

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

#03-01-16 B. Reid – H. Moggy

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 15th, 2015, be accepted.
CARRIED

#04-01-16 H. Moggy – B. Reid

THAT the minutes of the Assiginack Public Library Board meeting of November 23rd, 2015, be accepted.

CARRIED

#05-01-16 B. Reid – H. Moggy

THAT the minutes of the Manitoulin Planning Board meeting of December 8th, 2015, be received.

CARRIED

#06-01-16 H. Moggy – B. Reid

THAT the minutes of the Assiginack Museum Advisory Committee meeting of November 4th, 2015, be accepted.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

#07-01-16 L. Fields – H. Moggy

THAT we accept the Leachate Management & Contingency Measures Report, prepared by Exp Services.

ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:

#08-01-16 R. Case – L. Fields

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

General: \$225,526.31

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #25132-25167, #25169-25174, #25179-25209 and #25216-25250 as described in the attached cheque register reports.

CARRIED

#09-01-16 L. Fields – R. Case

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

Payroll: \$57,936.62

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #25127-25131, #25175-25178, and #25210-25215 as described in the attached cheque register reports.

CARRIED

#10-01-16 R. Case – L. Fields

THAT Council accepts the monthly Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report as at November 30th, 2015.

CARRIED

#11-01-16 L. Fields – R. Case

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack acquired the SS Norisle from the Province of Ontario, through an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation in 1975;

AND WHEREAS the vessel has outlived its useful life as a community/tourist attraction;

AND WHEREAS a dedicated community group feels the vessel has a future life as a Great Lakes Cruise Ship, but the costs to retrofit the vessel are far beyond this Municipality's ability to provide;

AND WHEREAS issues concerning ownership, management, and operation of the vessel as a Great Lakes Cruise Ship would have to be determined before the vessel could sail and these issues are far beyond this Municipality's ability to determine;

AND WHEREAS if this future use of the vessel is not financially viable, the vessel would still have to be disposed of and the cost to do so is far beyond this Municipality's capability to undertake;

AND WHEREAS this Municipality cannot dispose of the vessel without the permission of the Province of Ontario through the Ministry of Transportation, pursuant to the 1975 agreement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we petition the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Transportation to re-assume ownership and responsibility of and for the vessel with the following mandate:

- a) To investigate, along with the SS Norisle Steamship Society, the viability of the vessel as a Great Lakes cruise ship;
- b) If viable for this purpose, to co-ordinate the ownership, management and operations requirements of the vessel for this purpose; and,
- c) If not viable, to undertake the steps necessary to remove the vessel from the Manitowaning waterfront.

CARRIED

#12-01-16 R. Case – L. Fields

THAT the following members of Council and Staff be authorized to represent the Municipality at the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference, February 21-24, 2016, in Toronto: Paul Moffatt, Hugh Moggy, Les Fields, Brenda Reid, and Alton Hobbs.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

#13-01-16 L. Fields – R. Case

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence items:

- a) Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- b) Municipality of West Nipissing
- c) Vigor Clean Tech
- d) VFIS Newsletter
- e) Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- f) Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands

CARRIED

CLOSING:

#14-01-16 R. Case – L. Fields

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

CARRIED

Paul Moffatt, MAYOR

Jeremy Rody, CLERK

5:25 p.m.

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