

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, December 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Brenda Reid
Councillor Dwayne Elliott
Councillor Janice Bowerman
Councillor Jennifer Hooper

Staff: Alton Hobbs, CAO
Heidi Ferguson, Clerk
Deb MacDonald, Treasurer/Deputy CAO
Freda Bond, Tax & Utility Manager
Jackie White, PEC

Regrets: Councillor Robert Maguire

OPENING:

#291-25-2023 J. Hooper – J. Bowerman

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:

#292-25-2023 J. Bowerman – D. Elliott

THAT we approve the agenda as presented.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Mayor Reid disclosed a Pecuniary Interest with item #6c.) Payroll, as her husband Walter worked at the Landfill. She did not participate in the discussion, influence the vote, or vote on the matter, as she vacated the Chair for that vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Reid shared a Christmas message with the public who were livestreaming the meeting, in which she shared her appreciation to the members of Council for a busy year of accomplishing many goals, to staff for their hard work and to the ratepayers for helping keep our town beautiful. Mayor Reid wished everyone blessings for the season and health and happiness!

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

#293-25-2023 J. Bowerman – D. Elliott

THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of November 21, 2023.

CARRIED

#294-25-2023 D. Elliott – J. Bowerman

THAT we approve the minutes of the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee Meeting of November 28, 2023.

CARRIED

#295-25-2023 J. Hooper – J. Bowerman

THAT we approve the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee Meeting of December 4, 2023.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

NONE

REPORTS:

#296-25-2023 J. Bowerman – D. Elliott

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the Manitoulin Water Treatment Plant and Lagoon Capacity Assessment Report provided by EXP.

CARRIED

ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:

#297-25-2023 J. Hooper – D. Elliott

THAT we accept the summary of the tenders received from the Tax Sale Properties, as presented by the Treasurer, pending review by staff.

CARRIED

#298-25-2023 D. Elliott – J. Bowerman

THAT we authorize the following Accounts for Payment: General \$190,423.51, pursuant to the attached Treasurer's Statement of Accounts.

CARRIED

#299-24-2023 J. Hooper – D. Elliott

THAT we authorize the following Accounts for Payment: Payroll \$ 57,981.12, pursuant to the attached Treasurer's Statement of Accounts.

CARRIED

NOTE: Due to Mayor Reid's previous disclosure of pecuniary interest, she vacated the Chair and Councillor Elliott called the vote on this matter.

#300-25-2023 J. Bowerman - D. Elliott

THAT we support the Town of Huntsville and the Township of Lake of Bays resolutions regarding Floating Accommodations.

CARRIED

#301-25-2023 J. Hooper - D. Elliott

THAT we support Greater Napanee's resolution to implement Provincial Legislation for Third Party Short-Term Rental Companies.

CARRIED

#302-25-2023 D. Elliott - J. Bowerman

THAT we support the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa's resolution to call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of tax credits for volunteer fire fighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

CARRIED

#303-25-2023 J. Hooper – D. Elliott

THAT we support the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa's resolution to call upon the Provincial Government to amend the Legislation Act, 2006, to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations.

CARRIED

#304-25-2023 J. Bowerman – D. Elliott

THAT we support and agree to participate in Public Health Sudbury and Districts' Vulnerable Road User Campaign for Spring 2024.

CARRIED

#305-25-2023 J. Hooper – D. Elliott

THAT we acknowledge receipt of Manitoulin Streams request, and we add this request to our 2024 Budget Deliberations.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

#306-25-2023 D. Elliott – J. Bowerman

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the minutes of the Provincial Offences Board of Management Meeting on September 19, 2023.

CARRIED

#307-25-2023 J. Hooper - D. Elliott

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the Unapproved Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts of November 16, 2023.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

#308-25-2023 J. Bowerman – D. Elliott

THAT By-law 2023-24, being a by-law to enter into a lease agreement with Rhonda Fulton and Bryan Albrecht known as the "Twisted Sister" to lease the Toboggan Hill Canteen, as per the terms and conditions outlined within the lease agreement.
CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

#309-25-2023 J. Hooper – D. Elliott

THAT in accordance with By-law 02-02 and Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, Council proceed to a Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. in order to attend to the matters pertaining to:

- a.) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.
- b.) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees.
- c.) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees.

CARRIED

#310-25-2023 D. Elliott – J. Bowerman

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


CLOSING:

#311-25-2023 J. Hooper – J. Bowerman

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.