

**The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands  
Minutes of a Council meeting held Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Al MacNevin, Councillors: Al Boyd, Laurie Cook, Mike Erskine,  
George Williamson, Patti Aelick, Dawn Orr and William Koehler and Bruce Wood

**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. 01-01-2025

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. 02-01-2025

Moved by: W. Koehler

Seconded by: M, Erskine

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 2025-01 being a by-law to adopt the minutes of Council for the term commencing November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and authorizing the taking of any action therein and thereby.

Carried

Resolution No. 03-01-2025

Moved by: P. Aelick

Seconded by: W. Koehler

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Island now reads a first, second and third time and finally passes By-Law 2025-02 , being a by-law to appoint Municipal Officers to carry out duties required under this or any Act.

Carried

Resolution No. 04-01-2025

Moved by: L. Cook

Seconded by: M. Erskine

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands appoints Nola Thompson to the Library Board.

Carried

Resolution No. 05-01-2025

Moved by: P. Aelick

Seconded by: G. Williamson

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands accepts the resignation of Shane O'Donnell and Anne Erickson from the Library Board.

Carried

Resolution No. 06-01-2025

Moved by: D. Orr

Seconded by: A. Boyd

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands grants permission to Rock Network Cyient for the installation of the attached vaults and the requisite cabling in support of the provision of improved internet services to the community as per the attached drawings and as per

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the terms and conditions of the previously agreed to in the Permission to Perform Work and Place Infrastructure on Municipal Property agreement.

Carried

Resolution No. 07-01-2025

Moved by: G. Williamson

Seconded by: P. Aelick

WHEREAS Children's Aid Societies across Ontario are experiencing significant financial pressures, with the majority of agencies running deficits in the millions;

WHEREAS the Financial Accountability Office has indicated funding for child protection has fallen behind inflation, with the sector missing \$70 million compared to previous funding levels;

WHEREAS the current funding model implemented in 2013 has limitations that affect the safety and well-being of children, particularly in northern and remote communities;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services' s pending on Child Protection Services is projected to grow at only 0.7% annually from 2023-24 to 2028-29, well below inflation;

WHEREAS the child welfare redesign strategy requires enhanced community-based prevention services and improved quality of care, which cannot be achieved without adequate funding.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands supports the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and** calls on the Government of Ontario to immediately address the funding shortfall in child welfare by providing emergency stabilization funding to Children's Aid Societies;

Requests that the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services undertake **a Province wide service review**, including the funding model. During the review, FONOM asks that the following be included in the review.

- Adequately addresses the unique challenges of northern and remote communities;
- Account created for higher operational costs in geographically dispersed regions;
- Provide sustainable funding for prevention services;
- Urges the Province to implement multi-year funding commitments that allow for proper planning and service delivery;
- Advocates for the development of a specific Northern Strategy for child welfare that recognizes the unique needs and challenges of Northern communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to:** The Honorable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies, Association of Native Child and Family Services Agencies of Ontario, All municipalities within FONOM's jurisdiction, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and the leaders of the Opposition Parties.

Resolution No. 08-01-2025

Moved by: D. Orr

Seconded by: W. Koehler

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does now adjourn at 7:17 pm.

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Al MacNevin, Mayor

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Pam Myers, Clerk