

***Minutes of the Regular Meeting***

***February 17th 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 5:35 PM.

Present: B. Mersereau, G. Grant, J. Kern, D. MacFarlane, R. McKinnon

Staff: G. Martin, H. Tener, F. Labelle, T. Phillips

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest was filed by Councillor D. MacFarlane with regard to item B.7.3.

Res: 01-2021 J. Kern, D. MacFarlane

Be it resolved that Council accepts the Clerk’s Admin report on the past six months activities. (cd)

Res: 02-2021 D. MacFarlane, R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that Council adopts the Minutes of December 16th 2020 and the Minutes of December 24th 2020 as presented. (cd)

Res: 03-2021 G. Grant, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council approves the Statements for December 2020 and January 2021 as presented. (cd)

Res: 04-2021 R. McKinnon, G. Grant

Be it resolved that Council supports the funding application submission by Tarbutt Township if and when qualifying for the joint development of a Sand Shed. (cd)

Res: 05-2021 D. MacFarlane, R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that Council supports the resolution form Laird Township and the City of Hamilton in requesting an Interim Cap on Gas Plants and Greenhouse Gas Pollution; and

Further the development and implementation of a plan to Phase-Out Gas-Fired Electricity Generation. (cd)

Res: 06-2021 G. Grant, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council informs HNCEA that Chris Wray no longer represents Johnson Township on the HNCEA board; and

FURTHER asks the Board to offer the area Municipalities on opportunity to fill this vacancy. (cd)

Res: 07-2021 R. McKinnon, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council receives the Ombudsman Report and have read and discussed the findings.

FURTHER THAT Council appreciates the guidance and clarification from the Ombudsman of procedures within a Closed Meeting; and

FINALLY, Council shall endeavor to always be aware of the protocol and procedures in a Closed Meeting and shall direct Staff to expand on Closed Meeting procedures in new Council orientations. (cd)

Res: 08-2021 D. MacFarlane, G. Grant

Be it resolved that Council submits the following items for inclusion in the Joint Amalgamated Tender for 2021:

6-1-ton bags of flaked calcium

2-loads of liquid calcium

12240 sq. meters of double coat with polymer hard surfacing

4050 sq. meters of single coat with polymer hard surfacing (cd)

Res: 09-2021 R. McKinnon, D. MacFarlane

Be it resolved that Council approves the Work Plan for the Roads Department for 2021, attached. (cd)

**ROADS DEPARTMENT WORKPLAN FOR 2021**

This plan is the work considered to be priority for 2021. Any number of things may impact the Roads Departments ability to complete all the work proposed, such things as weather events, emergencies, additional direction from Council throughout the season, etc. Staff shall report to Council throughout the season on the status of the work proposed. Several of these projects are very large undertakings, but all are expected to be done in house with township staff and equipment. **\*materials to be used are estimated**

**GOVERNMENT RD. W. TO PUGGINGSTONE**

Change 1 cross pipe 450mm

Reset 1 driveway entrance culvert

Replace 4 driveway entrance culvert

Ditch clean-out 700 meters

1.8 km of ripping

\*30 loads of A gravel 1.8 km of hard surfacing

**MARGRET STREET**

Ditch clean-out 1200 meters

Prep for hard-surfacing

**GOVERNMENT RD. E FROM LAKE HURON TO CIVIC #4672**

Change 15 driveway entrance culverts

Change 1 cross pipe

Ditch clean-out 2 km and eliminate one cross pipe

1.7 km of ripping (prep for hard-surfacing in 2022)

**CARTER SIDE RD AT GORDON LAKE RD**

Change 1 cross pipe 16m x 2400mm and coupler

\*80 yards of B gravel

\*20 yards of A gravel

\*36 yards of 4-8-inch quarry stone

Ditch clean-out 1 km on hill

**GILLISPIE STREET**

Ditching clean-out 100 meters

Dig out clay in road surface, replace with filter cloth and B gravel

Prep for hard-surfacing in 2022

**OLD SOO RD.**

Change 1 cross pipe 1200mm x 20m

60 yards of B gravel

18 yards of A gravel

Ditching clean-out on hills 2 km

**OLD MILL RD.**

Ditching 800 meters to eliminate water currently flooding onto road

Change 2 field entrance pipes

**DIAMONE LAKE ROAD**

Dig out clay frost heave about 30 meters and replace with filter cloth and B gravel

Prep same area to replace existing hard-surface area in 2022

Ditch hill at boat launch

Install new culvert

**FISHER RD**

Ditching 800 meters to eliminate water currently flooding onto road

**PUDDINGSTONE RD AT PARK ENTRANCE**

Change cross pipe 14m x 1800mm plus coupler

\*60 yards of B gravel

\*18 yards of A gravel

**GOVERNMENT RD EAST**

Change driveway entrance pipe 9m x 450mm

Change cross pipe west of Fisher Rd 16m x 450mm

Reset entrance pipe 16m x 450mm

**MAINTENANCE GRAVEL**

30 loads at various locations

Stockpile 20 loads of A gravel

Stockpile 20 loads of B gravel

**REGULAR MAINTENANCE**

Grading

Grass Cutting

Patching

When and if time permits ditching on Desbarats Lake Rd.

**BRUSHING**

With having our own equipment, it is hoped that the majority of brushing will be completed by spring. With current winter conditions is ideal weather and temperature to brush.

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Staff are currently doing some long overdue inside maintenance at the water plant.

Councillor MacFarlane had declared a conflict on the following item and left the meeting.

Res: 10-2021 G. Grant, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council acknowledges the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board Consent Application J2021-01 MacFarlane and has no additional conditions. (cd)

Councillor MacFarlane returned to the meeting

Res: 11-2021 J. Kern, R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that Council acknowledges the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board Consent Application J2020-12 Reader and has no additional conditions.

Res: 12-2001 G. Grant, D. MacFarlane

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 2021-981 being a by-law to set the borrowing limits of the Township for 2021. (cd)

Res: 13-2021 G. Grant, R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 2021-982 being a by-law to provide for the Interim Tax Levy for 2021. (cd)

Res: 14-2021 D. MacFarlane, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 2021-984 being a by-law to set the Tax Ratios for 2021. (cd)

Res: 15-2021 R. McKinnon, G. Grant

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 2021-985 being a by-law to authorize the renewal of the rental agreement with J. T. Farmers Market Association; and

FURTHER that clarification on the use of the Canteen be resolved i.e. Potentially exclude Canteen as necessary. (cd)

Res: 16-2021 G. Grant, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 2021-986 being a by-law to adopt as a Policy for Roads Department staff compensation for winter on call. (cd)

Res: 17-2021 D. MacFarlane, R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 2021-987 being a by-law to adopt a policy for the administration of electronic fund transfers. (cd)

Res: 18-2021 J. Kern, D. MacFarlane

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 2021-988 being a by-law to adopt a Strategic Plan for the Township. (cd)

Res: 19-2021 G. Grant, D. MacFarlane

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 2021-989 being a by-law to permit the operations of Off-Road Vehicles on highways within the boundaries of the Municipality. (cd)

Res: 20-2021 D. MacFarlane, G. Grant

WHEREAS the revenue received for Fire Permits is minimal; and

WHEREAS the fire permit provides valuable information with regard to burning in the Township; and

WHEREAS this information counts toward the requirement for Fire Education; and

WHEREAS in consideration of the population of Johnson Township and the number of permits issued annually, we are not issuing a high percentage and therefore not providing education and awareness to the extent we should be.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the elimination of the $10.00 fee for fire permits. (cd)

Res: 21-2021 R. McKinnon, J. Kern

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has offered affordable training for Northern volunteer fire departments for many years, and

WHEREAS most Northern Fire Departments are manned by volunteers that take vacation from their work and away from their families to attend this accessible training with little or no compensation, and

WHEREAS Municipalities are hard pressed to keep volunteers and to keep all volunteers trained.

THE Council of Johnson Township is frustrated that the Province would close this vital and affordable resource with no regard to how Municipalities are to meet the rigorous requirements place on our Fire Department by the Province and the Fire Marshalls Office, and

FURTHER to make such a significant change with no consultation or regard to the impact on Municipalities is irresponsible; and FINALLY, Council instructs the Clerk and the Johnson Fire Chief to express their concerns on this issue accordingly. (cd)

Councillor MacFarlane declared a Conflict of Interest on Closed agenda item 11.2. He participated for agenda item 11.1 and then left the Closed Meeting.

Res: 22-2021 G. Grant, J. Kern

WHEREAS THE MUNICIPAL ACT S. O. 2001 CH,25, AS AMENDED, SECTION 239 (2) PERMITS CLOSED MEETINGS, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PROCEEDS IN CLOSED SESSION AT 7:10 PM IN ORDER TO ADDRESS A MATTER PERTAINING TO:

\_X\_\_\_ personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

\_\_X\_\_\_ a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

\_\_X\_\_\_ litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

\_\_X\_\_\_ information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them, or between municipal governments. (cd)

Res: 23-2021 R. McKinnon, G. Grant

Be it resolved that Council comes out of Closed at 7:56PM. (cd)

Res: 24-2021 G. Grant, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Clerk to respond to Legal Council as directed with regard to staff settlement negotiations. (cd)

Res: 25-2021 R. McKinnon, G. Grant

Be it resolved that Council accepts the Minutes of Settlement and the conditions therein from the Human Rights mediation. (cd)

Res: 26-2021 J. Kern, G. Grant

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 2021-983 being a by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Council. (cd)

Res: 27-2021 G. Grant, R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that Council adjourns at 7:57 PM until the next scheduled meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor. (cd)

Deputy Mayor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

R. McKinnon G. Martin

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2021