



Laurie Thompson provided correspondence to Council and requested to speak on the matter. She expressed disappointment in the process of how the Otter Lake Road and public access to Otter Lake issue had been handled. She noted her objection to the proposal as there was not enough information to understand what the plans really are. Numerous issues were included in her correspondence, and she made several statements and asked several questions of Council, including the following:

- If a biologist/wetland assessor is going to look at the site, that should be done prior to the transaction being completed.
- What is the proposed trail going to look like, who is going to do the work, and what are the timelines for this to occur? Existing access to the lake is drivable with a pickup and it was the writer’s expectation that a trail would at the very least be drivable by ATV in the spring, summer and fall.

Rick Turcotte and Paula Taylor, abutting landowners, provided a letter of objection in this matter. Mr. Turcotte was in attendance. Their correspondence cited that the proposed access would result in additional traffic on Otter Lake Road, and additional noise issues including unauthorized parties, ATV’s and the potential of trespassing on their property. In addition, the proposed access will result in vehicles being parked on Otter Lake Road, unless an allowance has been made for parking off road.

This matter was discussed at length. Councillors provided their positions on the matter. Reeve Henderson thanked the individuals for attending.

Hearing no further comments, Council adopted the by-law to proceed with the conveyance of the subject property.

Councillor Faye Stevens requested a recorded vote on this matter.

23-017

Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2023-1521, being a by-law to stop up, close and convey a portion of an unopened road allowance in the Corporation of the Township of Jocelyn, described as 1R13902, Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

No - Councillor Callahan

Yes – Councillor Crowder

Yes – Councillor Gilbertson

No – Councillor Stevens

Yes – Reeve Henderson

Cd.

**Disclosures of Conflict of Interest**

Township Vouchers were presented for approval. Reeve Henderson declared a Conflict of Interest and vacated his seat for the adoption of Recreation Voucher No. 2022.12 (B) and 2023.01 (B) and Township Voucher No. 2022.12 (A) or and 2023.01 (A) as his spouse is an owner of Kentvale Merchants. Councillor Greg Gilbertson declared a Conflict of Interest and vacated his seat for the adoption of Township Voucher 2022.12(C) and 2023.01 (C) as he has an interest in Gilbertson Enterprises.

**Adoption of Minutes**

23-018

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do approve the minutes of the January 10<sup>th</sup> and the January 13, 2023 meetings of Council as presented.

Cd.

**Vouchers**

23-019

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we approve Recreation Vouchers 2022-12 (A) and Voucher 2023-01 (A) in the amounts of \$3369.36 (Fundraising - \$159.82, Non-fundraising - \$1434.95, Overhead - \$1774.59) and \$1593.29 (Overhead), paid out of Recreation Funds.

23-020

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do approve Township Voucher 2022-12 (A) and 2023-01 (A) in the amounts of \$168,430.16 (Algoma District Social and Family Services - \$23,669.08, Algoma District School Board - \$34,117.23, Building - \$2165.53, Fire - \$13,436.78, Landfill - \$3487.22, Administration Overhead- \$19,318.39, Policing - \$22,112.00, Roads - \$50,123.93) and \$146,169.51 (Algoma District Social and Family Services - \$23,669.08, Algoma Insurance – general only - \$20673.60, Fire - \$20,560.53, Landfill - \$1087.90, Administration Overhead- \$36,256.71, Roads - \$43,921.69).

Cd.

Councillor Crowder chaired the meeting for the adoption of the approval of the following Vouchers as the Reeve had declared a conflict.

23-021

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do approve Recreation Voucher 2022-12 (B) and Voucher 2023-01 (B) in the amounts of \$405.12 (Overhead) and \$770.75 (Overhead), paid out of Recreation Funds.

Cd.

23-022

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do approve Township Voucher 2022-12 (B) and Voucher 2023-01 (B) in the amounts of \$471.71 ( Landfill – 409.76, and Administration Overhead - \$61.95) and \$1046.19 (Landfill - \$26.67, Administration Overhead - \$11.29, Fire – 35.91, Roads - \$972.32).

Cd.

Reeve Henderson resumed his position as chairperson of the meeting.

23-023

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we approve Township Voucher 2022-12 © and 2023-01 © in the amounts of \$2514.99 and \$3067.95.

Cd,

### **Committee Reports/Updates**

Several verbal reports were provided by Council members.

Councillor Stevens reported on an upcoming program of the Dr. S. Trefry Memorial Centre regarding a YMCA Swim/Gym and Social Program.

23-024

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do adopt the Clerk's Report as presented.

Cd.

