

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Special Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack was held in the Council Chambers on Thursday, January 26th, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Councillor Les Fields
Councillor Robert Case
Councillor Brenda Reid
Councillor Hugh Moggy

Excused: Mayor Paul Moffatt

Staff: Alton Hobbs, CAO
Jeremy Rody, Clerk

Others: Dr. Michael Bedard
Danika Hawthorne

OPENING:

#019-02-17 L. Fields – R. Case

THAT the Special Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack be opened for business with a quorum of members present at 9:30 a.m., with Deputy Mayor Moggy presiding in the Chair. CARRIED

AGENDA:

#020-02-17 R. Case – L. Fields

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

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared at this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements made at this meeting.

Note: Dr. Bedard's delegation was moved to follow Action Required Items on the agenda.

ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:

#021-02-17 L. Fields – R. Case

THAT Council instructs staff to write a letter to Mrs. Leeson indicating that the Township will look at constructing an adequate parking lot for McLean's Park in the Spring of 2017. CARRIED

#022-02-17 R. Case – L. Fields

THAT all Council meetings in February, March, and April will start at 5 p.m. CARRIED

Note: Staff informed Council that not all Canada 150 grants have been finalized and that certain activities will require that supplies are ordered early, especially for Canada Day. Council agreed to set aside some money for the next budget to purchase these items in advance.

DELEGATION:

Dr. Bedard attended this meeting with NOSM medical student, Danika Hawthorne, currently stationed with the Assiginack Family Health Team to discuss the recent changes to the health care system via Bill 41: Patients First Act, which has proven to be very controversial and confusing even to those in the medical field. He explained that the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) now have all the authority over their contracts rather than the Ministry of Health. The Ministry has added 78 sub-LHIN's to act as more regional branches of the 14 original LHINs, which has added another bureaucratic layer to the already complex system. Manitoulin District has its own sub-LHIN.

Recently Manitoulin health care has been well funded however Dr. Bedard is concerned how that might change going forward. Manitoulin Health Centre, CEO Derek Graham has set up a committee called the Collaborative which will be monitoring the on-going changes, the Assiginack Family Health Team Executive Director sits on this committee and will be asked to communicate with Council when there are items to report. He asked Council to start thinking about what they want for the community to have in terms of Health Care. Mr. Bedard presented Council with a report that showed annual average cost of treating a patient, where Assiginack's number were much lower than the Provincial and Peer averages.

#023-02-17 R. Case – B. Reid

THAT we thank Dr. Bedard for meeting with Council and presenting his concerns regarding Bill 41: Patients First Act;

AND THAT Council supports his position on the matter. CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

#026-02-17 L. Fields – B. Reid

THAT in accordance with By-law #15-30 and Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, Council proceeds to a “Closed Session” at 10:35 a.m. in order to attend to a matter pertaining to:

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

#027-02-17 R. Case – L. Fields

THAT we adjourn from our Closed Session at 10:38 a.m., approve the minutes of the Closed Session of January 17, 2017 and resume our special meeting. CARRIED

CLOSING:

#028-02-17 L. Fields – R. Case

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

Hugh Moggy, DEPUTY MAYOR

Jeremy Rody, CLERK

10:40 a.m.

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