

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

The Special Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 29, 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, Project Events Coordinator
Ron Cooper, Public Works Superintendent

Public: Denis Marion
Denise Shawana
Frank Klodnicki

Regrets: Councillor Janice Bowerman- Excused

OPENING:

#193-16-2023 R. Maguire – D. Elliott

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

The Land Acknowledgement was read.

AGENDA:

#194-16-2023 D. Elliott – R. Maguire

THAT we adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NONE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

NONE

DELEGATIONS:

NONE

REPORTS:

NONE

ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:

#195-16-2023 D. Elliott – J. Hooper

THAT we accept the offer from Marine Recycling Corporation to dispose of the Norisle.

Recorded Vote

Councillor Bowerman- Excused

Councillor Elliott- Yea

Councillor Hooper- Yea

Councillor Maguire- Nay

Mayor Reid- Yea

CARRIED

NOTE: *Mayor Reid addressed Council and the Public to advise that the Norisle currently has a number of issues including ongoing maintenance of the vessel and pumps; safety concerns for staff when they board the ship; risk of fire hazard to Mill; risk to our water treatment plant; as well as it is on the Coast Guard's list and while we have not heard from them regarding this, the fines resulting from being on this list can be high.*

Mayor Reid explained that we have received a proposal from Marine Recycling Corporation to dispose of the Norisle in the amount of \$ 743,950.00 + taxes. Discussion then took place regarding this proposal.

When asked how we would pay for this, staff explained that we would have to borrow the money. Upon initial consultation with the Bank, if amortized over fifteen years, the cost would be approximately \$ 80,000 per year, depending on the interest rate or if amortized over ten years, the cost would be approximately \$ 100,000 per year, depending on the interest rate.

After much discussion, a resolution to support the proposal received from Marine Recycling Corporation was put forward, a recorded vote was held, and the resolution was carried.

NOTE: *Discussion regarding the Feasibility Report by EXP for 115 Arthur Street took place. The Mayor advised members of Council of the two options contained within the plan and their costs. As per the report, to complete the renovations to the building, it will cost \$ 1,322,100.00 and for the new construction option, it will cost \$ 1,724,380.00. The Mayor also presented a third option, which is to put the building up for Sale by Tender.*

Council discussed different options they could explore including those proposed within the report, as well as exploring other options such as using underutilized municipal spaces to house these tenants, the importance of maintaining these services and not displacing anyone and putting the building up for sale by tender.

Staff asked for Council's permission to advertise the building for sale as an option to explore, with Council understanding that they do not have to take any offers we receive. Council requested that prior to doing this, that we get it appraised by a Certified Appraiser. Staff will bring this information back to Council for review.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

NONE

BY-LAWS:

NONE

CLOSED SESSION:

#196-16-2023 D. Elliott – R. Maguire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with By-law # 02-02 as amended and Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, Council proceed to a Closed Session at 7:31 p.m. in order to attend to matters pertaining to:

- a) Personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

#197-16-2023 R. Maguire – D. Elliott

THAT we adjourn from our Closed Session at 7:40 p.m., accept the Minutes of the previous closed session, and resume our Regular Meeting.

CARRIED

CLOSING:

#198-16-2023 D. Elliott – R. Maguire

THAT we adjourn at 7:44 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.