The Clerk provided a summary of matters, including information on tax sale proceedings. In addition, the interim tax bill for 2023 will be sent out at the end of February. This will equal 50 percent of the previous year's bill, providing there have been no improvements to the property being billed. The due date for those bills will be March 31, 2023. Three by-laws addressing tax billing, optional tax rates and the tax ratio by-law will be adopted.

Updates on the Asset Management project currently underway was discussed. Information from various departments is being sought, regarding condition ratings.

Council is still planning on having a training session with the municipal lawyer as well as an information session with Pinchin Engineering. Other training opportunities were reported on, including a session with the Integrity Commissioner in March.

Councillor Callahan reported on the Museum activities. Though it is early in the season, Council was advised that the St. Joseph Island is looking at ongoing funding projects to support and maintain the Museum. The membership drive will continue in 2023.

Roads matters were discussed. The 2023 surface treatment was addressed. At the recent roads meeting, projected increased costs for surface treatment costs was considered. In light of that, the following resolution was adopted to request a minimum of 20700 m<sup>2</sup>, which is equivalent to three kilometres of single surface treatment.

23-025

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do tender for the following item through the EARSA amalgamated tender: Surface Treatment – 20700 m<sup>2</sup> - single.

Cd.

**News Business**

1. By-law Adoption – 2023-1522 – to provide for an interim tax levy - Due March 31, 2023

23-026

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2023-1522 being a by-law to provide for the interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25%.

Cd.

2. By-law Adoption – 2023-1523 – being a by-law to set tax classes and tax ratios for municipal purposes for 2023

23-027

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do adopt By-law 2023-1524, being a by-law to set tax classes and the tax ratios for municipal purposes for the year 2023.

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3. By-law Adoption – 2023-1524 – being a by-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-residential property classes for 2023

23-028

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law 2023-1524 being a by-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-residential property classes for 2023.

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**Correspondence - Action**

1. Turcotte/Taylor – letter of Objection to conveyance of Parts 1 – 4, Plan 1R 13902

**Correspondence: Information items**

1. Township of Johnson – Supporting MacDonald Meredith’s resolution regarding the Ministry of Health decision to reduce the virtual physician fees by 80% and requesting the Ministry to revisit this matter
2. Township of Laird – Supporting MacDonald Meredith’s resolution regarding the Ministry of Health decision to reduce the virtual physician fees by 80% and requesting the Ministry to revisit this matter
3. Algoma Power – Notification of a line rebuild on Sterling Bay will be occurring in the coming months
4. Laurie Thompson – note to Community members that had attended the access to Otter Lake session – January 5, 2023
5. Melanie Dorscht – January 13<sup>th</sup> letter regarding the access to Otter Lake community meeting

6. Rick Turcotte and Paula Taylor – January 12<sup>th</sup> letter regarding the results of January 5<sup>th</sup> access to Otter Lake session

In response to Information items 1 and 2, the following resolution was adopted.

23-029

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that this Council supports the resolution #22-340 of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of MacDonald, Meredith and Aberdeen in petitioning the Ministry of Health to revisit the decision to reduce virtual physician fees by 80% and fully fund this much needed medical option for everyone in the Province of Ontario;

And

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in the Algoma District, FONOM, Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha and the Minister of Health.

Cd.

### Reports and Newsletters

1. Island Clippings: 1379-1381
2. Jocelyn Recreation Committee minutes of January 12, 2023
3. Jocelyn Landfill Report – December 2022
4. O.P.P – Calls for Service Billing Summary Report for December 2022
5. Municipal Monitor – Q4 2022

### Closed Session

1. a) A closed meeting re s.239(2) (c) to discuss matters regarding potential acquisition of property –Otter Lake Road – most westerly portion – as identified on Provisional Plan – R-7444-112122

23-030

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Be it resolved that Council proceed into Closed Session at 9:27 PM in accordance with Section 239 (2) © of the Municipal Act to address matters pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

23-031

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Be it resolved that Council does rise from Closed Session at 9:56 P.M.

Cd.

As a result of the closed session, the Clerk was requested to provide information to the municipal lawyer to negotiate a resolution with the owners of the westerly part of Otter Lake Road, beyond part 5, 1R 13877 towards Huron Line.

**Confirmation By-law**

1. By-Law Adoption – 2023-1525 – Confirmation By-law

23-032

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law 2023-1525 being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Jocelyn to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 7, 2023.

Cd.

**Adjourn**

23-033

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we agree to adjourn and meet again on 2023 03 07 or at the call of the Reeve.

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Reeve Mark Henderson

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Clerk Janet Boucher