

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOCELYN

## Minutes of the Council Meeting

May 2, 2023

7:00 p.m.

### JOCELYN TOWNSHIP OFFICE

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The regular meeting of Council was held on May 2, 2023 at the Jocelyn Township Office.

Present:	Reeve Mark Henderson	Councillor Janet Callahan
	Councillor Albert Crowder	Councillor Greg Gilbertson
	Councillor Faye Stevens	
Staff:	Janet Boucher, Clerk Treasurer	Myra Eddy, Deputy Clerk Treasurer

#### **A. Call to order**

23-068

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Faye Stevens

Resolved that we do call the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 PM.

Cd.

#### **Adoption of minutes from previous meeting**

23-069

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do adopt the minutes of the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council as presented.

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. 2023.03 (B) and No. 2023.04 (B) and Township Voucher No. 2023.04 (B) as his spouse is an owner of Kentvale Merchants.

#### **B. Delegates**

1. Reeve Henderson welcomed Algoma Power Inc. representatives Peggy Lund (Customer Service) and Andrea Mattioli (Vegetation Management) to the meeting. Numerous issues were highlighted, including the importance for property owners to call before digging even for tasks as simple as planting a tree or building a deck. There is no cost in obtaining such locates. This will avoid potential damage to the power infrastructure. Community attachments, such as lighting and signage on Algoma Power

poles were also highlighted. The need for future infrastructure to support senior government's plans for more electric cars is being studied. Difficulties of accessing electricity ports for electric vehicles were noted given the size of the province and the distance between charging locations.

The topic of high delivery costs was again discussed. It was explained that the delivery cost includes the costs of all the infrastructure required (substations/poles/transformers/power lines/etc.) to get the power to properties. The problem in the North is the significant kilometres to be serviced and the low number of households in comparison to larger centers. A rural subsidy has been approved by the provincial government to help offset the high delivery cost. The subsidy is only available to permanent residents as the government considers seasonal residences more of a luxury use and not used as much during the winter periods.

Ms. Mattioli addressed the work carried out by the Vegetation Management sector of Algoma Power. Vegetation control began on St. Joseph Island in the early 2000's using a six-year cycle. As time and funds permitted, crews would cut back trees and brush in incremental stages to remove the problem of tree branches disrupting power during storms and improve upon drivers' visibility for wildlife. The subsequent problem of brush growing back was discussed and the need for the difficult conversation of herbicide applications in some areas. Algoma Power will continue its efforts to assure owners that the amount and manner of application will always adhere to safe practices but also recognizes the concerns many owners have when it comes to this. Open houses are being planned to provide information to St. Joseph Island landowners regarding vegetation management and the use of herbicides. It was noted that the use of the product is permission based.

Additional information provided included the 2023 capital project schedule for Jocelyn Township. This includes pole replacement on Twining Court (17 poles) and Sterling Bay (31 poles). The reliability score card was presented for information. The average number of hours that power to a customer was interrupted is based on a 5-year rolling average. In 2017 – the average number of hours that power was interrupted was 7.68 hours – in 2021, this average was 3.61 hours. The distributor target is 7.36 hours. The average number of times per year there has been a power interruption in 2017 was 3.95 times. In 2021, the average annual outage average was 1.77. The distributor target was 3.16 times.

Regulatory applications including 2023 distribution rates were noted, as well as a new electricity pricing plan rate option referred to as "Ultra Low", available after November 1, 2023. More information can be found on the API website.

Further discussion arose regarding removal of lilac trees on the 10<sup>th</sup> Side Road at the P Line during the vegetation control process. This matter will be investigated. Reeve Henderson thanked Ms. Lund and Ms. Mattioli for their attendance.

2. Reeve Henderson welcomed Zach and Hollie Lefebvre, owners of Concession Q, Lot 9, to the meeting. They were seeking confirmation of their continued access and providing information regarding access to their property. As requested at the previous meeting, they asked to be kept informed of any plans and discussions regarding access that would affect them. It was confirmed that the municipality had no intention to prevent access to their property. Council has been seeking clarification from the

municipal counsel regarding the property identification number (PIN) of the property that is currently being used as access. There is no survey in place that confirms the exact location of that access, noted on documents that have been obtained by both parties. Mr. and Mrs. Lefebvre were thanked for attending.

**C. Public Meeting**

Not applicable

**D. Vouchers**

23-070

Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do approve Township Voucher 2023.04 (A) in the amount of \$ 79,069.51 (Administration overhead - \$15,313.84, Algoma District Social Services - \$26,937.12, Building - \$311.88, Fire - \$584.59, Landfill Expenses - \$1110.61, Legal – tax arrears/shore road allowance/other - \$11,912.44, Policing - \$7,918.09, Roads - \$14,980.94.)

Cd.

23-071

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Faye Stevens

Resolved that we do approve Recreation Voucher 2023.04 (A) in the amount of \$1150.16 (fundraising-\$180.06, non-fundraising - \$970.10) paid out of Recreation Funds.

Cd.

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

23-072

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we approve Recreation Vouchers 2023.03(B) in the amounts of \$518.02 (fundraising - \$45.07, overheard - \$472.95) and 2023.04 (B) in the amount of \$148.00 (overheard), paid out of Recreation Funds.

Cd.

Reeve Henderson resumed his position as chairperson of the meeting.

**E. Committee Reports and Updates**

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|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1.Roads     | 5. Tenby Bay Cemetery | 9. Recreation   |
| 2. Museum   | 6. Fire Department    | 10. Health Care |
| 3. Planning | 7. Building           | 11. Trefry      |
| 4. Landfill | 8. Clerk              |                 |

Several verbal reports were provided by Council members. It was noted that the Museum would tentatively be opening on June 1, 2023.

The landfill access road has potholes and needs repair. This will occur when half loads restrictions are removed.

23-073

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

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

- 1) Summer maintenance proposal with Stobie's Mechanical and Welding.

Cd.

Stobie's will continue to do the spring/summer/fall maintenance work for the municipality, including patching, sign repair and installation, tree removal and other tasks as assigned. The municipality uses other contractors for tasks such as hydro axing, sweeping, and roadside cutting. Landfill work and ditching is often dependent on the availability of contractors. As noted in the previous minutes, the winter control contract ended on April 30, 2023, and we were due to go out for tender. This is typically done once every four years (ie once every term of Council).

Also included in the Clerk's report:

- Two upcoming events of Jocelyn Recreation Committee include the Maple Run/Walk on the last Sunday of May and the Gapp's Gambit (Disc Golf Event) on June 10
- Several items are in progress, including review of the fees and charges by-law, including building fees.
- To date, eight building permits have been issued – six for construction projects and two for a demolition of structures.
- Several road matters were listed, including spring clean up tasks that are underway, gravel being placed on a washout on A line extension, a tentative Roads Capital Budget, and the matter of overweight vehicles being on Township roads during half loads. This matter was dealt with by Reeve Henderson.

## **F. Previous Business**

1. East Algoma Roads Superintendent – RE: Tender results

23-073

Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Whereas the 2023 Tender Results for surface treatment were received from the East Algoma Roads Superintendents;

And Whereas the municipality requested 20,700m<sup>2</sup> of surface treatment for 2023;

Therefore, the municipality accepts the tender in the amount of \$75,555.00 (\$3.65 per m<sup>2</sup> submitted by Ellwood Robinson Inc.)

Cd.

2. Adoption of amended Shore Road Allowance By-laws – re Registry Office not accepting them as submitted.

Five amended shore road allowance by-laws were presented for Council consideration. The standard format for the by-law that has been used in prior years, including 2022, were rejected for deposit by the Registry Office. Council adopted the following by-laws, excluding the schedule that had provided the survey of the subject shore road allowance to be conveyed to the abutting landowner.

23-074

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2023-1532, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2022-1507, being a by-law to stop up, close and sell that portion of the original road allowance set out and described as follows:

Part of the original shore road allowance in front of part of lot 11, Concession 7, Plan H523, Lot 10, described as Part 1, 1R 13973, Township of Jocelyn, on St. Joseph Island, in the District of Algoma.

Cd.

