

The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
Minutes of a Regular Council meeting held Tuesday, March 17, 2020
in the Waterfront Artisan Incubator and Technology Center at 7:00p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Al MacNevin, Councillors: Barb Baker, Al Boyd, Laurie Cook, Jim Ferguson, Mike Erskine, William Koehler, Dawn Orr and Bruce Wood

STAFF PRESENT: David Williamson, CAO
Pam Cress, Clerk

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

Resolution No. 72-03-2020

Moved by: J. Ferguson

Seconded by: A. Boyd

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

Carried

Resolution No. 73-03-2020

Moved by: D. Orr

Seconded by: B. Wood

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands reads a first, second and third time and finally passes By-Law no. 2020-10, being a by-law to adopt the minutes of Council for the term commencing December 4, 2018 and authorizing the taking of any action authorized therein and thereby.

Carried

Resolution No. 74-03-2020

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: W. Koehler

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands gives permission to Lesley Stephens and her family to do shoreline clean up at Howland Lot 37, Con 3 under the supervision of the Manager of Public Works.

Carried

Resolution No. 75-03-2020

Moved by: J. Ferguson

Seconded by: L. Cook

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands approves the naming of private roads off of Harbour view Road as requested by Craig and Kelly Timmermans as per the attached and at their expense.

Carried

Resolution No. 76-03-2020

Moved by: D. Orr

Seconded by: M. Erskine

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands gives permission to the Little Current Lions Club to use:

1. The Low Island Pavilion, soccer fields and ball fields
2. Authorize an enclosed bar/food are at the Lions Pavilion
3. Closure of Manitowaning Road (BMO) to Worthington Street, Friday, July 31st at 6:30 am until Sunday night
4. Closure of Manitowaning Road (Campbell Street) to Water Street until Sunday night
5. The Fire hall back parking area.

Carried

Resolution No. 77-03-2020

Moved by: W. Koehler

Seconded by: A. Boyd

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands accepts the tender for the supply and installation of an air conditioner unit at the recreation center as submitted by Metal Air in the amount of \$69 815.00 plus HST.

Carried

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Resolution No. 78-03-2020

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: B. Wood

WHEREAS Greater Sudbury was selected by the Ministry of Health as a pilot municipality for assumption of operational control of the Central Ambulance Communications Centre as one of three pilot sites following the 2001 download of Land Ambulance Services; and

WHEREAS in 2014 a feasibility study was completed by the City of Greater Sudbury, and concluded that a fully integrated Emergency Communications Services system that included EMS Communications, the existing 9-1-1 system, and both Police and Fire Communications Centre for Greater Sudbury was desirable; and

WHEREAS Greater Sudbury City Council endorsed the proposed solution; and

WHEREAS such a model could benefit Land Ambulance Services beyond the City of Greater Sudbury through seamless dispatching of emergency services, including Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Services; and

WHEREAS during the Provincial 2019-2020 budget, the Province indicated they would be modernizing the Provincial Land Ambulance Dispatch System; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Services are currently dispatched by three (3) separate Ambulance Communication Centres located in Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and Sudbury; and

WHEREAS the Program Planning Committee has reviewed the proposed consolidation of Land Ambulance dispatch with the City's dispatch for 911, Police and Fire and recommends endorsement from the Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB accept the Program Planning recommendation and endorses the proposed consolidation of Land Ambulance dispatch with the City's dispatch for 9-1-1, Police and Fire to achieve a fully integrated Emergency Communications Services system; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff engage the Ontario Ministry of Health in discussions to transfer operational governance for Paramedic dispatch to Greater Sudbury (contingent on 100% provincial funding); and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Health consolidate the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Services dispatch from the current three (3) Ambulance Communications Centres to (1) one Ambulance Communication Centre; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board write to the Honourable Christine Elliot, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, indicating that Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is supportive of an Integrated Emergency Dispatch Service model; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT that a copy of the letter be sent to Alison Blair, Assistant Deputy Minister, Emergency Health Services Division, Jim Pine, Advisor to the Minister of Health, to all 18 member municipalities, to the Northern Ontario Service Delivery Agencies (NOSDA) and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to the MPP's for the ridings of Sudbury, Nickel Belt, Timiskaming-Cochrane and Algoma Manitoulin.

