

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 and hosted by way of a Zoom Conference call from the Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 06, 2020 at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Dave Ham
Councillor Dave McDowell
Councillor Rob Maguire
Councillor Christianna Jones
Councillor Hugh Moggy

Staff: Alton Hobbs, CAO, Deputy Clerk
Deb MacDonald, Treasurer
Freda Bond, Tax and Utilities Manager
Jackie White, PEC
Ron Cooper, Public Works Superintendent

Public: Alicia McCutcheon, Manitoulin Expositor
Absent: Dwayne Elliott, Fire Chief

OPENING:

#168-16-2020 D. McDowell - H. Moggy

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack be opened for business at 5:05pm, with a quorum of members present virtually, with Mayor Ham presiding in the Chair.

CARRIED

AGENDA:

#169-16-2020 C. Jones - R. Maguire

THAT we confirm the attendance of all the Members of Council electronically (on Zoom) and adopt the agenda for this meeting as presented.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councillor Moggy inquired if we had received any direction concerning Halloween. Staff said not yet, but were monitoring Public Health announcements.

No further announcements.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

#170-16-2020 H. Moggy - D. McDowell

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 1st, 2020 be accepted.

CARRIED

#171-16-2020 R. Maguire - C. Jones

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meetings of September 8 and September 30, 2020 be accepted.

CARRIED

#172-16-2020 H. Moggy - R. Maguire

THAT the Minutes of the Assiginack Public Library Board Meeting of January 23, 2020 be accepted.

CARRIED

#173-16-2020 C. Jones - D. McDowell

THAT the Minutes of the Public Health Sudbury and Districts Meeting of September 17, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

NONE

REPORTS:

#174-16-2020 R. Maguire - D. McDowell

THAT Council accept the Staff Report: 2020-2021 Arena Operations Proposal and accept the proposals set out within the document.

CARRIED

ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:

#175-16-2020 C. Jones - H. Moggy

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

General: \$449,692.94;

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #30153 through #30181, #30190 through #30219 and #30224 through #30264 as described in the attached cheque register report.

CARRIED

#176-16-2020 D. McDowell - H. Moggy

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

Payroll: \$82,135.76;

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #30148 through #30152 and #30182 through #30189 and #30220 through #30223 as described in the attached cheque register report.

CARRIED

#177-16-2020 D. McDowell - R. Maguire

THAT Council lobby the Federal Government to revoke the amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada of May 1, 2020 under an 'Order in Council' titled and referred to as 'Regulations Amending the Regulations Prescribing Certain Firearms and Other Weapons, Components and Parts of Weapons, Accessories, Cartridge Magazines, Ammunition and Projectiles as Prohibited, Restricted or Non Restricted: SOR/2020-96.

The Township of Assiginack supports initiatives to end violence; however feels strongly that the Government of Canada is wasting valuable resources and taking the wrong approach to gun control that will have zero impact on gun crime.

WHEREAS on May 1, 2020, the Federal Government amended the Criminal Code by ordering regulations prescribing certain firearms, components and parts of firearms accessories, cartridge magazines, ammunition and projectiles as prohibited or restricted;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada is planning a buyback program to get the guns out of circulation, which is expected to cost between \$400 Million and \$600 Million, and if the history of the Federal Government estimates repeats, may be in excess of \$1 Billion;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Assiginack supports the Government of Canada's commitment to end violence, whether firearms are involved or not, by

taking the opportunity to be more engaged and collaborate with the public and local stakeholders to develop more effective solutions on the issue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Assiginack urges the Government of Canada to revoke the amendment and instead institute the following:

Target crime and focus on enforcement through enhanced enforcement capacity for law enforcement and border services, as well as harsher punishments for firearms trafficking and crimes involving firearms. The current ban targets law abiding owners rather than the holders of illicit firearms and would not greatly impact crime reduction;

Collect and share relevant data on crime involving firearms through improved collection and sharing of data on crimes involving firearms, particularly in terms of sources of illicit firearms, particularly in terms of sources and the types of crime being committed. This data is critical for supporting law enforcement and border agencies efforts as well as informing policy and legislation;

Collaborate with the firearms community and industry to support communication, training and public education regarding firearms to create a multi faceted approach rather than implementing a ban in isolation;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable David Lametti, Attorney General, the Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, the Honourable Erin O'Toole, Leader of the Official Opposition and the Honourable Carole Hughes, Member of Parliament for Algoma, Manitoulin Kapuskasing and the Manitoulin Municipal Association.

CARRIED

#178-16-2020 R. Maguire - H. Moggy

THAT Council authorizes the following purchase, based on the quotations and discussions between Public Works Superintendent and suppliers:

Caterpillar Grader for a cost not to exceed \$370,000.00 exclusive of taxes and trade in value;

AND THAT financing method to be reviewed and recommended by the Treasurer.

CARRIED

#179-16-2020 C. Jones - D. McDowell

THAT We inform Mr. Brent Quackenbush that we have no objection to his driveway access to Lot 5, Concession 2 crossing the unopened road allowance between concessions 1 and 2 and that we inform the Planning Board and MTO of this permission.

CARRIED

#180-16-2020 D. McDowell - H. Moggy

THAT Council instruct the Manitoulin Health Centre to apply any surplus of our \$10,000.00 contribution for additional ventilators made earlier this year to other necessary capital needs.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

#181-16-2020 D. McDowell - C. Jones

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence items:

- a) OMAFRA: Newsletter
- b) Jan McQuay: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- c) Wollaston Township: Municipal Elections Act Amendments
- d) Town of Gravenhurst: Emancipation Day Designation
- e) Ministry of Solicitor General: Reopening Ontario Act, 2020
- f) Manitoulin Sudbury DSAB Quarterly Report

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

NONE

CLOSED SESSION:

NONE

CLOSING:

#182-16-2020 H. Moggy - R. Maguire

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

CARRIED

David Ham, MAYOR

Alton Hobbs, CAO/DEPUTY CLERK

5:25 p.m.

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