## 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 Northem 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 southl 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

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WHEREAS, any changes to electoral boundaries should be based on the principles of maintaining communities of interest within boundaries that are equitable in terms of population and geography

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council calls on the Electoral

Boundary Commission to maintain the electoral representation of Northern Ontario and ensure that any boundary changes are done in a manner that responds to regional and local need.

Carried

Resolution No. 201-09-2022 Moved by: W. Koehler

Seconded by: D. Orr

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands rescinds motion 309-11-12 and removes the building freeze on the west end of Meredith Street.

Carried

Resolution No. 202-09-2022

Moved by: B. Baker Seconded by: M. Erskine

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does not support the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act and forwards this motion on to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Carried

Resolution No. 203-09-2022

Moved by: M. Erskine Seconded by: J. Ferguson

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands approves the rate increases for the NEMI Recreation Center as attached.

Carried

Ayes: Mayor MacNevin, Councillors, Baker, Boyd, Cook, Erskine, Ferguson, Orr and

Wood

Nays: Councillor Koehler

Resolution No. 204-09-2022

Moved by: J. Ferguson Seconded by: A. Boyd

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern

Manitoulin and the Islands does now adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

Carried

Al MacNevin	Mayor	Pam Cress	Clerk