



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
December 15th 2021
ELECTRONIC MEETING

The following minutes are comprised of resolutions and the Clerk's interpretation of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Present: B. Mersereau, G. Grant, J. Kern, D. MacFarlane, R. McKinnon
Staff: G. Martin, H. Tener, F. Labelle, P. Trotter, R. Smith, T. Phillips

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest was filed by Councillor Dalton MacFarlane with regard to the Recreation Report on Parking.

Res: 144-2021 G. Grant, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council adopts the Minutes of November 17th 2021 as presented. (cd)

Res: 145-2021 D. MacFarlane, R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that Council approves the Statements for November 2021 as presented. (cd)

Council received a presentation from Ecovue Planners. Ecovue will be preparing the Community Improvement Plan for the Township. This amendment for the Official Plan is a lengthy process and will be made available for public comment.

Recreation Coordinator, Patti Trotter presented a report to Council regarding development options on the recreation property.

The Clerk reported to Council the status of the renovations to the office and holiday hours.

Res: 146-2021 G. Grant, R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that Council approves Option 3 of the Recreation Report, re: Natural Playground Parking Lot Development. Report Attached. (cd)

Chief Smith provided clarification to council on how the Automatic Aid will work.

Res: 147-2021 D. MacFarlane, R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that Council provides third and final reading to By-Law 2021-1010 being a by-law to enter into Automatic Aid fire protection with Tarbutt Township. (cd)

Res: 148-2021 G. Grant, J. Kern

WHEREAS the Thessalon Hospital provides an essential and critical service to the Town of Thessalon and the surrounding area and has provided service to 2,500 people from April to September 2021; AND WHEREAS the likelihood of contracts ending between the Ministry of Health and the Town of Thessalon and the Town of Bruce Mines and the remaining two physicians providing emergency coverage at the NSHN Thessalon Hospital is a matter of great concern and had reached a critical point;

NOW THEREFORE we call upon the Minister of Health and Ontario Health North to work immediately and collaboratively with NSHN, the municipalities and First Nations to take immediate steps to fill existing and upcoming vacancies in order to provide this essential health care service to our communities. (cd)

Res: 149-2021 R. McKinnon, D. MacFarlane

Be it resolved that Council supports the resolution from the Region of Durham regarding the establishment of procedure for school bus turnarounds. (cd)

Res: 150-2021 G. Grant, J. Kern

WHEREAS bridges and culverts are an intricate part of municipal infrastructure; AND WHEREAS the maintenance and replacement of bridges and culverts are critical for public safety and commerce.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council supports the resolution from the Township of Scugog requesting an increase and allowance in Provincial funding for bridges and culvert maintenance and replacement. (cd)

Res: 151-2021 D. MacFarlane, R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that Council welcomes the annual funding allocation from Northern Ontario Resource Development (NORD). Funds may be stacked with other programs, carried over year to year, projects not to begin prior to April 1st 2021. (cd)

Res: 152-2021 D. MacFarlane, G. Grant

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 2021-1012 being a confirming by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Council. (cd)

Res: 153-2021 R. McKinnon, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council adjourns at 6:18 PM until the next regular scheduled meeting of Council on January 19th, 2022 or at the call of the Mayor. (cd)

Deputy Mayor 
R. McKinnon

Clerk 
G. Martin