



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

**Present**

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<b>Council</b>	<b>Mayor Jody Wildman Councillor Steven Adams Councillor Bryon Hall Councillor Greg Senecal</b>
<b>Staff</b>	<b>Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator Michelle Pearce, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer</b>
<b>Regrets</b>	<b>Councillor Cameron Ross</b>

**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. Council Meeting – November 6, 2024

Resolution #2024-291

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

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

Carried.

**5. Accounts**

- a. Disbursements – November 7-15, 2024

Resolution #2024- 292

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated November 20, 2024, in the amount of \$424,977.57 be approved as presented.

Carried.

## **6. New Business & Items for Discussion**

- a. Addendum: Richards Landing Community Services (Huron Shores Family Health Team)

Mayor Wildman summarized a recent meeting with management. A letter encouraging the Family Health team to maintain current social service levels in Richards Landing will be sent.

- b. By-Law Review & Discussion:  
Administrative Monetary Penalties  
Back yard poultry  
Responsible Animal Ownership

Staff reviewed initial drafts of these by-laws, revisions to be made and brought back for further review prior to passing.

## **7. Staff and Committee Reports**

- a. Seniors Services – Policy Updates

Resolution #2024-293

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Manager of Seniors and Persons with a Disability regarding the policy updates to the Client Declaration Policy, Client Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, and Meals on Wheels Service Cancellation/Discharge Policy be approved as presented.

Carried.

- b. Funding Application Request: NOHFC (Trefry Centre Kitchen Renovation) Amendment  
Resolution #2024-294

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT resolution #2024-47 regarding the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) -Rural Enhancement Stream be amended to include:

That Council authorizes staff to apply to The NOHFC for the Trefry Center Commercial Kitchen Renovation; and

That the project value is \$193,240.00; and

That Council commits to covering 10% of the project costs to a total of \$19,324 and any cost overruns for the project from reserves should the project budget be in excess of the approved amount.

Carried.

- c. Funding Application Request: Experience Ontario and Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund (Go North 2025)

Resolution #2024-295

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding Application to Experience Ontario 2025 and the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund for the Go North Music Festival be received; and

That Council authorizes staff to apply for the Experience Ontario 2025 funding from the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries for the 2025 Go North Music Festival; and

That Council authorizes staff to apply to the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund for the 2025 Go North Music Festival; and

That Council commits to funding any deficits for the Go North Music Festival from the Events Reserve if funding requests are declined.

Carried.

- d. Addendum: Funding Application: Fire Marshal's Public Safety Council Training Grant Resolution #2024-296

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) Training Grant be received; and

That Council authorizes staff to apply for the FMPFSC grant to fund textbook purchases for Firefighter training purposes.

Carried.

## 8. Correspondence

- a. **Consent Agenda:**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Items with a request for support (resolutions)</b>		
103	Township of Puslinch – Excess Soil Management Practices	Support
104	Township of McGarry - Redistribution of Provincial Land Transfer Tax & GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding	Support
105	Rogers Communications – Proposed Cell Tower 20th SR - F&G Line	Clarify
106	Sault Ste Marie – Homelessness and Addiction Recover Treatment (HART) Hub	Support
107	Township of Papineau-Cameron- Inclusion of Pre-Approved Affordable Housing Plans in Ontario Building Code	Support

Resolution #2024-297

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence item #103 through #107 be received for information;  
and

That the recommended actions be taken.  
Carried.

Resolution #2024-298

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

Whereas, homelessness, mental health challenges, and substance use issues continue to grow in the City of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma region creating increased demand for services at Sault Ste. Marie's existing Community Resource Centre, and

Whereas, low-barrier connections to services and critical support networks are foundational to the success of mental health and addictions treatment, life stabilization and aftercare programming that ensures vulnerable individuals can attain housing to achieve and maintain well-being and recovery, and

Whereas, the Ministry of Health has announced the Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub initiative, which represents an opportunity to get people in our region the help they need, and

Whereas, the Canadian Mental Health Association of Algoma and contributing partners have developed a proposal that demonstrates the need for such a facility in Sault Ste. Marie to serve the city and surrounding region,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Township of St. Joseph supports the application by the Canadian Mental Health Association of Algoma to the Government of Ontario for a HART (Homelessness, Addictions Recovery & Treatment) Hub to be located in Sault Ste. Marie, and

Further Be It Resolved, that this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Health, Michael Mantha, MPP, the Canadian Mental Health Association of Algoma, the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Township of Prince, Township of Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional, Township of Laird, Township of Tarbutt, Township of Johnson, Township of Hilton, Village of Hilton Beach, Township of Jocelyn, Town of Bruce Mines, Township of Plummer, Township of Huron Shores and the Town of Thessalon.

## **9. By-Laws**

- a. Deputy Clerk Appointment  
Resolution #2024- 299  
Moved By: Steven Adams  
Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-49 being a By-Law to amend By-Law 2023-29, and to appoint a Deputy Clerk for The Corporation of The Township of St. Joseph, and

THAT said by-law be passed in open Council on November 20, 2024.

b. Deputy Treasurer Appointment

Resolution #2024-300

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-50 being a By-Law to appoint a Deputy Treasurer for The Corporation of The Township of St. Joseph, and

THAT said by-law be passed in open Council on November 20, 2024.

c. Confirmation

Resolution #2024-301

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-51 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on November 20, 2024; and

THAT said by-law be passed in open Council on November 20, 2024.


**10. Adjournment**

Resolution #2024-302

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Council of the Township of St. Joseph adjourn at 8:15 p.m. to meet again at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, or at the call of the chair.

  
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Joseph Wildman, Mayor  
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Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator