

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSON
Regular Council Meeting
1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats
Johnson Township Council Chambers (Portable)
April 18, 2018

Presided by: Mayor Ted Hicks

PRESENT:

Council: Councillors – Marlee Hopkins, Jason Kern,
Lorne Robinson, Cameron Ross
Staff: Clerk – Ruth Kelso, Treasurer – Paula Spurway, Public Works
Superintendent (PWS) – Randy Spurway, Volunteer Fire Chief – Ron
Smith, Volunteer Assistant Fire Chief – Andy Bessesser
Delegation: Edith Orr, Maggie Willis
Visitors: Attached sign-in list.

CALL TO ORDER:

Res: 55 Moved by: L. Robinson Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson open the meeting at 5:35 p.m.
Carried

A) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None Declared

B) ACCOUNTS:

Res: 56 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: L. Robinson
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approve the Accounts as presented.
Carried

C) ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Res: 57 Moved by: L. Robinson Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approves the Minutes of March 21,
2018. Carried

D) DELEGATIONS:

1. Edith Orr – Johnson Farmers Market & Maggie Willis – Bruce Station Horticulture/Seedy Saturday
 - Attended the meeting to request permission to install a second pollinator garden at the JTCC Pavilion site.
 - PWS will meet with the group to ascertain the location of the garden to eliminate any concerns for future maintenance of the grounds.

Res: 58 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: L. Robinson
Be it resolved that the council of the Township of Johnson approve the installation of a second 4' x 8' raised pollinator garden perpendicular to the existing raised bed along with pollinator hotel. Costs to install and maintain to be covered by the Johnson Farmers' Market and Central Algoma Seedy Saturday. Carried

E) STAFF REPORTS:

1. Recreation Coordinator – Recommendation from the Recreation Committee on Theme 4 “Power Off and Play” funding from the Healthy Kids Community North channel.

Res: 59 Moved by: J. Kern Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approve the following Recreation Committee’s recommendations concerning Theme 4 “Power Off and Play” funds from the Healthy Kids Community Challenge North Channel (HKCC NC):

- a. That the approximately \$9,000 that is allocated to our township under one of the Power Off and Play interventions be used to help purchase playground equipment. Location and design to be determined.
- b. That the Recreation Coordinator will prepare a report with quotes for different options for such a playground, including options and information about natural playground that is being supplied through another HKCC NC intervention. The report and quotes will be presented to the Recreation Committee who will then send their recommendation to Council for approval. Carried

2. Clerk – report on sale of portables from 5 Margaret Street, Desbarats.

Res: 60 Moved by: L. Robinson Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the Clerk’s Report on sale of Portables as presented. Carried

3. Fire Chief – research on the proposed purchase of a tanker truck.

Res: 61 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the recommendations from the Volunteer Fire Chief to:

- 1. Review the attached proposal and approve in principle the purchase of a vehicle equipped as described in the attached document.
- 2. Set a budget amount for the purchase of a tanker truck up to \$220,000.00.
- 3. Ascertain financing options from prospective vendors.

Carried

4. Black Creek Bridge replacement – update on road closure date.

Res: 62 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: L. Robinson
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the Clerk’s Report on Black Creek Bridge replacement as presented. Carried

F) COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES & REPORTS: None

G) CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

1. Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre – update

Action: Budget deliberation item.

H) OLD BUSINESS:

1. Eleanor & David Hutchinson – Requesting the township pay for damage to their trailer vent, made from fallen trees from township property.

Res: 63 Moved by: J. Kern Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson agrees to pay Eleanor & David Hutchinson \$400.24 as requested. Carried

2. Service Delivery Operation Review – discussion on area for review.

Res: 64 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: L. Robinson
Be it resolved that pages 5 to 12 of the MNP documentation (less any corporate identification) be provided to KPMG to obtain a quote from KPMG for an operational review. Said quotes to be compared at the next Council meeting and a decision to be made at that time to proceed with the Operation Review. Carried

I) NEW BUSINESS:

1. FONOM lobbying for Ontario Northland Bus services.

Action: Council to thank FONOM for their successful lobbying to get Ontario Northland Bus services to the small northern communities

2. Canadian Pacific Avenue – request from the Mennonite Community to extend the road to be open from Johnson Drive to Government Road.

Action: PWS will include estimate of costs for the requested extension in the 2018 draft roads budget.

J) BY-LAWS:

1. By-Law # 2018-887, being a bylaw to confirm meeting proceedings.

Res: 65 Moved by: L. Robinson Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson reads and passes By-Law # 2018-887, being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the meeting of April 18, 2018. Carried

K) HEALTH & SAFETY: None

L) CLOSED MEETING:

Res: 66 Moved by: J. Kern Seconded by: L. Robinson

Be it resolved that the Township of Johnson proceed in Closed session at 7:05 p.m., in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. Carried

Res: 67 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: L. Robinson
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson open the meeting to the public at 7:14 p.m. Carried

Res: 68 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that Council offer for sale, the lots on Amory Street, lot number 4 and lots 5 & 6 together. Carried

Further – The Township will offer for sale Lots 4 separate from the combined Lots 5 & 6, without water and sewer connection to the curb as part of the offer for sale.

M) ADJOURNMENT:

Res: 69 Moved by: L. Robinson Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Carried

Date Adopted

Ted Hicks, Mayor

Ruth Kelso, CAO/Clerk