23-075

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2023-1533, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2022-1514, being a by-law to stop up, close and sell that portion of the original road allowance set out and described as follows:

Part of the original shore road allowance in front of part of lot 9, Concession 4, further described as Part 1, 1R 13997, Township of Jocelyn, on St. Joseph Island, in the District of Algoma.

Cd.

23-076

Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2023-1534, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2022-1515, being a by-law to stop up, close and sell that portion of the original road allowance set out and described as follows:

Part of the original shore road allowance in front of part of lot 9, Concession 4, further described as Part 2, 1R 13997, Township of Jocelyn, on St. Joseph Island, in the District of Algoma.

Cd.

23-076

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Faye Stevens

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2023-1535, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2022-1516, being a by-law to stop up, close and sell that portion of the original road allowance set out and described as follows:

Part of the original shore road allowance in front of part of lot 9, Concession 4, also being in front of lot 1, Registered Plan M362, and further described as Part 3 and 4, 1R 13997, Township of Jocelyn, on St. Joseph Island, in the District of Algoma.  
Cd.

23-078

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2023-1536, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2022-1517, being a by-law to stop up, close and sell that portion of the original road allowance set out and described as follows:

Part of the original shore road allowance in front of part of lot 9, Concession 4, also being in front of lot 9, Registered Plan M362, and further described as Part 5, 1R 13997, Township of Jocelyn, on St. Joseph Island, in the District of Algoma.  
Cd.

Though not on the agenda, Laurie Kokkinen was in attendance and requested an update on the Otter Lake access. The survey for the 50-metre swath of property to be transferred to the municipality that would provide access to Otter Lake is still in the draft stage. There has been no approved plan of Council beyond this. There was a question on the draft survey regarding lake access and this will be addressed.

### **G. New Business**

1. Mark Henderson RE: Enhancing accessibility to House of History – this was presented as a question only and no action was taken on this matter.
2. Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre RE: 2023/2024 budget – this will be included in the regular budget for 2023
3. Stobie Mechanical and Welding RE: Combined Winter and Summer Maintenance agreement – Council discussed this when reviewing the Clerk's Report.

### **H. Correspondence – Action**

There were no agenda items.

### **I. Correspondence: Information Items**

1. Village of Hilton Beach RE: Centennial Tea and Tell on May 7<sup>th</sup>
2. Township of Alnwick/Haldimand RE: Endorsement for future accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors
3. Township of Mulmura RE: Support of Bill 5- Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022
4. Township of Montague RE: Support of Bill 5- Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022
5. Township of Southgate RE: Support of AMO to have adequate tools to enforce compliance of Codes of Conduct to discipline Council members and Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022
6. Town of Cochrane RE: Support the call of action regarding the historical challenge for women in politics
7. Ministry of Municipal Affairs RE: New planning policy document on housing

- 8. Canada Revenue Agency RE: ARB stakeholders
- 9. O.P.P RE: 2024 Municipal Policing Billing Statement Property Count

The following two resolutions were presented for consideration. Regarding item I2, Council adopted the following resolution to support the endorsement of a permanent register of electors.

23-079

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do support the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand’s resolution and the endorsement for future accuracy of the permanent list of electors.

Cd.

Over the last few months, several municipalities have provided support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022. The following resolution was presented for Council approval and Councillor Callahan requested a recorded vote on this matter.

23-080

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Faye Stevens

Whereas Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member’s Bill on August 10, 2022;

Whereas the Township of Jocelyn and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Jocelyn Council endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement.
2. That Jocelyn Council expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP’s); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP’s); and FONOM.

Recorded Vote:

Reeve Henderson	No	Councillor Callahan	Yes
Councillor Crowder	No	Councillor Gilbertson	No
Councillor Stevens	Yes		

Defeated

**J. Reports and Newsletters**

1. Island Clippings: 1391-1394
2. Jocelyn Landfill Report – March 2023

**K. Closed Session**

No Closed Session

**L. Confirmation By-Law**

1. By-Law Adoption – 2023-1537 – Confirmation By-law

23-081

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2023-1537 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on 2023 05 02.

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23-082

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do adjourn and meet again on 2023 06 06 or at the call of the Reeve.

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Reeve Mark Henderson

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Clerk Treasurer Janet Boucher