

**The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands**  
**Minutes of a Regular Council meeting held Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Al MacNevin, Councillors: Patti Aelick, Al Boyd, Laurie Cook, Mike Erskine, William Koehler, Dawn Orr, George Williamson, 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 – none.

Resolution No.86-04-2024

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: B. Wood

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

Carried

Resolution No. 87-04-2024

Moved by: A. Boyd

Seconded by: P. Aelick

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 2024-12. Being a by-law to adopt the minutes of Council for the term commencing November 15, 2022 and authorizing the taking of any action therein and thereby.

Carried

Resolution No. 88-04-2024

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: G. Williamson

Whereas, access to healthcare is a fundamental right for all citizens, regardless of their geographic location;

Whereas, Hope Air, a charitable organization, has been tirelessly dedicated to providing access to healthcare by facilitating free flights and other services for patients living in rural and under-served communities in Ontario, ensuring they can receive vital medical treatment regardless of distance or financial means;

Whereas, Hope Air has been instrumental in bridging the gap between smaller communities and hospitals far from home, reducing the barriers that often prevent individuals from reaching medical care;

Whereas, the impact of Hope Air extends beyond the individual patients served, positively affecting families, communities, and the healthcare system as a whole by promoting wellness and reducing the burden of untreated medical conditions;

Whereas, the compassion, dedication, and commitment demonstrated by Hope Air and its volunteers embody the spirit of community and the belief in the inherent value of every individual's well-being;

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands that June 7th, 2024, shall be known as "Hope Air Day" in recognition of the invaluable contributions made by Hope Air to the health and well-being of individuals in Ontario's remote and rural communities.

We urge all citizens to join us in celebrating Hope Air Day and to reflect on the significance of ensuring equitable access to healthcare for all members of our society. Let us reaffirm our commitment to supporting initiatives that promote health equity and extend our gratitude to Hope Air for their unwavering dedication to serving those in need.

Carried

Resolution No.89-04-2024

Moved by: D. Orr

Seconded by: B. Wood

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does now adjourn at 7:13 pm.

Carried