

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOCELYN
MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2021

Council met on Tuesday March 2, 2021 at the Jocelyn Township Hall at 7 PM. Attendance: Councillor Janet Callahan, Councillor Albert Crowder, Councillor Brian Dukes, Councillor Greg Gilbertson as well as Clerk Treasurer Janet Boucher. Absent: Reeve Mark Henderson. Councillor Dukes took the position of Acting Head of Council, in the absence of the Reeve.

21-01

Moved by Brian Dukes

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do call this regular meeting of Council to order at 7 PM.

Cd.

21-02

Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do approve the minutes of the November 5, 2020, November 18, 2020 and the December 1, 2020 meetings of Council.

Cd.

Vouchers:

Councillor Greg Gilbertson declared a conflict of interest and vacated his seat as Councillor for the approval and payment of Township Voucher 2021(C).

21-03

Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we approve Township Voucher 2021.01 (A) in the amount of \$123,213.90 and 2021.02 (A) in the amount of \$79,126.52.

Cd.

21-04

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we approve Township Voucher 2021.01 (B) in the amount of \$465.28.

Cd.

21-05

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we approve Township Voucher 2021.01 (C) in the amount of \$762.75.

Cd,

21-06

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we approve Recreation Voucher No. 2021.01 (A) in the amount of \$871.86 and 2021.02(A) in the amount of \$932.56, paid out of Recreation Funds.

Cd.

21-07

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do approve the Clerk's Report as submitted.

Cd.

Several verbal committee updates were provided:

Recreation: The 2021 Loppet was not held this year. The ski trails continue to be groomed and the trails and the grounds have been getting a lot of use. The Mountain Maple Trail Run/Walk will be held as a virtual event this year and details will be forthcoming.

Administration: Interim tax bills were sent out at the end of February and due on March 26, 2021.

The following resolutions were adopted, approving two Consent Applications that were submitted. Council had no objections to these applications.

21-08

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do approve Consent Application No. 2/21 (Hornett), subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Taxes on the subject property be paid in full;
- 2) 5% in lieu of parkland be paid to the municipality.

Cd.

21-09

Moved by Brian Dukes

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we do approve Consent Application No. 4/21 (Datta), subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Taxes on the subject property be paid in full;
- 2) 5% in lieu of parkland be paid to the municipality.

Cd.

Landfill matters were discussed. The metal electronic bin has been removed and we have not received the "super sack" from the Electronic Products Recycling Association yet. Once those are available, we will provide information on what can be collected through that process.

Further to direction from the Ministry of Environment, another well was recommended at the landfill. This work has been completed.

The Pinchin Ltd. contract for monitoring and reporting has been extended for three more years. The following resolution was passed in support of this.

21-10

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we do approve the proposal from Pinchin Limited for the annual monitoring and reporting program at the Jocelyn Township Landfill for the term 2021, 2022, 2023 in the amount of \$10,600 per year.

Cd.

Several letters of concern were received regarding the closing of the Fire College in Gravenhurst, Ontario. Council supported the following resolution as many of our own volunteer firefighters have attended the College and found it invaluable. Fire Chief Rick Sirvio confirmed that training at the College was a cornerstone for fire training. He indicated that its closure is a huge loss for small volunteer departments such as ours.

21-11

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Albert Crowder

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the TOWNSHIP OF JOCELYN requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Cd.

The following three by-laws were adopted regarding taxation for 2021. Council adopted the interim tax levy by-law, the tax ratio by-law and the by-law to adopt optional tools for the

purpose of administering limits for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes for the year 2021.

21-12

Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2021-1466, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent.

Cd.

21-13

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2021-1467, being a by-law to set tax classes and the tax ratios for municipal purposes for the year 2021.

Cd.

21-14

Moved by Brian Dukes

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2021-1468, being a by-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-residential property classes for the year 2021.

Cd.

The following resolution was adopted regarding an application for funding assistance to complete an Asset Management Plan Update and the required reports for O. Reg 588-17 compliance

21-15

Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Be it resolved that Council directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Asset Management Program for the Asset Management Plan updates required by the O. Reg 588-17.

Be it therefore resolved that the Township of Jocelyn commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

- Asset Management Plan Update and required reports for O. Reg 588-17 Compliance

Be it further resolved that the Township of Jocelyn commits \$16,000 from its budget toward the costs of this initiative, with the municipal portion of the funding being \$1600 of the total commitment.

Cd.

Several items of correspondence were received regarding the Jocelyn Township Share Shed. The Share Shed remains closed at this time due to the COVID 19 restrictions.

Correspondence was received from the North Shore Health Network regarding their creation of a North Shore Health Network Recruitment Committee which will be comprised of the municipalities, townships and first nation communities along the north shore. This letter was in the form of a funding request to support this Committee. Clarification on this will be sought as the municipality currently contribute funds to Matthews Memorial Hospital Association for the same purpose.

Other items of correspondence received include the following:

1. Municipal Property Assessment – 2021 budget - our levy (represents a 1.09% decrease)
2. Municipality of Huron Shores/Jean Falk – update on the Community Owned Regional Broadband Network
3. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – COVID 19 Restart Agreement
4. Gilbertson Enterprises – Aggregate License Compliance Reports
5. Statistics Canada – Census will occur in May 2021
6. Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines – the Long Term Energy Plan

21-16

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2021-1469, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 2, 2021.

Cd.

21-17

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we agree to adjourn and meet again on April 6, 2021 or at the call of the Reeve.

Cd.

Acting Reeve Brian Dukes

Clerk Janet Boucher