

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

**Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 7:00 pm.**

PRESENT: Members Brenda Reid, Dwayne Elliott, Jennifer Hooper, Rob Maguire

Staff: Alton Hobbs CAO/Deputy Clerk, Ron Cooper PW Superintendent,  
Crystal Lentir Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Manitowaning Agricultural Society Barb and Keith Flaherty, Brent Quackenbush,

Moved by Councilor Elliott:

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

CARRIED.

Mayor read Land Acknowledgement

Disclosures: Councilor Hooper disclosed an indirect pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 1b as her employer is the realtor involved in the property. It later turned out that the request to the municipality was withdrawn and did not come before the Committee.

1a) Manitowaning Agricultural Society Request to Close Block of Arthur Street for Soapbox Derby. The delegation reviewed their request and confirmed that the entire event could be conducted within the two hour window they are requesting. The Committee asked about volunteers, haybales, set up and take down and the potential impact of the event on downtown businesses. The Committee was assured that the Society had sufficient volunteers and that they did not foresee any impact outside of the one block area. The Committee agreed to the request and the necessary by-law will be prepared for the July Council meeting.

1b) The applicant informed the Committee that he had secured MTO approval for another access and withdrew his request.

1c) The Committee reviewed a request to allow an applicant to cross an unopened road allowance to access property located in NEMI as part of a severance application, stating that such requests have been made and approved in the past.

1d) The Committee considered a request to allow a legal non-conforming accessory building to be rebuilt outside of its original footprint and declined the request as we have enforced the policy in the past and have refused similar requests from neighbouring properties.

2a) Manitowaning Sidewalks: The Committee discussed the need to either repair or remove sidewalks on Manitowaning streets that are in a state of serious disrepair. Given the increased size requirements to meet current standards, the capital cost involved and the lack of proper sidewalk maintenance equipment, it was decided to close out sections in disrepair and focus our attention on the main streets and routes to and from the public school.

2b) Manitowaning Water System Capacity Study: The Committee accepted the proposal from EXP to conduct the study and present a report regarding water and sewer capacity in Manitowaning.

2c) Signs and Hitching Post Request: The Committee agreed to post signs on New England Road and other roads on which horses and buggies are an increasingly used mode of transportation. The Committee also agreed to install a hitching post on the Wellington Street museum lot location. The Committee also asked all horse owners to ensure that they cleaned up anything that the animals left behind.

2d) Fishing off the Header: The Committee considered alternatives to the public's desire to fish off the marina docks. While all members agreed that swimming would not be allowed in that area, they would allow fishing. Staff is to look for alternatives to alleviate the potential for conflicts.

2e) Church Road Schoolboard Request: The Superintendent conformed that the area of concern to the schoolboard will be addressed in the work schedule approved in this year's capital budget and that staff is to inform the Board.

3a) Animal Control Napier Street Complaint: The Committee agreed to instruct the Animal Control Officer to undertake a prosecution of the animal owner for failing to keep the dogs from barking throughout the night.

4a) Arena Manager Report: The Committee acknowledged receipt of the report and thanked the Manager for its preparation. The Committee discussed engineering for the improvements to the back end of the arena and the need for additional soccer fields.

No other matters were discussed.

Moved by Councilor Maguire

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

CARRIED.

7:55 pm

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Chair:

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Recording Officer