

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, August 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Brenda Reid
Councillor Dwayne Elliott
Councillor Jennifer Hooper
Councillor Robert Maguire

Staff: Alton Hobbs, CAO
Heidi Ferguson, Clerk
Deb MacDonald, Treasurer
Freda Bond, Taxes and Utilities Manager
Crystal Lentir, Administrative Assistant
Jackie White, Public Events Coordinator

Regrets: Councillor Janice Bowerman- Excused
Ron Cooper, Public Works Superintendent

Public: Chris Perry of Perry & Perry Architects
Members of the Burns Wharf Theatre Players

OPENING:

#170-14-2023 D. Elliott – R. Maguire

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack be opened for business at 7:00 p.m., with a quorum of members present, with Mayor Reid presiding in the Chair.

CARRIED

AGENDA:

#171-14-2023 D. Elliott – R. Maguire

THAT the agenda for this meeting be amended to remove item 5a.) Public Works Report.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Mayor Reid disclosed pecuniary interest in 6a) Payroll (and later abstained from all discussions and the passing of the resolution).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NONE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

#172-14-2023 R. Maguire – D. Elliott

THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of July 18, 2023.

CARRIED

#173-14-2023 D. Elliott – J. Hooper

THAT we accept the minutes of the Assiginack Museum Committee of August 3, 2023.

CARRIED

NOTE: Mayor Reid and Councillor Hooper shared with Council that the painting at the Museum has been completed, the repairs to the log buildings will be done in the Fall and the Museum is currently working on obtaining three quotes for roofing for the buildings. The Museum's Market has been very successful and well attended by both vendors and patrons and the Museum's Open House during Summerfest Weekend was a huge success with 108 visitors throughout the day.

#174-14-2023 J. Hooper – D. Elliott

THAT we accept the minutes of the Assiginack Museum Committee of July 6, 2023.

CARRIED

#175-14-2023 D. Elliott – J. Hooper

THAT we accept the minutes of the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee of July 11, 2023.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

#176-14-2023 R. Maguire – D. Elliott

THAT we thank Chris Perry from Perry and Perry Architects for his presentation to Council.

CARRIED

NOTE: Chris Perry of Perry & Perry Architects provided Council with background information regarding the original concept/design of the Assiginack Arts and Events Center (AAEC), stressing that to meet the quick turn around time of the funding, a concept to add onto the existing arena building was developed. He discussed that there is still flexibility and opportunity to re-work the current design and it is possible to go with a stand-alone concept.

Council had the opportunity to ask their questions regarding the next steps that should be taken, including consultation with AAEC potential user groups and a calculation of ongoing operational cost, and it was determined that Chris Perry would send staff a workplan that outlines what the next steps and a timeline to move the project forward.

REPORTS:

#177-14-2023 R. Maguire – D. Elliott

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the July 2023 Roller Mills Report and thank Kelsey Maguire for his report.

CARRIED

ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:

#178-14-2023 R. Maguire – D. Elliott

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment: General \$ 176,482.99 pursuant to the attached Treasurer's Statement of Accounts.

CARRIED

#179-14-2023 D. Elliott – R. Maguire

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment: Payroll \$ 64,189.07 pursuant to the attached Treasurer's Statement of Accounts.

CARRIED

NOTE: Due to Mayor Reid declaring a Pecuniary Interest, she vacated the Chair and Councillor Elliott called the vote on this matter.

#180-14-2023 R. Maguire – D. Elliott

THAT we approve Manitoulin Streams request to install a bench in memory of Paul Moffatt on the municipal property located between the Municipal Office and the Waterfront, in a location to be mutually determined between the Township and Manitoulin Streams.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEM:

#181-14-2023 D. Elliott – R. Maguire

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the correspondence from AMCTO to the Hon. Doug Ford regarding AMCTO's request for the Province to provide direction on returning to the assessment cycle and we support their request.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

#182-14-2023 R. Maguire – J. Hooper

THAT By-Law 2023-14, being a by-law to authorize the temporary closure of Arthur Street in Manitowaning on September 9, 2023, be given a first, second, third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

#183-14-2023 J. Hooper – R. Maguire

THAT in accordance with By-Law 02-02 and Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, Council proceed to a Closed Session at 7:27 p.m. in order to attend to matters pertaining to:

c.) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

CARRIED

#184-14-2023 R. Maguire – J. Hooper

THAT we adjourn from our Closed Session at 8:15 p.m., accept the Minutes of the previous closed session, and resume our Regular Meeting.

CARRIED

CLOSING:

#185-14-2023 J. Hooper – R. Maguire

THAT we adjourn at 8:16 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call of the Chair.

CARRIED

Brenda Reid, MAYOR

Heidi Ferguson, CLERK

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