

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, September 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Brenda Reid
Councillor Dwayne Elliott
Councillor Jennifer Hooper

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

Members of the Public: Frank Klodnicki

Regrets: Councillor Janice Bowerman and Councillor Rob Maguire

OPENING:

#204-18-2023 D. Elliott – J. Hooper

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:

#205-18-2023 J. Hooper – D. Elliott

THAT we adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councillor Hooper shared that this past weekend was the 147th Annual Fall Fair held by the Agriculture Society. The event was well attended and there were lots of events for attendees to take part in. Councillor Hooper thanked everyone who attended and entered the fair and congratulated and thanked the Agriculture Society for their hard work and a good event! Anyone interested in participating in next year's fair, is encouraged to contact the Agriculture Society on how to submit your entries or volunteer.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

NONE

DELEGATIONS:

NONE

REPORTS:

Mayor's Report: The Mayor advised that the Norisle will be departing our community between September 25th to 29th. The cost to dispose of the Norisle includes a number of items such as transportation and tugs; a Special Pilot; US Assistance in Lake St. Clair, and the St. Mary's, due to the close proximity to the US; insurance; and recycling and disposal fees.

The Mayor clarified that the cost of restoration would be much higher than the cost to recycle it. The Mayor also explained that sinking the ship as a method of disposal would also have significant costs, along with the environmental implications that would need to be considered and that with this method, a permit is required to do so, and it would be very unlikely we would be granted permission.

It was shared that the wheel and binnacle will go to the Museum for display, as well as some other items and the Museum Committee will determine how these will be displayed. Within our website, we will have a page that people can share their photos and memories of the Norisle, that will be preserved.

Once there is a definitive date of departure, the public will be made aware.

ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:

NOTE: Discussion took place regarding updating our Zoning By-laws with a new Draft Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

An overview of the processes and procedures, including mandatory public consultation was provided by the Clerk.

The CAO informed Council that the Draft By-law was written by staff with the intention of keeping it simple and easy to understand. The format that was used is similar to other By-laws from other municipalities, with the table of contents specifying the various sections and the bulk of the information contained within the Definitions and Section 7.

Discussion was held regarding some of the proposed changes that staff are seeking guidance on from Council. Staff asked that Council consider these issues and how we should address them as we move forward, and that clarification can be sought from the planners on what the established planning practices are for these items.

NOTE: Discussion regarding the Information Center/Toboggan Hill took place. The insulation of the floor is now complete, and the space is ready to be used. Permission to advertise the space for use during the winter months, as a pilot project was discussed. Council requested that staff draft an RFP to be reviewed at next week's council meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

NONE

BY-LAWS:

NONE

CLOSED SESSION:

#206-18-2023 D. Elliott – J. Hooper

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 7:48 p.m., in order to attend to matters pertaining to:

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

CARRIED

#207-18-2023 J. Hooper – D. Elliott

THAT we adjourn from Closed Session at 7:59 p.m., accept the minutes of the previous Closed Session and resume our regular meeting.

CARRIED

#208-18-2023 J. Hooper – D. Elliott

THAT we adjourn at 8:00 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.