

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor David Ham  
Councillor Christianna Jones  
Councillor Robert Maguire  
Councillor David McDowell  
Councillor Hugh Moggy

**Staff:** Alton Hobbs, CAO  
Jeremy Rody, Clerk  
Deb MacDonald, Treasurer  
Ron Cooper, Public Works Superintendent  
Jackie White, Events Coordinator

**Press:** Alicia McCutcheon, Expositor

**OPENING:**

**#01-01-19 H. Moggy – R. Maguire**

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack be opened for business with a quorum of members present at 5:00 p.m., with Mayor Ham presiding in the Chair.

*CARRIED*

**AGENDA:**

**#02-01-19 R. Maguire – H. Moggy**

THAT the agenda for this meeting be amended by adding the following item:

6-H) Council Meeting Times;

AND THAT the agenda be accepted as amended.

*CARRIED*

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There were no announcements.

**MINUTES:**

**#03-01-19 H. Moggy – C. Jones**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 18, 2018, be accepted.  
*CARRIED*

**DELEGATIONS:**

There were no delegations.

**REPORTS:**

There were no reports.

**ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:**

**#04-01-19 C. Jones – H. Moggy**

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

General: \$106,000.67

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #28412 through #28469 as described in the attached cheque register report.

*CARRIED*

**#05-01-19 H. Moggy – C. Jones**

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

Payroll: \$19,966.87

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #28460 through #28465 as described in the attached cheque register report.

*CARRIED*

**#06-01-19 H. Moggy – C. Jones**

THAT a Burns Wharf Theatre Advisory Committee be established to search for theatre building renovation funding opportunities;

AND THAT the following individuals shall be appointed to the committee:

1. Peter Baumgarten, Burns Wharf Theatre Players
2. Chuck Vanderveen, Burns Wharf Theatre Players
3. David Ham, Assiginack Council
4. Robert Maguire, Assiginack Council

*CARRIED*

**#07-01-19 R. Maguire – H. Moggy**

THAT Assiginack Council submit an application to FedNor's Northern Ontario Development Program for an Economic Development Officer.

*CARRIED*

**#08-01-19 R. Maguire – D. McDowell**

WHEREAS the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund will provide funding to Ontario municipalities to assist with the expected increase in various costs related to cannabis legalization;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Assiginack Council does forecast an increase to policing costs and district social services costs as a result of cannabis legalization and shall not opt-out of the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund.

*CARRIED*

**6-E) Councillor's Priorities Discussion**

Dave McDowell – Councillor McDowell expressed in interest in touring all the Township buildings as it is important to see these buildings when discussing at the Council table. He would also like to learn more about the Township equipment requirements. He would like to address staffing needs as there are current employees who are close to retirement. He would like to support the development of a waterfront apartment unit primarily for seniors, this would bring more volunteers into the community. He would like to investigate solutions for Rogers Creek Bridge, Burns Wharf Theatre and Private Roads. And he would like to discuss By-law Enforcement on several issues.

Robert Maguire – Councillor Maguire would like to focus on Economic Development initiatives and establish a committee that includes council members, business owners, and members of the community. Staff will advertise for this committee until the second meeting in February to be appointed at the first meeting in March.

Christianna Jones – Councillor Jones would like to prioritize Economic Development and an improved waterfront to help bring traffic from highway 6 into the community. She would like to focus on more advertising for the events in our community as well as promoting the Marina and Golf Course as a attractions. She would like to promote Experience Tourism in Assiginack as people are vacationing different now than they have in the past, they are looking for unique experiences.

Hugh Moggy – Councillor Moggy's priority is infrastructure. Many buildings need attention including Burns Wharf Theatre, Public Works, Museum, Roller Mills, and Post Office. He would like to discuss what Council is going to do about the Fire Hall. There is some work to be done at the waste disposal site to ensure its future. He would like to see a solution for Rogers Creek Bridge as well as improvements to our network of roads. He will support Economic Development initiatives.

**#09-01-19 R. Maguire – D. McDowell**

THAT Assiginack Council approach the Township of Tehkummah Council regarding a preferred solution for the Rogers Creek Bridge which is currently closed due to its deteriorating condition;

AND THAT Assiginack Council requests that both Councils appoint a designated member to work together on a preferred solution, cost estimates, and funding discussions;

AND FUTHER THAT the members contact the Ontario Good Roads Association to inquire on any assistance they may be able to provide.

*CARRIED*

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**#10-01-19 R. Maguire – D. McDowell**

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence items:

- a) AMO Communications of December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

*CARRIED*

**BY-LAWS:**

There were no by-laws.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**#11-01-19 C. Jones – D. McDowell**

THAT in accordance with By-law #15-30 and Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, Council proceeds to a Closed Session at 5:42 p.m. in order to attend to a matter pertaining to:

- b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal of local board employees

*CARRIED*

**#12-01-19 C. Jones – D. McDowell**

THAT we adjourn from our Closed Session at 5:59 p.m., approve the minutes of the Closed Session of October 16, 2018 and resume our regular meeting.

*CARRIED*

**CLOSING:**

**#13-01-19 R. Maguire – D. McDowell**

THAT we adjourn until the next regular meeting or call of the Chair.

*CARRIED*

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David Ham, MAYOR

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Jeremy Rody, CLERK

6:00 p.m.

These Minutes have been circulated but are not considered Official until approved by Council.