

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023 7:00 pm.**

PRESENT: Mayor Brenda Reid, Councillors Janice Bowerman, Dwayne Elliott, Jennifer Hooper, Rob Maguire

Staff: Alton Hobbs - CAO/Deputy Clerk, Deb MacDonald - Treasurer, Jackie White - PEC, Ron Cooper - PW Superintendent

Public: Ben and Anna Peca

Moved by Councillor Bowerman:

THAT the meeting be opened with Mayor Reid presiding in the Chair.

*CARRIED*

Mayor read Land Acknowledgement

Disclosures: None

1a) 2023 Capital Budget: Committee members were given a review of the adjusted capital section of the budget. The Mayor expressed concern about the need for a general engineering reserve. The Committee agreed to use the arena engineering allowance for this purpose, recognizing that if they can't find funding for the arena back end improvements, funding will have to be returned to the Province. The Committee also agreed to increase contributions from reserves for gravel, after discussing the need for road base improvements, and the balance between maintaining existing substandard roads versus complete road rebuilds. The Committee also discussed the rebuilding of Bay Street stairs as compared to a pathway that may not include new stairs.

1b) The Norisle Disposition: The Committee reviewed correspondence received from the Steamship Society. The Committee appreciated receiving the correspondence but recognized that it did little to establish a timeline for removing the vessel from the waterfront or taking title away from the Municipality. The Committee also expressed concerns about sending the Public Works crew onto the vessel in its current condition.

2a) Landfill: Council has been reviewing options to increase waste diversion efforts at the landfill/depot. The Committee agreed that there should be a tipping fee for waste disposal, with the first bag of garbage per visit free of charge. The Committee reviewed the hours of operation and after a round table discussion, agreed to leave them as they are. The Committee also agreed to provide alternatives to disposing of organics that do not include composting. Staff is to prepare a report to apply for MOECP approval of these changes to the Landfill Operations Plan.

Moved by Councillor Elliott:

That the Committee adjourn to a closed session at 7:50 pm to discuss matters about an identifiable individual and the security of the municipality.

*CARRIED*

Moved by Councillor Maguire:

That the Committee adjourn from the closed session at 8:50 pm and resume the regular Committee meeting.

*CARRIED*

Moved by Councillor Hooper:

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

*CARRIED*

8:50 pm

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Chair: Brenda Reid

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Recording Officer: Alton Hobbs