

**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 Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

**Present:** Mayor Paul Moffatt  
Councillor Les Fields  
Councillor Hugh Moggy

**Excused:** Councillor Brenda Reid  
Councillor Robert Case

**Staff:** Jeremy Rody, Clerk

**Others:** Jeff Tuerk  
Ross Herbert

**OPENING:**

**#112-08-18 H. Moggy – L. Fields**

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 10:30 a.m., with Mayor Moffatt presiding in the Chair.

*CARRIED*

**AGENDA:**

**#113-08-18 L. Fields – H. Moggy**

THAT the agenda for this meeting be accepted as presented.

*CARRIED*

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

There were none.

**SUMMARY:**

Members of Council met with Jeff Tuerk and Ross Herbert of New North Fisheries in regard to their fish aquaculture pilot project. Council supported this project in June 2017 when they entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with New North Fisheries for the use of a municipally owned road allowance for the purpose of placing a sea container to be used for

equipment and storage connected to the fish cage which is in Manitowaning Bay. Council expressed to the entrepreneurs that there have been some public concerns expressed over the use of the road allowance, insurance, and water quality. Council stated they would like to see this project move onto private property if it is going to continue beyond the one-year term of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Jeff and Ross stated that they are not all the way through the first cycle of the project and would require an extension of the MOU until the end of the 2018. It would be difficult for them to find and prepare a new site for the sea container and move the fish cage in the water in a short time period. They pointed to the potential for jobs and that they would like to see the project continue with Council's support. Jeff and Ross did acknowledge the project would have to move onto private property and will work towards that goal for the end of 2018.

In terms of the aquaculture project, Jeff and Ross stated that it is going very well, and they are learning new things about their project as they go. They are in the process of creating a business plan for expansion and looking into a funding program that would see the project go completely off the grid. Jeff and Ross entertained several questions from Council members. Council was invited to visit the sea container to tour the operation and see a feeding process on the live feed monitors.

In conclusion, New North Fisheries is going to provide a copy of their insurance with the Township named as an additional insured, a copy of the water quality testing they will be conducting later in year, and an update on moving the operation to private property. Staff will investigate the terms of an extension of the MOU.

**CLOSING:**

**#114-08-18 H. Moggy – L. Fields**

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

*CARRIED*

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Paul Moffatt, MAYOR

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Jeremy Rody, CLERK

11:40 a.m.

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