

**The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
Minutes of a Council meeting held Tuesday, August 6th, 2024**

PRESENT: Mayor Al MacNevin, Councillors: Patti Aelick, Al Boyd, Laurie Cook, Mike Erskine, George Williamson, and William Koehler

ABSENT: Councillor Bruce Wood, Dawn Orr

STAFF PRESENT: David Williamson, CAO
Pam Myers, Clerk

Mayor MacNevin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof

Resolution No. 153-08-2024

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: G. Williamson

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands approves agenda as presented.

Carried

Resolution No. 154-08-2024

Moved by: A. Boyd

Seconded by: W. Koehler

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands now reads a first, second and third time and finally passes By-law 2024-21 being a by-law to adopt the minutes of Council for the term commencing November 15th, 2022 and authorizing the taking of any action therein and thereby.

Carried

Resolution No. 155-08-2024

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: W. Koehler

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands now reads a first, second and third time and finally passes By-law 2024-22, being a by-law to amend zoning by-law 2018-41 by site specific amendment to allow for an oversized garage to a maximum of 134m², for residential use only, no commercial activity will be permitted.

Carried

Resolution No. 156-08-2024

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: P. Aelick

WHEREAS employers across Northern Ontario are experiencing a critical shortage of skilled workers, contributing to a shrinking labour market with an estimated 50,000 newcomers needed by 2041 to sustain current Northern Ontario population levels; and

WHEREAS, the labour shortage is causing significant economic hardship for Northern Ontario communities, including reduced productivity and business closures; and

WHEREAS population and migration trends to 2021 suggest that Northern Ontario needs 100,000 newcomers by 2041 to sustain current population; and

WHEREAS the success of the federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) demonstrates the effectiveness of allocating nomination spots to address regional labour shortages in attracting newcomers to Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program has been expanded from 9,750 nominees in 2022 to a goal of 21,500 nominees in 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands COUNCIL Urges the Government of Ontario to address the critical market shortage of skilled labour in Northern Ontario by allocating 3,000 Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program spots to support the region's economic growth and development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

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Copies of this resolution be forwarded to: the Ontario Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training & Skills Development; local Members of Provincial Parliament; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and Federal Ministries.

Carried

Resolution No. 157-08-2024

Moved by: G. Williamson

Seconded by: P. Aelick

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does now adjourn at 7:26 pm.

Carried

Al MacNevin, Mayor

Pam Myers, Clerk