## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOCELYN MINUTES

March 6, 2018

The regular meeting of Council was held on March 6, 2018 at the Jocelyn Township Office. In attendance was Reeve Mark Henderson, Councillor Brian Dukes, Ken Ward, Jim Waycik as well as the Clerk. Absent with regret was Councillor Janet Callahan.

18-24 Moved by Ken Ward

Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we do call this regular meeting of Council to order at 6:50 p.m.

Cd.

18-25 Moved by Brian Dukes

Seconded by Ken Ward

Resolved that we do adopt the minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting as presented.

Algoma Power representatives Peggy Lund and Dan Richards were welcomed to the table for their annual discussion regarding upcoming matters pertaining to Algoma

The following matters were discussed:

Power.

- Algoma Power is currently conducting a telephone survey of customers on Electrical Safety – this is an effort to promote safety and advance prevention. It was noted that API users will not be asked for an account number, home address or any banking information so if that has occurred this is not Algoma Power and advise them immediately
- 2) API is creating a Municipal Agreement for each municipality, granting access to API power poles for the purposes of installing banners, decorative or seasonal lights, signage, or flower pots. This would likely not be required in Jocelyn, however it is available upon request.
- 3) The Corridors for Life Pollinator Project initiated in 2016 is still underway. API is also working with Algoma University to monitor the impacts of the vegetation maintenance program with an emphasis on herbicides
- 4) The annual Algoma Coalition and municipal meeting will occur in the fall of 2018
- 5) Save on Energy Programs for home and business under the Conservation First Framework is in place until 2020. There are many new programs and information can be found at <a href="https://www.greenon.ca">www.greenon.ca</a>
- 6) If there are questions regarding any of their programs, you can contact Jody Tait, API's Energy Efficiency Advisor at 705-256-3850 ext 5335
- 7) The Reliability Score Card was viewed. The average number of hours that power to a customer has been interrupted for 2016 was 5.46. (2012 10.88 hours) The stats are not available for 2017 however it is anticipated that the number will be higher for last year given the high winds. The average number of times that power to a customer was interrupted in 2016 was 2.57. (2012 7.66 times)
- 8) Every five years API is required to submit a detailed Cost of Service Application to the Ontario Energy Board. This application will be submitted in the spring of 2018.
- 9) API will be publishing an updated Conditions of Service in the fall of 2018

- 10) Under the Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan, electricity bills were lowered by 25% on average for residential customers
- 11) Rate increases will be held to inflation rates for four years
- 12) Work plans there are no projects in Jocelyn Township this year however there will be two capital power line jobs a) 10<sup>th</sup> Side Road from F and G to Richards Landing pole replacement b) F and G Line rebuild for 3.97 KM
- 13) There will be no vegetation management done on the Island this year
- 14) The largest cause of power outages are trees growing into, falling onto or objects coming within proximity of overhear lines.

The Township and Recreation Vouchers were presented for payment

18-26 Moved by Jim Waycik

Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolve that we do approve Recreation Voucher 2018-02 in the amount of \$685.79 paid out of Recreation Funds. Cd.

18-27

Moved by Brian Dukes Seconded by Jim Waycik

Resolved that we approve Township Voucher 2018-02 in the amount of \$62,047.17.

Cd.

18-28

Moved by Ken Ward Seconded by Jim Waycik

Resolved that we do accept the Clerk's report.

Cd.

Council discussed at length the proposed regulations under the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* related to new requirements for mandatory training and certification for firefighters and mandatory risk assessments for the delivery of fire protection services. This municipality believes the provisions contained within the Consultation Draft of the Ontario Regulation made under the Act will negatively impact volunteer fire departments within the Province of Ontario. Municipalities have been given until March 11, 2018 to provide comments on the proposed legislation.

Within the volunteer fire departments throughout the Province, the delivery of services is enhanced to a level as determined by the municipal council within their authority of jurisdiction. For example, not all departments have hydrants, arials, ice and water rescue or medical first response. Under the proposed model there is no distinction between a volunteer firefighter and a full time firefighter. Though some of our volunteers will be able to meet this criteria it is felt that it is unreasonable to require this level of training. The cost of certification of volunteer firefighters will increase the municipal budgets to unreasonable amounts. Fire department services will decrease. Recruitment and retention of volunteers is a significant concern given the time commitment to meet these levels of training. There is a risk that our veteran volunteers who have significant skills will be discouraged and unable to meet the necessary criteria. Volunteers who have currently demonstrated skilled ability and service to the department may not successfully pass certification and they will be lost. Retention of

certified firefighters in volunteer departments is unlikely. The ability of the municipality to maintain levels of service while training will be unachievable. The public outcry will occur and unaffordable demands put on municipalities resulting in financial demands to the province will occur. It is felt that what will be achieved is a wasted financial invested, unaffordable and unsustainable volunteer department. If costs are out of reach of small rural municipalities, there may be a withdrawal of service, leaving fire prevention as the only service provided. This municipality requested that components of the legislation be revamped with more thought put into distinguishing between volunteer forces and full time firefighters.

Road matters were discussed. Councillor Ward noted that there is a concern regarding the non- potable water well on the Hilton Road. There have been two times in February where the water has been left on, resulting in damage to the site and flooding of the Hilton Road by All Tribes Camp. Council considered the risk to the travelling public on the road and the users of the well, as it was very icy as a result of this action. This matter will be monitored and if it is deemed to be intentional, Council will have no option but to take action.

Correspondence was received from Pinchin, providing a copy of the 2017 Annual Landfill report. Recommendation were included in the report with one being to complete a Contaminant Attenuation Zone Report. The following resolution was passed to adopt the report and authorize the work required.

18-29 Moved by Brian Dukes Seconded by Ken Ward

Resolved that we do acknowledge receipt of the Annual Landfill Report from Pinchin Engineering and provide approval for the completion of the Contaminant Attenuation Zone Report by Pinchin. Cd.

Other landfill matters included the Tipping Free Tickets, sent out with the tax bills. It was confirmed that these tickets are not to be utilized by contractors.

Council considered the adoption of a Shore Road Allowance Sale Policy at the February meeting for adoption at this meeting.

18-30 Moved by Brian Dukes Seconded by Jim Waycik

Resolved that we pass By-Law No. 2018-1395, being a by-law to adopt a policy to govern the closure and sale of Township owned shore road allowance.

Cd.

Items of correspondence received included the following:

- 1) Royal Canadian Legion was seeking dignitaries and community leaders to volunteer at the annual Maple Syrup Festival
- 2) North Shore Rural Health Hub Inter-professional Primary Care business case
- 3) St. Joseph Island Food Bank thank you letter regarding the allocation of Share Shed proceeds to the Food Bank
- 4) North East LHIN introducing a new CEO Jeremy Stevenson

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- 5) Sylvia Jones, MPP to Hon. Ballard (Ministry of Environment and Climate Change) Asset Management Plans for municipal infrastructure and wastewater assets
- 6) Central Algoma Food for Everyone Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> is Seedy Saturday
- 7) Ministry of Education Plan to Strengthen North Education (proposed Amendments to the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline)

18-31 Moved by Brian Dukes

Seconded by Ken Ward

Resolved that we pass By-Law No. 2018-1396 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting of Council.

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18-32 Moved by Jim Waycik

Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we agree to adjourn and meet again on April 3, 2018 or at the call of the Reeve. Cd.

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Reeve Mark Henderson

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Clerk Treasurer Janet Boucher