Carried

Resolution No. 79-03-2020

Moved by: L. Cook

Seconded by: D. Orr

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education provides funding for Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District Social Services Administration Boards (CMSMs/DSSABs) that is founded on a proportionate allocation of specific types of funding based on identified data elements; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education is currently undertaking a full review of the formula and funding model for the Child Care programs under the Service Management of the forty-seven (47) CMSMs/DSSABs; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB and the Municipalities that are part of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB recognize the importance of quality and affordable child care programs and the positive impacts that such programs have on community well-being and creating inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB vast geographic land area makes up approximately 45,000 square kilometers and encompasses some eleven

(11) First Nation communities, eighteen (18) municipalities
and unincorporated territories; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Program Planning Committee reviewed the Child Care Funding Formula - Issue Report and is recommending approval to the Board.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts the Program Planning Committees recommendations and approves the Child Care Funding Formula - Issue Report and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB and member Municipalities demand that the Minister of Education address the funding inequities that have been created by the current funding model for Northern Ontario; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Education adopt the use of the Low-Income Measure After Tax (LIM-AT) instead of the current Low- Income Cut-Off After Tax (LICO-AT) in order to better and more accurately reflect level of poverty faced by families in Northern Ontario; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to all 18 member municipalities and that they are asked to pass similar resolutions supporting this resolution which would be shared with the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be shared with FONOM, NOMA, AMO and OMSSA.

Carried

Resolution No. 80-03-2020

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: D. Orr

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Program Planning Committee has reviewed the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit - Issue Report and is recommending approval to the Board and;

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is extremely concerned that the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit does not consider the actual rent paid or utilities costs in the calculation; and

WHEREAS this is of particular concern in Northern Ontario where natural gas is not available in many communities and Hydro One rates are exorbitant and creating a Provincial Portable Housing Benefit that does not include the actual costs of heat and utilities paid by the tenant is a real concern for Northerners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts the Program Planning Committees recommendation and approves the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit - Issue Report and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report and;

FURTHER THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB encourage the Federal and Provincial governments to reconsider the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit guidelines and create flexibility as one size fits all does not work well for Northern Ontario, particularly for small rural and remote communities whose existing resources are stretched to the maximum; and

FURTHER THAT both levels of government ensure that the actual cost of rent, heat and utilities paid by tenants is included in the calculation of the Housing Benefit; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution and Issue Report be forwarded to the Hon. Jean-Yves Duclos, Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Minister Steve Clark Provincial Minister responsible for Housing in Ontario; and

FURTHER THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB share this motion and supporting materials with DSB member municipalities, AMO, FONOM, NOMA, OMSSA, HSC, ONPHA, MP Carol Hughes, MP Mark Serre, MP Paul Lefebvre, MPP John Vanthof and MPP Mike Mantha.

Carried

Resolution No. 81-03-2020

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: B. Baker

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Manitoulin and the Island now reads a first, second and third time and finally passes By-law 99-36 being a by-law to govern the proceedings of Council, the conduct of its members and the calling of meetings.

Carried

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Resolution No. 82-03-2020

Moved by: W. Koehler

Seconded by: A. Boyd

Whereas Covid 19 is an area of great concern and in the interest of good and responsible governance

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands suspends all Council and Committee meetings until May 5th and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that all Council member participation in outside committees be suspended, other than electronic or teleconference formats for the same period and

FURTHER MORE BE IT RESOLVED that electronic meetings may be held for information purposes only

THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED that nothing in this resolution be deemed to impact on the authority of the Mayor to call meetings of Council as required.

Carried

Resolution No. 83-03-2020

Moved by: L. Cook

Seconded by: M. Erskine

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands sets a moratorium on the interest rates being charged on property taxes and utility accounts and

FURTHER that outstanding utility accounts will not be moved to the tax accounts.

Defeated

Resolution No. 84-03-2020

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: J. Ferguson

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does now adjourn at 8:41 pm.

Carried

Al MacNevin Mayor

Pam Cress Clerk