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The Mayor declared the Regular Meeting open at 6:33 p.m. Present in the W. J. Barrett Chambers were Mayor Bill Rosenberg, Deputy Mayor Jordan Bird, Councillors Marcel Baron, Tracey Cooke, Randy Rankin, Linda Stopes, and Lindsay Tallon, Clerk-Treasurer Robert MacLean and Town Superintendent Ken Seabrook.

Declaration – Closed Session: None

Delegation: None

Resolutions:

2020-16-01: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on November 16, 2020 be adopted.”

CARRIED

2020-16-02: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approve the registration fee for up to two members at the virtual Ontario Good Roads Association annual conference to be held from February 22nd – 25th, 2021.”

CARRIED

2020-16-03: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approve the registration fee for up to two members at the virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario annual conference to be held from August 15th – 18th, 2021.”

CARRIED

2020-16-04: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the rules of procedure be suspended in order to consider questions raised regarding the Community Owned Regional Broadband initiative by H&M COFI.”

CARRIED

2020-16-05: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that a letter be sent to the Municipality of Huron Shores requesting responses to the questions related to the Community Owned Regional Broadband initiative by H&M COFI raised at the Council meeting on December 21, 2020.”

CARRIED

2020-16-06: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon supports Leapfrog Telecom in its application to the Rapid Response Stream of the Universal Broadband Fund.”

CARRIED

2020-16-07: Lindsay Tallon – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that the letter from the canteen operator requesting reconsideration of the monthly rent, be referred to the Marina/Arena/Parks Committee.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-08: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the municipality, the 2021 Summer Experience Program funding application.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-09: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approve the updated profile prepared by the Municipal Economic Development Corporation for publication on the Algoma Country website and in their Tour Guide.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-10: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon supports the resolution passed by the Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg requesting that the Province of Ontario extend the compliance deadline stated in Section 14 (4) of O. Reg 191/11 to require designated public sector organizations to meet the compliance standards, by a minimum of one (1) year to at least January 1, 2022; and that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to meet these compliance standards; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Raymond Cho, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, the Township of Lake of Bays, and the Town of Amherstburg.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-11: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that the Government of Canada declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency so that it is taken seriously and funded appropriately, and be it further resolved that the Government of Canada immediately seek input from the people most affected by this crisis and meet with provinces and territories to develop a comprehensive, pan-Canadian overdose action plan, which includes comprehensive supports and full consideration of reforms that other countries have used to significantly reduce drug-related fatalities and stigma, such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply of pharmaceutical alternatives to toxic street drugs, and decriminalization for personal use, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, Health Canada, Moms Stop The Harm and to Carol Hughes, MP, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-12: Marcel Baron – Tracey Cooke: “Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon formally endorses Bill C-213, the Canada Pharmacare Act, extending prescription drug coverage to every Canadian, while saving billions every year.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-13: Lindsay Tallon – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that a rate of .20 cents per kWh be established for usage of hydro for each meter installed at the Lakeside Park Seasonal sites, with the meters to be read at the end of each month and billed at the beginning of the following month, and further that a \$200.00 deposit will be required at the beginning of the season, May 9th.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-14: Lindsay Tallon – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that Council approve a reduced rate for ice rentals during the holiday season by offering a discount, reducing the price from \$118.65 (includes HST) to \$100.00 (includes HST) to rent the ice per hour on December 21, 22, and 23, 2020.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-15: Lindsay Tallon – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that Council amend the Thessalon Memorial Arena Upper Deck Rental Agreement, Section 3 to add the wording ‘An adult must be present at all times during the rental (18 years or older)’ and furthermore that Section 13 be amended to ‘The Town of Thessalon reserves the right to deny any request to rent the facilities to any organization or person.’” **CARRIED**

2020-16-16: Lindsay Tallon – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that the Thessalon Marina/Arena/Parks Committee recommend to Council to amend Schedule “B” of the User Fees & Service Charges adding a section under the heading Upper Deck – “Deposit required for key” in the amount of \$50.00 (includes HST).” **CARRIED**

2020-16-17: Marcel Baron – Tracey Cooke: “Be it resolved that a letter be sent to the applicant of C-2020-02 outlining possible options for a future severance; however, stating that the Committee or Council cannot guarantee an approved Consent Application ahead of time.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-18: Marcel Baron – Tracey Cooke: “Be it resolved that a letter be sent to the resident inquiring about a garage apartment recommending completion of a Zoning By-Law Amendment Application.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-19: Marcel Baron – Tracey Cooke: “Be it resolved that the quote from Tulloch Engineering of \$3,475.00 plus HST be accepted to complete the Feasibility Study on the Town-owned lots on Dawson Street, and that the funding be taken out of the 2021 budget.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-20: Marcel Baron – Tracey Cooke: “Be it resolved that a letter be sent to the property manager of Part of River Lot 2 Pt. North Hwy. 17 and being RP 1R9743 Part 2 on Highway 17, advising that they may move forward with a distribution yard for prefab sheds, as it is a permitted use for this zone under our Official Plan Sections C.8.3 and C. 8.5.5.; that in doing so the distribution yard maintains the property in accordance to the Official Plan and Property Standards By-law.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-21: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the rules of procedure be suspended in order to consider the December 21, 2020 announcement by the Premier of Ontario mandating a lockdown for the Province of Ontario, effective at 12:01 a.m. on December 26, 2020.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-22: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that fitness memberships be limited to persons who have not been out of the district in the past fourteen days.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-23: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to December 21, 2020 in a total amount of \$230,830.18 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.

2020-16-24: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the Library rent not be increased for the 2021 year.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-25: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that an invoice be sent to the Tri-Neighbours Board of Management in the amount of \$6,237.00 representing the portion of the liability insurance premium due from the Town of Bruce Mines and the Township of Plummer Additional, and moving forward, that an invoice be sent to the Tri-Neighbours’ Board of Management annually.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-26: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that, in keeping with the Municipal Act - Section 106 (2) Financial Assistance – Prohibited, Council decline the special repayment request from KRS Holdings Thessalon Inc. and invoice accordingly.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-27: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that Council authorize the purchase and installation of the Adobe Acrobat Pro version in the amount of \$630.00 plus tax, with the funds to cover this expenditure to come from monies received for COVID-19 expenditures.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-28: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that Council approve the appointment of Cleo Walker to the Thessalon Public Library Board.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-29: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that, with a member having not been aware until November 30, 2020 of the October 1, 2020 reopening of the Fitness Centre, Council hereby authorizes an offer to extend the membership by this sixty-one day period, or, if preferred, a prorated reimbursement of the membership fee.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-30: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that Wi-Fi be reinstalled at the Arena pending re-opening at a cost of \$199.95 per month plus tax for Dynamic 300mbps, with this cost to be covered through the COVID-19 funding.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-31: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that Council approve the Thessalon Minor Hockey Association Return To Play Guidelines.” **CARRIED**

2020-16-32: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron: "Be it resolved that Council approve the following Boards and Committees for the Town of Thessalon:

Police Services Board

Marcel Baron, Donna Latulippe, Donald Oliver

Public Library Board

Kathy Cullis, Carol McCaig, Sharon Ryan, Linda Stopes, Marg Turner, Cleo Walker

Town and Township Cemetery Board

Becky Brock, Linda Stopes, Jana Tetreault, Darlene Walsh

Tri-Neighbours's Board

Marcel Baron, Randy Rankin

Committee of Adjustment

Marcel Baron, Jordan Bird, Kevin King, Tom Mills, Bill Rosenberg

Community Events and Activities Committee

Kim Bos, Tracey Cooke, Christa Lawrence, Donna Orlando, Linda Stopes

Huron North West Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee

Donna Latulippe

Marina/Arena/Parks Committee

Scott Lawrence, James Orlando, Bill Rosenberg, Linda Stopes, Lindsay Tallon

Municipal Economic and Community Development Committee

Pam Coventry, Mary Jones, Ted Priddle, Linda Stopes, Lee Turcotte

Planning Advisory Committee

Marcel Baron, Jordan Bird, Kevin King, Tom Mills, Bill Rosenberg

Property Standards Committee

Marcel Baron, Jordan Bird, Kevin King, Tom Mills, Bill Rosenberg

Sustainability Through Environmental Practices Committee

Jordan Bird, Tracey Cooke, Kirby Horton, Tina Johncox, Cyndy King."

CARRIED

2020-16-33: Randy Rankin – Linda Stopes: "Be it resolved that, due to the February 15, 2021 Council meeting falling on Family Day, the Council meeting be changed to Tuesday, February 16, 2021." **CARRIED**

2020-16-34: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron: "Be it resolved that Council approve the Clerk-Treasurer's request to carry over two days of unused vacation to 2021." **CARRIED**

2020-16-35: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron: "Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports." **CARRIED**

2020-16-36: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2403, being a by-law to authorize 2020 year-end financial transfers, be passed in open Council this 21st day of December, 2020." **CARRIED**

2020-16-37: Lindsay Tallon – Marcel Baron: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2404, being a by-law to amend Schedules 'B' and 'E' of By-law Number 1800, being a by-law to update/establish user fees and service charges, be passed in open Council this 21st day of December, 2020." **CARRIED**

2020-16-38: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes: "That 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 expectation regarding duties being performed by a municipal worker
- 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 acquisition of the property described as Pt. NWQ of Section 6 and Registered Plan 1R10962 Part 1." **CARRIED**

2020-16-39: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes: "That Council resume Open Session." **CARRIED**

2020-16-40: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1, Council accept the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee that a written warning signed by the Human Resources Chair be sent to the municipal worker." **CARRIED**

2020-16-41: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 2, Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee that an offer be made on the property described as Pt. NWQ of Section 6 and RP 1R10962 Part 1."
CARRIED

2020-16-42: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2405, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on December 21, 2020, be passed in open Council this 21st day of December, 2020."
CARRIED

2020-16-43: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes: "That this meeting be adjourned at 7:53 p.m."
CARRIED

MAYOR

SEAL

CLERK-TREASURER