



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday, January 24, 2024
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
Michelle Pearse, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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. New Business and Discussion Items

a. Ontario Land Tribunal Hearing Update

The Clerk Administrator advised that the Ontario Land Tribunal Hearing regarding the appeal for zoning by-law amendment #2022-22 was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The claims were dismissed, and the zoning by-law amendment is now considered in full force and effect.

b. Boil Water Advisory Update

The Clerk Administrator advised that the remaining pressure tanks were installed during the evening of January 22, 2024, and all went to plan. A boil water advisory remains in effect for users of the Richards Landing water system. Two clear water samples were required by Algoma Public Health to lift the boil water advisory. Both samples have been taken and transported for analysis, results are expected back sometime Thursday, January 25, 2024.

5. Adoption of the previous minutes

a. Regular Council Meeting – January 10, 2024

Resolution #2024-16

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

6. Accounts

Resolution #2024- 17

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Cameron Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated January 24, 2024, in the amount of \$254,223.42 be approved as presented.

Carried.

7. Staff and Committee Reports

a. Staff and Volunteer Mileage Rates

Resolution #2024-18

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Treasurer regarding mileage reimbursement rates be received: and

THAT Council approve adoption of the federal mileage rates as set each year.

Carried as amended.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Request for Purchase - Building Permit Software Licence

Resolution #2024-19

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer regarding the request to purchase a software program be received, and

That Council authorizes staff to enter into a licence agreement with The Managed Municipality (TMM) for a building permit software program.

Carried.

c. Water Plant - Exhaust Fan Quotes

Resolution #2024- 20

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Cameron Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the Water Treatment Plant Ventilation Fan Replacement be received; and

That Council approve engaging with North Channel HVAC to undertake the work.

Carried.

d. RFP Results – Go North Marketing

Resolution #2024-21

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding the results of the RFQ 2023-14 for Marketing Management for the Go North Music Festival 2024 be received; and

That Council approve contracting with Socially Fused Media for marketing services.
Carried.

8. Correspondence

Item #	Description	Action
Items to be received for information		
A	North Shore Health Network Auxiliary, Matthews Site – 2023 Share Shed Contributions	Receive
B	G. Richards - Impact of planned generation, distribution and storage of electricity on municipalities in the Algoma District	Receive
C	OPP – November & December 2023 Police Service Board Report	Receive
Items with a request for support (resolutions)		
D	Former Public Health Employees Group - Regional Public Health Ontario Laboratories	Support
E	Association of Ontario Road Supervisors – Municipal Equipment Operator Course	Support

Resolution #2024- 22

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

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

That the recommended actions be taken.
Carried.

Resolution #2024- 23

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Steven Adams

WHEREAS municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents; AND

WHEREAS, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen; AND

WHEREAS, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause levels of service municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease; AND

WHEREAS there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of St. Joseph supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue; AND

THAT, The Township of St. Joseph calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund; AND

THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccini, MPP Michael Mantha and the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors. Carried.

9. Closed Session

Resolution #2024- 24

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into Closed Session at 7:14 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 instruction to be applied to negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality:

- a. Bell Mobility Tower Update
- b. Fire Department Staff
- c. 2023 Performance Evaluation Summary – Department Heads

Carried.

Resolution #2024- 25

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does rise from Closed Session at 8:30 p.m.

Carried.

Resolution #2024- 26

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding updates on the agreement with Bell Canada for the proposed Bell Mobility Tower located at 1669 Arthur Street be received for information, and

That Council accept the letter of termination of the agreement from Bell Canada, and

That Council authorize staff to begin communications with Signum Wireless for a potential alternative.

Carried.

Resolution #2024- 27

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Cameron Ross

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

Carried.

10. By-Laws

a. Confirmation

Resolution #2024- 28

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-06 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on January 24, 2024; and THAT said by-law be passed in open council on January 24, 2024.

Carried.

11. Adjournment

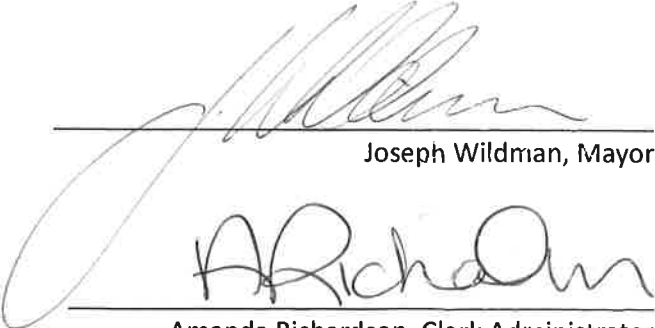
Resolution #2024- 29

Moved By: Bryon Hall


Seconded By: Cameron Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Council of the Township of St. Joseph adjourn at 8:36 p.m. to meet again at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, or at the call of the chair.

Carried.



Joseph Wildman, Mayor



Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator