

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 Tuesday, July 5th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Paul Moffatt Councillor Robert Case
Councillor Les Fields Councillor Hugh Moggy

Excused: Councillor Brenda Reid

Staff: Alton Hobbs, CAO Jeremy Rody, Clerk
Jackie White, PEC

Press: Alicia McCutcheon, Expositor

Others: Anna Maria Peca
Michael Mantha
Mark Gibeault
Maria Bouwmeester

OPENING:

#203-15-16 L. Fields – H. Moggy

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 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Moffatt presiding in the Chair. CARRIED

AGENDA:

#204-15-16 H. Moggy – L. Fields

THAT the agenda for this meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were declared.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councillor Fields invited the community to the Assiginack Public Library's Open House on Friday, July 8th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and asked the Mayor to say a few words at the opening ceremony. She also commented on the Library's first Summer Recreation activity, which was for children to draw bookworms between the Municipal Office and Library in preparation for Friday's event.

Councillor Fields extended a thank you to the Assiginack Horticultural Society for their water barrels project. She has received many comments from residents who are really enjoying seeing all of the different creative and colourful water barrels in Manitowaning.

Councillor Moggy thanked the Owen Sound Transportation Company for their generous donation of 24 chairs from the MS Chi-Cheemaun that are now in the Council Chambers. He asked that a thank you letter be sent to the CAO on behalf of Council and staff.

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED BAY STREET BY-LAW:

Mayor Moffatt asked for comments in favour or in opposition of the proposed Bay Street By-law. Anna Maria Peca, owner of the sole property on Bay Street directly affected by this option, was in attendance and raised her concerns to the By-law. Her concerns were that the Township did not notify her of the work done to the road in 2015, the changes to the road in 2015 created a safety issue and an environmental concern, and she does not want to be landlocked. She contends that the Township would be liable in an emergency situation beyond the gate, is unsure of what the plan is to install a gate, and that the road needs to be fixed in general. Ms. Peca acknowledged that she had no problem with the gate but that the road needs to be fixed.

The CAO stated the recommendation given to Council was to put up a gate to restrict vehicles from travelling across the beachfront and parking in that area especially while swimming lessons and the public are using the beach.

No other comments were heard regarding this matter.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

#205-15-16 H. Moggy – L. Fields

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 21st, 2016, be accepted.
CARRIED

#206-15-16 L. Fields – H. Moggy

THAT the minutes of the Assiginack Public Library Board meeting of May 19, 2016, be accepted. CARRIED

#207-15-16 L. Fields – H. Moggy

THAT the Minutes of the Sudbury & District Board of Health meeting of June 16th, 2016, be received. CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

Mark Gibeault spoke on behalf of the Assiginack Public School Parent's Council. A priority they identified was to augment the facilities that are used by the community at the school for the events like the community picnic, Remembrance Day, graduation, etc. The Parent's Council fundraised and purchased 60 new chairs at the beginning of the school year. The media presentations at the school enhance community gatherings and are created by the students and teachers. They have received a quote on a 10-ft retractable screen and rear projection projector; the Rainbow District School Board would donate the installation of the equipment. The request from Parent's Council is for Assiginack Council to pay 50% of the cost of the screen and projector for a total of approximately \$2,250.

Mayor Moffatt noted that the 2016 budget has already been passed and that two emergency projects have put a strain on adding additional items into this year's budget. He recommended that Council table this request to the first meeting in August and that staff prepare a report on whether or not this item can be included in this year's budget.

#208-15-16 H. Moggy – L. Fields

THAT the request of Mark Gibeault on behalf of the Assiginack Public School Parent's Council is acknowledged and Council thanks Mr. Gibeault for his presentation to Council. CARRIED

ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:

#209-15-16 R. Case – L. Fields

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

General: \$187,833.04

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #25672 through #25705 as described in the attached cheque register reports. CARRIED

#210-15-16 L. Fields – R. Case

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

Payroll: \$18,887.66

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #25667 through #25671 as described in the attached cheque register reports. CARRIED

#211-15-16 R. Case – L. Fields

THAT Council authorizes a lighting upgrade/replacement for the Post Office/Bank Building as per the recommendation of the Township’s electrician. CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

#212-15-16 H. Moggy – R. Case

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence items:

- a) Michael Mantha MPP – Senior’s Programming Congratulations
- b) OCWA Work Order Summary Report
- c) Rainbow Ridge Golf Course Sponsorship Package
- d) Municipality of Chatman-Kent – Climate Change Action Plan Resolution
- e) Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB – Support for NOSDA Resolutions

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

#213-15-16 R. Case – H. Moggy

THAT By-law #16-08, being a by-law to restrict common law access and the passage of the public on a portion of Bay Street, within the Township of Assiginack be given its first, second, and third readings and enacted in open Council. CARRIED

Councillor Moggy requested a recorded vote.

For: Fields, Case, Moffatt

Against: Moggy

#214-15-16 H. Moggy – R. Case

THAT By-law #16-09, being a by-law to adopt an Official Plan for the Manitoulin Planning Area be given its first, second and third reading and enacted in open Council. CARRIED

MICHAEL MANTHA M.P.P. VISIT:

Michael Mantha, our M.P.P. was in attendance and spoke to Council informally about its concerns regarding the disposition of the Norisle and the financial viability of our water systems. Mr. Mantha reiterated that he continues to ‘knock on doors’ regarding these concerns but the current financial environment in the Province makes it difficult to find any sources of funding and Mr. Mantha acknowledged that many municipalities are simply being asked to carry more of a financial burden in many of these matters. Council thanked him for his continuing efforts.

CLOSING:

#215-15-16 R. Case – H. Moggy

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

Paul Moffatt, MAYOR

Jeremy Rody, CLERK

8:05 p.m.

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