

**The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
Minutes of a Regular Council meeting held Tuesday, September 6, 2022
Electronic Format (Zoom)**

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

STAFF PRESENT: David Williamson, CAO
Pam Cress, Clerk
Reid Taylor, Manager of Community Services

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof – none

Resolution No. 198-09-2022

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: A. Boyd

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

Carried

Resolution No. 199-09-2022

Moved by: W. Koehler

Seconded by: L. Cook

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands now reads for the first, second and third time and finally passes By-Law No 2022-44, 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. 200-09-2022

Moved by: B. Baker

Seconded by: D. Orr

WHEREAS, the Electoral Boundary Commission has proposed to remove one of the electoral ridings from Northern Ontario; and
WHEREAS, the proposal to diminish Northern Ontario's voice in Parliament will have a detrimental effect on participatory democracy and regional development as the issues in Northern Ontario are significantly different than the issues facing the urban south and
WHEREAS, the Federal Boundary Commission proposal to cut representation in the north is contrary to the 2017 electoral boundary changes for Ontario that recognized the need to add two seats to ensure fair participation for northern residents; and
WHEREAS, many of the existing ridings in Northern Ontario are already larger than many European countries, a situation that will only be worsened by the addition of massively new regions to service; and
WHEREAS, the proposed new super ridings will force municipalities to compete for a limited amount of riding funding which will further exacerbate inequities in the north; and
WHEREAS, Northern Ontario's population per riding is already much higher than many other rural and isolated regions in Canada's north; and
WHEREAS, the courts have ruled that representation in Canada's democracy is not based merely on population but on regions of interest and the right of citizens to engage with their elected representatives; and

