

**THESE MINUTES ARE THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RECORDER ONLY AND ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY COUNCIL!**

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

**Declaration - Closed Session:** None

**Delegation:** None

**Resolutions:**

**2018-03-01: Kimberly Hamilton - Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 20, 2018 be adopted.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-02: Randy Rankin - Ben Tetreault:** “Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon supports the concern raised in the letter dated February 8, 2018 from Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon with regard to the newly released requirements for asset management plans for municipal infrastructure which include a variety of measures on wastewater assets, and the requirement to report the same information to the Ministry of Infrastructure that is already required to be sent to the Ministry of the Environment, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Chris Ballard, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, the Honorable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure, Ernie Hardeman, Progressive Conservative Municipal Affairs Critic and to Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-03: Kimberly Hamilton - Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that a representative from the Town be authorized to attend the NOHFC Reception on March 22, 2018 in Sault Ste. Marie.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-04: Darlene McColman - Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that, with the amendment to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 ending the province’s role in enforcing residential rental maintenance standards starting July 1, 2018, the By-law Enforcement Officer be authorized to attend the Residential Rental Maintenance Standards training session in Sudbury on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-05: Jordan Bird - Darlene McColman:** “Be it resolved that Council authorize the attendance of one person at the Emergency Management Sector meeting in Sault Ste. Marie on May 30, 2018.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-06: Kimberly Hamilton - Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council approve the submission of a Biodiversity Education and Awareness Network (BEAN) grant application in the amount of \$500.00 to build a butterfly garden within the current Community Garden, with the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer being authorized to sign the application on behalf of the municipality.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-07: Kimberly Hamilton - Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council approve a Community Garden at the 231 Main Street location with the monies to come from the Healthy Kids Community Challenge funding.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-08: Kimberly Hamilton - Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that Council approve an outdoor arena and skate park, with the monies to come from the Healthy Kids Community Challenge funding.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-09: Kimberly Hamilton - Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council approve KICK Camp (Kids Into Canoeing and Kayaking) for the week of July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 inclusive, to be offered by Blind River Algoma Paddlers, at Peace Park.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-10: Kimberly Hamilton - Ben Tetreault:** “Be it resolved that Council approve the arrival of the Power Boat Poker Run at the Marina on July 28, 2018.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-11: Kimberly Hamilton - Ben Tetreault:** “Be it resolved that Council approve Mary Jane Thompson for Senior of the Year 2018.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-12: Bill Rosenberg - Ben Tetreault:** “Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to March 19, 2018 in the amount of \$336,016.34 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:**

Mayor James Orlando declared a conflict of interest relating to the Main Street Pharmacy account. 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.

**2018-03-13: Darlene McColman - Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that, regarding the Stewardship Youth Ranger Program, Council advertise for the Team Lead in the March 28, 2018 issue of The North Shore Sentinel, the website and the job bank with a closing date of April 6, 2018, and with the results to be included in the April 16, 2018 regular Council meeting agenda; and further, if the Hiring Committee concurs that a suitable Team Lead has not been found as a result of the interviews, then the Town would have the option to not accept the offer to become a host partner in the 2018 year; if the Hiring Committee concurs that a suitable Team Lead has been found, Council accept the offer to become a host partner for the 2018 year, and to advertise for the four Ranger positions with the results to be considered at the meeting on May 22, 2018.” **CARRIED**

Councillor Randy Rankin declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Resolution Number 2018-03-13 relating to the Stewardship Youth Ranger Program Team Lead and did not take part in the discussion or the vote.

**2018-03-14: Randy Rankin - Ben Tetreault:** “Be it resolved that Council approve the request with regard to signage for the Thessalon Dental Centre, with the signage to be done under the direction of the Town Superintendent, and with the cost of the signage to be the responsibility of the dentist/dental hygienist.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-15: Ben Tetreault - Bill Rosenberg:** “Be it resolved that, further to Resolution 2018-01-11 which stated that the cost of the architectural design for the washroom facilities at the south end of the Upper Deck would come from the Arena (Fleron) Reserve, since the cost will exceed the balance in that reserve, the shortfall is to come from monies allocated in the 2018 budget.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-16: Bill Rosenberg - Ben Tetreault:** “Be it resolved that Council approve the 2017 Annual Investment Report.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-17: Randy Rankin - Ben Tetreault:** “Whereas the Thessalon First Nation Land Claim has been recognized by the Ontario Government as a valid claim with settlement negotiations currently underway;

And whereas there is no ‘final’ map of the Claim area but the most current copy will remove approximately 30% of the wood supply of Midway Lumber Mills Ltd. forever;

And whereas Midway Lumber Mills Ltd. relies heavily on the supply of logs currently unavailable to the mill due to the Thessalon First Nation Boundary Land Claim negotiations, with these volumes being within 50 kilometres of the mill and being an integral portion of the mill’s overall wood supply;

And whereas the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has just approved the Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for harvest areas this coming year and has removed two thirds of the available area resulting in 1 contractor immediately being out of wood to harvest and 3 others being out of harvest area by mid summer, and with no other areas in the approved Forest Operating Plan available to these contractors to replace the area that has been lost;

And whereas an agreement with the Thessalon First Nation to support harvesting in the Claim area has not happened for the 2017 - 2018 AWS and there has been no indication of an agreement for the 2018 - 2019 AWS;

And whereas alterations to the mill's business plan have been necessitated with the sawmill moving to a one shift operation due to the reduced volume, resulting in undue stress for the operation;

And whereas the mill has a log inventory to operate until late May, early June, and no reliable supply afterwards due to the Claim area withdrawal for this coming year;

And whereas the impact on mill employees and directly related jobs in the Thessalon area will be approximately 300 people should the mill have to close;

And whereas this settlement negotiation process is negatively impacting the economy of the local businesses both within the municipality and the surrounding area;

And whereas the settlement negotiations could continue for some time given the history of past First Nation Land Claim Settlements in the Province;

Now therefore be it resolved that a letter be sent to the Honourable Nathalie Des Rosiers, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry requesting that action be taken in the short term while settlement negotiations are ongoing and in the longer term to ensure the viability of the mill;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable David Zimmer, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Michael Mantha, MPP, Algoma-Manitoulin, Midway Lumber Mills Ltd. and to the Municipality of Huron Shores, the Town of Bruce Mines and the Township of Plummer Additional requesting their support for this resolution." **CARRIED**

**2018-03-18: Jordan Bird - Darlene McColman:** "Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon supports the comments contained within the letter from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario dated March 7, 2018 to the Honourable Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, and that the following key amendments or provincial commitments, prior to the proposed Firefighter Certification and Community Risk Assessment regulations, be approved:

- Provincial commitment to fund new firefighter certification costs so that it is not an unfunded mandate for municipal governments;
  - The Province provide, in legislation, liability indemnification for all municipal governments who certify their firefighters to the standards in the Firefighter Certification regulation and that this is done at least 12 months before this regulation comes into force;
  - The proposed Firefighter Certification regulation does not come into force any earlier than January 1, 2020;
  - Technical amendments to the draft Firefighter Certification Community Risk Assessment as per the appendix attached to the letter as well as those provided in the OAFC submission;
  - The draft Public Reports regulation be held and not approved until Ontario's Standard Incident Response (SIR) framework, system improvements, and implementation strategies are discussed and consensus is achieved at the Table; and
  - Medical responses are not included in any future reporting requirements for municipal funded fire services."
- CARRIED**

**2018-03-19: Jordan Bird - Darlene McColman:** "Be it resolved that Council authorize the attendance of one member of Council at a meeting to be arranged with municipal leaders to discuss the issue of transportation services and to provide an update on the Family Health Team, as well as a few other new initiatives being worked on by the Rural Health Hub teams." **CARRIED**

**2018-03-20: Kimberly Hamilton - Ben Tetreault:** "Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports." **CARRIED**

**2018-03-21: Randy Rankin - Ben Tetreault:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2226, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents between Smelter Bay Aggregates Incorporated and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon regarding the use by heavy equipment on the abandoned CPR Spur and the lagoon road to enable access onto Peachey Street, be passed in open Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-22: Darlene McColman - Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2227, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 1490 and specifically, to change the zoning from OS to R1 for the lands described as Plan 1M531 Blk. 34 Pt. 1R10052 Parts 1, 2, and 3, be passed in open Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.” **CARRIED**

Mayor James Orlando declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Resolution Number 2018-03-22 relating to Re-Zoning Application Z-2018-1, and turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Bill Rosenberg for the discussion and the taking of the vote.

**2018-03-23: Bill Rosenberg - Ben Tetreault:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2228, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an amended lease agreement, and related documents with the Thessalon Dental Corporation, be passed in open Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-24: Kimberly Hamilton - Ben Tetreault:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2229, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 19, 2018, be passed in open Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.” **CARRIED**

**2018-03-25: Kimberly Hamilton - Ben Tetreault:** “That this meeting be adjourned at 7:08 p.m.” **CARRIED**

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