The Deputy Mayor declared the Regular Meeting in the W.J. Barrett Chambers opened at 6:30 p.m. Present were Deputy Mayor Bill Rosenberg, Councillors Jordan Bird, Kimberly Hamilton, Darlene McColman, Randy Rankin, Ben Tetreault, Town Superintendent Ken Seabrook and Clerk-Treasurer Robert MacLean. Mayor James Orlando was absent for personal reasons.

Declaration - Closed Session: None

Delegation:

Resolutions:

2017-13-01: Jordan Bird - Ben Tetreault: “Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 16, 2017 be adopted.” CARRIED

2017-13-02: Jordan Bird - Ben Tetreault: “Be it resolved that the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on November 9, 2017 be adopted.” CARRIED

2017-13-03: Jordan Bird - Ben Tetreault: “Be it resolved that Council send a letter of support to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for the application being put forward for a new Interprofessional Primary Care Team to serve the residents in the communities of the East Algoma catchment area from Thessalon through Echo Bay and including St. Joseph Island.” CARRIED

2017-13-04: Kimberly Hamilton - Jordan Bird: “Be it resolved that Council approve free public skating from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. during the periods from December 27, 2017 to December 30, 2017 inclusive and from January 2, 2018 to January 5, 2018 inclusive.” CARRIED

2017-13-05: Kimberly Hamilton - Jordan Bird: “Be it resolved that Council approve free public hockey during the periods from December 27, 2017 to December 30, 2017 inclusive and from January 2, 2018 to January 5, 2018 inclusive from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for junior players, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for intermediate players and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for senior players.” CARRIED

2017-13-06: Kimberly Hamilton - Jordan Bird: “Be it resolved that Council approve a snowmobile safety course on December 17, 2017 at the Thessalon Arena Upper Deck for persons 12 - 15 years of age.” CARRIED

2017-13-07: Kimberly Hamilton - Jordan Bird: “Be it resolved that, further to Resolution 2017-11-20, after school pick up hockey for Grades 8 through 12 be changed to 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Fridays.” CARRIED

2017-13-08: Randy Rankin - Ben Tetreault: “Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to November 20, 2017 in the amount of $307,933.64 be approved for payment, noting that for any member of Council who has declared a pecuniary interest with regard to any account, their approval is based on this account(s) being excluded from the total accounts payable.” CARRIED

Declaration:
Councillor Kimberly Hamilton declared a conflict of interest relating to the Fluke’s Timbr Mart account. Councillor Randy Rankin declared a conflict of interest relating to the North Shore Sentinel account and the Rankin Supply account.

2017-13-09: Randy Rankin - Ben Tetreault: “Be it resolved that Council approve the Internal Control Policy dated November 20, 2017.” CARRIED
2017-13-10: Randy Rankin - Ben Tetreault: “Be it resolved that Council approve the Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy dated November 20, 2017.” CARRIED

2017-13-11: Randy Rankin - Ben Tetreault: “Be it resolved that Council establish user fees for commissioning services of $10.00 including taxes for a Resident and $20.00 including taxes for a Non-Resident, effective January 1, 2018.” CARRIED

2017-13-12: Randy Rankin - Ben Tetreault: “Be it resolved that the cost for a Marriage Licence be increased to $100.00, effective January 1, 2018.” CARRIED

2017-13-13: Randy Rankin - Ben Tetreault: “Be it resolved that Council authorize five Canadian Guaranteed Investment Certificates through the Northern Credit Union, each in the amount of $200,000.00 and having a three-year term, with the term to commence as soon as possible.” CARRIED

2017-13-14: Randy Rankin - Ben Tetreault: “Be it resolved that taxpayers be informed through the newsletter, website, next tax billing, etc., of the change which allows a municipality to commence tax registration proceedings once a property becomes two years in arrears, with the past practice of starting tax registration proceedings as early in the new year as possible for a property three years in arrears to continue, and with properties two years in arrears to be monitored.” CARRIED

2017-13-15: Ben Tetreault - Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the services of a structural engineer be engaged to determine if the area at the south end of the Upper Deck would be structurally suitable to enable the installation of washroom facilities, with the monies to cover the cost of this inspection to come from the Arena (Fleron) Reserve.” CARRIED

2017-13-16: Randy Rankin - Ben Tetreault: “Be it resolved that a “For Sale” sign be placed on the properties at 9 Algoma Street East and 15 Algoma Street West over the winter months with a decision to be made in the spring regarding sale by public auction or through a real estate agent if the properties remain unsold.” CARRIED

2017-13-17: Darlene McColman - Jordan Bird: “Be it resolved that the Public Works staff be authorized to leave work at noon on December 22, 2017, recognizing that they would be expected to return to work before 4:00 p.m. if required.” CARRIED

2017-13-18: Darlene McColman - Jordan Bird: “Be it resolved that Council accept the offer from the Sunset Beach Family Restaurant for the Council and staff dinner to be held on December 11, 2017, with spouses/partners being invited to attend as well, and with the cost of the meals for the spouses/partners to be their responsibility.” CARRIED

2017-13-19: Darlene McColman - Jordan Bird: “Be it resolved that Council approve the closure of the Municipal Office from noon on Friday, December 22, 2017 until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, recognizing that the appropriate staff will be coming into the office to process payroll, if necessary.” CARRIED

2017-13-20: Darlene McColman - Jordan Bird: “Be it resolved that Council approve a Christmas gift in the amount of $100.00 for all current staff.” CARRIED

2017-13-21: Jordan Bird - Ben Tetreault: “Be it resolved that Council approve the appointment of the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (Alternate in his or her absence) as Chair of the Emergency Management Program Committee.” CARRIED

2017-13-22: Jordan Bird - Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (Alternate in his or her absence) be appointed Emergency Information Officer.” CARRIED
2017-13-23: Jordan Bird - Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports.” CARRIED

2017-13-24: Jordan Bird - Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2207, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents for the provision of police services under Section 10, Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.15 between the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 20th day of November, 2017.” CARRIED

2017-13-25: Randy Rankin - Ben Tetreault: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2208, being a by-law to authorize the signing of the agreement and related documents for the River Street Crossings Project between Trimount Construction Group Inc. and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 20th day of November, 2017.” CARRIED

2017-13-26: Jordan Bird - Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2210, being a by-law to authorize Schedule ‘A’ of By-law Number 1448, being a by-law to establish an Emergency Management Program for the protection of public safety, health, the environment, the critical infrastructure and property, and to promote economic stability and a disaster-resilient community, in order to revise the Municipal Emergency Control Group and to establish an Activation Control Group, be passed in open Council this 20th day of November, 2017.” CARRIED

2017-13-27: Randy Rankin - Ben Tetreault: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2211, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a lease agreement between the Thessalon Public Library Board and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 20th day of November, 2017.” CARRIED

2017-13-28: Jordan Bird - Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2212, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on November 20, 2017, be passed in open Council this 20th day of November, 2017.” CARRIED

2017-13-29: Jordan Bird - Randy Rankin: “That this meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.” CARRIED

Deputy Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer