

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, September 20, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

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

Staff: Alton Hobbs, CAO, Deputy Clerk
Deb MacDonald, Treasurer
Freda Bond, Tax and Utilities Manager
Dwayne Elliott, Fire Chief
Jackie White, PEC

Press: Tom Sasvari, Expositor

Public: Brenda Reid, Frank Klodnicki, Denis Marion, Maureen Marion

OPENING:

#245-19-2022 H. Moggy – R. Maguire

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack be opened for business at 5:00 pm, with a quorum of members present, with Mayor Ham presiding in the Chair.

CARRIED

AGENDA:

#246-19-2022 C. Jones - R. Maguire

THAT we adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NONE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

#247-19-2022 H. Moggy – C. Jones

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 6, 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

NONE

REPORTS:

NONE

ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:

#248-19-2022 R. Maguire – C. Jones

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

General: \$ 99,847.37;

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #32331 through #32357 as described in the attached cheque register report.

CARRIED

#249-19-2022 C. Jones - R. Maguire

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

Payroll: \$ 25,121.78

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #32322 through #32330 as described in the attached cheque register report.

CARRIED

#250-19-2022 R. Maguire – C. Jones

THAT WHEREAS the Electoral Boundary Commission has proposed to remove one of the electoral ridings from northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the proposal to diminish northern Ontario's voice in parliament will have a detrimental effect on participatory democracy and regional development as the issues in northern Ontario are significantly different than the issues facing the urban south; and

WHEREAS the Federal Boundary Commission Proposal to cut representation in the north is contrary to the 2017 electoral boundary changes for Ontario that recognized the need to add two seats to ensure fair participation for northern residents; and

WHEREAS many of the existing ridings in northern Ontario are already larger than many European countries, a situation that will only be worsened by the addition of massive new regions to service; and

WHEREAS the proposed new super ridings will force municipalities to compete for a limited amount of riding funding which will further exacerbate inequities in the north; and

WHEREAS northern Ontario's population per riding is already much higher than many other rural and isolated regions in Canada's north; and

WHEREAS the courts have ruled that representation in Canada's democracy is not based merely on population but on regions of interest and the right of citizens to engage with their elected representatives; and

WHEREAS any changes to electoral boundaries should be based on the principles of maintaining communities of interest within boundaries that are equitable in terms of population and geography;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council calls on the Electoral Boundary Commission to maintain the electoral representation of northern Ontario and ensure that any boundary changes are done in a manner that responds to regional and local need.

CARRIED

#251-19-2022 M. Moggy – C. Jones

THAT we inform the Manitoulin Planning Board that prior to providing comments on the draft Area Wide Natural Heritage System Strategy, we seek clarification on the following points:

1. Will policies as amended be guidelines or requirements when dealing with lot creation?
2. Can the Board provide further explanation on Environmental Impact Studies, particularly a range of costs for their development?
3. Will there be any avenue for exemptions for the requirement for, or scope of an Environmental Impact Study?
4. Does the Board plan to notify affected landowners of the implementation of the policy if adopted?

CARRIED

#252-19-2022 H. Moggy – C. Jones

THAT we inform the Manitoulin Planning Board that we have no objection to Consent Applications B 30, 31, 32, and 33 -22, pursuant to the applications submitted and with the understanding that any further development be by way of Plan of Subdivision.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

#253-19-2022 R. Maguire – C. Jones

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence items:

- a) Evacuation Plan Annex to Emergency Response Plan
- b) 2022 Ombudsman's Report Excerpts
- c) Plympton-Wyoming: Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act position
- d) Transport Canada: Water Aerodrome Supplement 2022

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

NONE

CLOSED SESSION:

NONE

CLOSING:

#254-19-2022 C. Jones - R. Maguire

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

CARRIED

David Ham, MAYOR

Alton Hobbs, CAO/DEPUTY CLERK

5:10 pm

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