

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK
MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting of the Infrastructure Committee of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 27th, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Alton Hobbs, CAO and Heidi Ferguson, Clerk

Public: 2 members from Burns Wharf Theatre Players

OPENING:

#I01-01-2024 D. Elliott – J. Bowerman

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

CARRIED

AGENDA:

#I02-01-2024 R. Maguire – J. Hooper

THAT we adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

NONE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

NONE

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Fire Hall Discussion

NOTE: Staff advised that we have not received any communication from the Ministry regarding the former OPP Building, which had previously been identified as a potential location for a new Fire Hall. The Mayor has sent a letter to Premier Ford and the Minister of Infrastructure asking for an update on the status of this building.

Both Staff and the Fire Chief provided a brief history including past project tendering, costing and the building design that was completed in 2018. Discussion took place regarding the need for a new building and potential site locations. Committee members requested a copy of the plans, and it was suggested that we explore options to have an Engineer/Architect provide us with updated costing; have our EDO look at potential funding opportunities; and inquire about seeking support from other emergency service providers.

b) Marina Discussion

NOTE: Discussion took place regarding the Marina operations for the 2024 season. Committee Members expressed an interest in keeping the marina's operations the same as last year and staff were asked to provide them with the operating numbers and details.

Discussion took place regarding fishing off the docks and potential advertising that could be implemented this year to promote the Marina. Staff were asked to contact Manitoulin Streams regarding exploring options for the installation of a fishing station in Assiginack.

c) Cemeteries Discussion

NOTE: The Mayor shared that the columbarium has been ordered and will be installed this year. Options for how we will maintain the cemetery this year were discussed, and Council will explore these further at our next Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Discussion was had about ordering a sign for the gate, so community members are aware that the gates are unlocked. Staff advised that we re-advertise for Cemeteries Advisory Committee members in April.

d) Arts and Entertainment Center (AAEC) Discussion

NOTE: The Mayor advised that she and the CAO recently met with Chris Perry, whom we have hired to design the AAEC concept. The community consultation process will begin in April/May, starting with three different community organizations and then meeting with other community members/groups afterwards. This feedback and a design concept back to Council for review. Discussion took place regarding potential ideas for the space and concerns regarding costing and ongoing maintenance.

CLOSED SESSION:

#103-01-2024 J. Bowerman – 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 8:00 p.m. in order to attend to the matters pertaining to:

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

CARRIED

#104-01-2024 J. Hooper – R. Maguire

THAT we adjourn from Closed Session at 8:40 p.m., accept the minutes of the previous closed session, and resume our Regular Meeting.


CARRIED

CLOSING:

#105-01-2024 D. Elliott – J. Bowerman

THAT we adjourn at 8:40 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.