be approved as presented.

Carried.

**6. New Business and Discussion Items**

**7. Staff and Committee Reports**

- a. 2024 Budget and Summer Council Meeting Schedule

Resolution #2024- 75

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the 2024 summer and budget meeting schedule be received for information, and

That the proposed timeline for budget preparations be accepted for information, and

That Council approves the proposed schedule of an additional, special meeting to be held May 8, 2024, beginning at 5:00 p.m., and meeting Wednesdays, July 17, and August 14, 2024, returning to a regular meeting rotation on Wednesday, September 4th, 2024, and

That Council directs staff to advertise for the changes to the regular Council meeting schedule.

Carried.

b. Funding Application Request: Seniors' Fitness and Wellness

Resolution #2024- 76

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Manager of Seniors and Persons with a Disability Services regarding the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility Grant application to fund fitness and wellness programs as well as equipment, and;

THAT council approves staff to apply to the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility Grant for instructor fees and equipment purchase.

Carried.

c. Landfill 3-Year Annual Monitoring and Reporting Proposal

Resolution #2024- 77

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer regarding the 3-Year Annual Monitoring Agreement with Pinchin be received by Council; and that staff be authorized to execute the proposal with Pinchin as a compliance requirement under the Site Certificate of Approval (C of A) number A561701.

Carried.

d. OPP Detachment Board Appointment

Resolution #2024- 78

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding appointment of a Council representative to the East Algoma OPP Detachment Boards be received, and

THAT Council, as required by the Ministry of the Solicitor General, appoints Greg Senecal as their representative of the East Algoma OPP Detachment Board #1, and

THAT Council Recommend John Cain to the Board for consideration as a community representative.

Carried.

e. Integrity Commissioner Report

Resolution #2024- 79

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Ironside Consulting Services regarding the annual integrity commissioner report for the period covering April 15, 2023, to December 31, 2023, be received for information.

Carried.

f. Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Grant for Go North

Resolution #2024- 80

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding a Northern Ontario Heritage Fund application for the Go North Festival be received: and

That resolution #2024-49 be amended to include:

THAT Council commits to funding any deficits for the Go North Music Festival from the Events Reserve if funding requests are declined by the NOHFC or other agencies.

Carried.

**8. Correspondence**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Items with a request for support (resolutions)</b>		
A	Twp. of Amaranth – Req for Reallocation of Funds for Municipal Infrastructure Costs and Housing Construction Initiatives	Receive
B	Twp. of Amaranth – Equivalent operating funding for all municipalities	Receive
C	Town of Bracebridge – Req to Province for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework	Receive
D	Municipality of Brighton – Create Coherent and Standardized Ride Sharing Svcs	Receive
E	Town of Cobourg - Municipal Heritage Registers	Receive
F	Tay Valley Township – Declaration of Climate Change Crisis	Support

Resolution #2024- 81

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

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

That the recommended actions be taken.

Carried.

Resolution #2024-82

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

WHEREAS, climate change annually contributes to hundreds of billions of dollars in property and infrastructure damage worldwide, stressing local to national and international economies;

WHEREAS, climate change jeopardizes the health and risks the extinction of millions of species worldwide, stressing and weakening the health and integrity of ecosystems everywhere;

WHEREAS, climate change harms the health and security of people through intense wildfires, flooding, storms, droughts, rising sea levels, the spread of invasive insects bearing diseases, negative impacts on agriculture, and food supply interruption, thus further stressing social, economic, and political systems;

WHEREAS, there is now a large body of evidence and climate change risk scenarios which point to the imperative for steep and permanent reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, immediately and in the coming decades, in order to avoid many climate change "tipping points" which, if crossed, will render further and devastating ecological, economic, and societal losses;

AND WHEREAS, a crisis can be defined as "a dangerous situation requiring immediate action";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Township of St. Joseph officially declares a climate change crisis for the purposes of naming, framing, and deepening our commitment through the development of a climate change action plan to protect our local ecosystems, local economy, and our community from the impacts of climate change;

THAT, this resolution be revisited each term of Council and within the first year of the new council;

AND THAT, this resolution be provided to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change; to Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carole Hughes; to Premier Doug Ford and Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; to Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha.

Carried.

## **9. Closed Session**

Resolution #2024- 83

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into Closed Session at 7:38 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, and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

- a. Fire Department Staff
- b. Summer Student Staff
- c. Ontario Land Tribunal case update

Carried.

Resolution #2024- 84

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does rise from Closed Session at 8:08 p.m.

Carried.

Resolution #2024- 85

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

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

Carried.

Resolution #2024- 86

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding 2024 summer positions for the municipality be received for information, and

That Council authorize staff to offer the following five positions to the individuals named in the report, as discussed:

- Public Works Assistant
- Parks and Recreation Assistant
- Marina Attendant/Parks Maintenance
- Marina Attendant (2)

Carried.

Resolution #2024- 87

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the updates regarding an Ontario Land Tribunal appeal be received for information.

Carried.

## 10. By-Laws

- a. Confirmation

Resolution #2024- 88

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024- 12 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on March 20, 2024; and THAT said by-law be passed in open council on March 20, 2024.  
Carried.

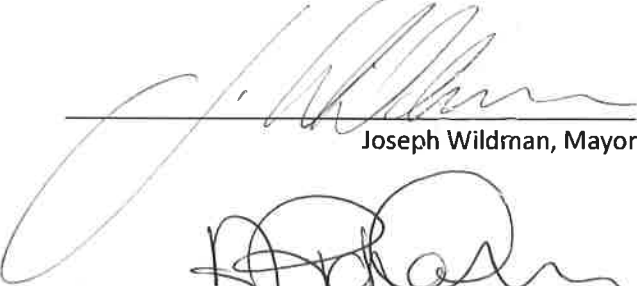
**11. Adjournment**

Resolution #2024- 89


Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Council of the Township of St. Joseph adjourn at 8:11 p.m. to meet again at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, or at the call of the chair.  
Carried.



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Joseph Wildman, Mayor



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Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator