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The Mayor declared the Regular Meeting in the W. J. Barrett Chambers opened at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Bill Rosenberg, Deputy Mayor Jordan Bird, Councillors Marcel Baron, Tracey Cooke, Randy Rankin, Linda Stopes and Lindsay Tallon, Town Superintendent Ken Seabrook and Clerk-Treasurer Robert P. MacLean.

Declaration – Closed Session: None

Delegation: None

Resolutions:

2020-03-01: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 18, 2020 be adopted.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-02: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council authorize the attendance of the Mayor and a guest at the 60th Anniversary celebration of the St. Ambrose Catholic Women’s League on April 19, 2020.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-03: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approve the request from the Thessalon Curling Club to change the use of proceeds on Lottery Licence #800233 for the Catch The Ace to allow donations to eligible organizations, including but not limited to a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to Thessalon Minor Hockey, subject to the proceeds being used in accordance with the guidelines.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-04: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the municipal insurance proposal from Algoma Insurance covering the one-year period commencing March 16, 2020, be accepted.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-05: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon supports the resolution passed by the Council of the Township of Tarbutt respectfully requesting that the Province take immediate action to become a leader in the world by encouraging research and development into a biodegradable product to replace Styrofoam and Polystyrene, and further that the Province place pressure on manufacturers and businesses or offer an incentive to use biodegradable and environmentally friendly packaging in place of Styrofoam and Polystyrene, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Waste Management Association, Michael Mantha, MPP, Algoma-Manitoulin and to the Township of Tarbutt."

CARRIED

2020-03-06: Marcel Baron – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that Council approve the request from the Alzheimer Society for the sale of tickets within the municipality for the luxurious ladies' raffle with the money raised to be used to support educational resources, research and recreation therapy."

CARRIED

2020-03-07: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that Council give consideration in the 2020 budget to the inclusion of the development of the large river property west of Highway 129 zoned as recreational as an all-season use type area (e.g. hiking/snowshoe/cross country ski trails, bird watching sites, fishing pier/dock, picnic area etc.)"

CARRIED

2020-03-08: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that Council request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, through the Official Plan review, to allow the re-designation, from Rural Area to Highway Commercial District, of the municipally owned properties lying north of Highway 17 and adjacent to Albert and Edward Streets, and further, if the re-designation to Highway Commercial District moves forward, that the re-designated lands be advertised for commercial development; if the re-designation to Highway Commercial District does not move forward, that Council request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, through the Official Plan review, to allow the re-designation of the above-mentioned municipally owned lands from Rural to Residential Area."

CARRIED

2020-03-09: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council, in conjunction with the Municipal Economic Development Committee as required, investigate the following two properties designated M1 and being described as 1) the parcel of land lying immediately south of Mowat Street, east of Dymont Street and west of the former CP spur and 2) the parcel of land lying north of Peachey Street and adjacent to the access road into the lagoon, to determine suitability for light industrial development.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-10: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to March 16, 2020 in a total amount of \$224,838.45 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 Randy Rankin declared a conflict of interest relating to the Rankin Supply account and the North Shore Sentinel account.

2020-03-11: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the hiring process for the Administrative Secretary position be commenced on March 17, 2020.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-12: Marcel Baron – Lindsay Tallon: “Be it resolved that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign, on behalf of the municipality, an application through the Royal Canadian Legion Charitable Foundation, and related documents, for a Cutters Edge Multi-Cut Fire Rescue Saw in the amount of \$4,000.00 plus applicable taxes.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-13: Lindsay Tallon - Tracey Cooke: “Be it resolved that, in light of the Coronavirus concerns, the Arena be closed effective immediately, with all scheduled events and activities for this season being cancelled, and further, authority is hereby given by Council for additional closures or limited access to municipal facilities as deemed necessary.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-14: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: “Be it resolved that Council approve the request from the resident to dismantle the ‘block’ flower bed at the Marina and replace it with an old canoe, in which flowers would be planted, at no cost to the Town.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-15: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that Boxing Day, which in 2020 falls on a Saturday, be recognized on Monday, December 28, 2020." **CARRIED**

2020-03-16: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign the Copyright Acknowledgement with regard to the Accountability and Transparency by-law workshop." **CARRIED**

2020-03-17: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports." **CARRIED**

2020-03-18: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2357, being a by-law to describe to the public how Council, Committees, Local Boards and Municipal Employees will be accountable and transparent, be passed in open Council this 16th day of March, 2020." **CARRIED**

2020-03-19: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2358, being a by-law to amend Schedule 'A' of By-law Number 1800, being a by-law to update/establish user fees and service charges, be passed in open Council this 16th day of March, 2020." **CARRIED**

2020-03-20: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2359, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents between Wendy Seabrook and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 16th day of March, 2020." **CARRIED**

2020-03-21: Randy Rankin – Marcel Baron: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2360, being a by-law to designate the period each year during which reduced loads on streets are to be in effect, be passed in open Council this 16th day of March, 2020." **CARRIED**

2020-03-22: Randy Rankin - Marcel Baron: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2361, 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 16th day of March, 2020." **CARRIED**

2020-03-23: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the rules of procedure be suspended in order to address a further item in Closed Session related to the Coronavirus concern.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-24: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved the Council proceed in Closed Session 1) in order to address personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and specifically, the rate of pay for the new Administrative Secretary position; a matter regarding the probationary period for Employee No. 019; and a matter with regard to Employee No. 018 and 2) in order to address a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, and specifically, to consider the purchase of lands to enhance parcels of land owned by the municipally.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-25: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin “That Council resume Open Session.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-26: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1, Council approve the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee regarding the hourly rate for the new Administrative Secretary position, with the range for this position being from \$20.80 - \$21.88 per hour.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-27: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 2, as recommended by the supervisor, having successfully completed the probationary period, Employee No. 019 is hereby deemed a seniority employee.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-28: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 3, Council pursue the initiative raised by the Municipal Economic Development Committee with regard to the purchase, etc. of lands.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-29: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 4, Council accept the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee with regard to Employee No. 018.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-30: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2362, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 16, 2020, be passed in open Council this 16th day of March, 2020.” **CARRIED**

2020-03-31: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin: "That this meeting be adjourned at 7:48 p.m." **CARRIED**

Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer