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The Mayor declared the Regular Meeting open at 6:30 p.m. Present in the W. J. Barrett Chambers were Mayor Bill Rosenberg, Deputy Mayor Jordan Bird, Councillors Randy Rankin, Linda Stopes, and Lindsay Tallon, Clerk-Treasurer Robert MacLean, Town Superintendent Ken Seabrook and Administrative Secretary Lindsay MacFarlane. Attending via Zoom included Councillors Marcel Baron and Tracey Cooke. Tracey Cooke left the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and returned at 7:45 p.m.

**Declaration – Closed Session:** None

**Delegation:** None

**Resolutions:**

**2021-02-01: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on January 18, 2021 be adopted.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-02: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon supports the resolution passed by the Council of the Township of Matachewan that a letter be sent to the Honourable Steve Clarke, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing acknowledging the appreciation of grants but requesting that the application deadline on any further grants have a longer turn around time and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities of Ontario and to the Township of Matachewan.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-03: Marcel Baron – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon supports the resolution passed by the Council of the Township of South Stormont requesting that the Province of Ontario allow for small businesses to immediately reopen with the required health guidelines and protocols in place, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Michael Mantha, MPP, Algoma-Manitoulin.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-04: Marcel Baron – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon requests that the Province of Ontario reverse its decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-05: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the owners of the new commercial development facility be approached in the future about putting up a map of Thessalon showing the businesses and points of interests, and possibly having brochures there.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-06: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that an investigation be done for other available land for purchase by the Town either just outside Thessalon (former dump area/east side of Hwy. 129) or within Town limits.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-07: Marcel Baron – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that a reply be sent to the owner of the property described as Plan 8 Closed E ½ Dymont St. Pt. advising that a severance is not required to sell, however, the lot does not meet the minimum requirements for a residential dwelling, and further advising of the option for consolidation.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-08: Marcel Baron – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that a letter be sent to Chris Jones of Municipal Planning Services Ltd. to review the work remaining in the contract for the completion of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law update, and to ask that future invoices be detailed with specifics when invoicing for communications with the Committee and staff.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-09: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that, in light of the ending of the Stay-At-Home order and the transition back to the colour framework, the rules of procedure be suspended in order to discuss the reopening of the municipal facilities.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-10: Tracey Cooke – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that the following municipal facilities reopen effective as follows: Thessalon Arena - February 17<sup>th</sup>, Thessalon Municipal Office - February 18<sup>th</sup>, Thessalon Fitness Centre - February 19<sup>th</sup> and with the Thessalon Library to be allowed to reopen at the Thessalon Library Board’s discretion.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-11: Tracey Cooke – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that the Thessalon Arena, which normally closes the last Sunday in March, remain open until April 16, 2021 inclusive.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-12: Tracey Cooke – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that the Taoist Tai Chi group be allowed to use the Arena free of charge for the remainder of the 2020 - 2021 season during times when staff is scheduled to work at the Arena.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-13: Tracey Cooke – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that Council approve a reduced rate for ice rentals by offering a discount of approximately 15% to rent the ice per hour, with the price being reduced from \$118.65 (includes HST) to \$100.00 (includes HST), with such rentals to be during times when staff is scheduled to work at the Arena, until the Thessalon Arena is closed for the 2020 - 2021 season.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-14: Lindsay Tallon – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that the Marina User Fees and Service Charges By-Law Number 1800 – Schedule “D” be amended to reduce the Dockage fee – Monthly per foot from \$18.60 to \$12.00; to add Monthly per foot with the fee to be \$10.00 under the category Dockage – Non-Serviced; to reduce the Seasonal Launching Rate from \$44.00 to \$22.00; to remove the Monthly and Weekly Launching category and furthermore to reduce the Single Launch fee from \$6.00 to \$5.00. (All fees include HST).” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-15: Lindsay Tallon – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that the Slip Agreement be amended to allow staff to upload the form to the Town website making it accessible for customers.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-16: Lindsay Tallon – Jordan Bird:** "Be it resolved that the Park Memo sent to Seasonal Campers be amended to include the paragraph 'Hydro Meters are now installed and operational at each Seasonal site. The 2021 rate for hydro usage will be .23cents/kWh. A \$200.00 deposit for the hydro will be required along with your first installment of \$875.00 due on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021' and furthermore to include the wording 'If closure of the Park occurs due to an emergency order issued by the government due to Covid-19, park fees will be adjusted. Fees will be pro-rated from the date of the shutdown.'" **CARRIED**

**2021-02-17: Lindsay Tallon – Jordan Bird:** "Be it resolved that the Arena User Fees and Service Charges By-Law Number 1800 – Schedule "B" be amended to add the wording 'refunded when key returned' under the category Upper Deck – Deposit required for key." **CARRIED**

**2021-02-18: Lindsay Tallon – Jordan Bird:** "Be it resolved that the Summer Students be trained for a Fuel Handling Course; WHMIS; VHF Radio Course and obtain their Pleasure Craft Operators Card." **CARRIED**

**2021-02-19: Jordan Bird – Lindsay Tallon:** "Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to February 16, 2021 in a total amount of \$333,020.28 (2020 - \$12,579.84, 2021 - \$320,440.44) 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.

**2021-02-20: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that Deputy Mayor Jordan Bird be appointed as the team lead on the Recreational Trails Team and further, that notice be placed on the Town and the Thessalon Events and Activities facebook pages and the Town's website advising that persons interested in joining the Recreational Trails Team may submit an application form for consideration by Council." **CARRIED**

**2021-02-21: Jordan Bird – Lindsay Tallon:** "Be it resolved that Christmas Day and Boxing Day be recognized on December 27, 2021 and December 28, 2021 respectively." **CARRIED**

**2021-02-22: Jordan Bird – Lindsay Tallon:** “Be it resolved that the invoice sent recently to the Tri-Neighbours’ Board of Management be reduced by \$415.80 reflecting that there was no cost for insurance coverage for 2006, bringing the revised invoice amount to \$5,821.20.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-23: Jordan Bird – Lindsay Tallon:** “Be it resolved that the unspent portion of the first intake under the Municipal Modernization Program be allocated towards the development of the property north of Highway 17 for the completion of any required study(ies), the installation of water and sewer lines, roadway construction, etc.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-24: Jordan Bird – Lindsay Tallon:** “Be it resolved that Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Municipal Buildings, Property and Equipment Committee that an Expression of Interest form with attached supporting documents be submitted through the second intake under the Municipal Modernization Program for the implementation of a Pavilion With An Accessible Washroom project at Peace Park.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-25: Marcel Baron – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council approve the Accessible Digital Format Policy which establishes guidelines as per the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) which became effective on January 1, 2021.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-26: Jordan Bird – Lindsay Tallon:** “Be it resolved that Councillor Tracey Cooke be appointed to serve as the representative from the Town of Thessalon on the North Shore Health Network Recruitment Committee.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-27: Lindsay Tallon – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign, on behalf of the municipality, an application for Hydro One funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 for a wayfinding map display board of the Town to be located near the new development showing businesses and points of interest.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-28: Tracey Cooke – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign, on behalf of the municipality, an application(s) for funding through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, with staff to review the funding criteria and to recommend to Council which project(s) are most suitable based on the funding programs and streams, and with Council to make the final decision as to which project(s) best meet the municipality's needs, with this decision to be made at a special Council meeting if necessary." **CARRIED**

**2021-02-29: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports." **CARRIED**

**2021-02-30: Randy Rankin – Linda Stopes:** "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2410, being a by-law to authorize the purchase, and the signing of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale and related documents for the property described as Part of NW ¼ Section 6 West of River and further described as Part 1 of Plan 1R-13717 in the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021." **CARRIED**

**2021-02-31: Lindsay Tallon – Jordan Bird:** "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2411, being a by-law to amend Schedules "B" and "D" of By-law Number 1800, being a by-law to update/establish user fees and service charges, be passed in open Council this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021." **CARRIED**

**2021-02-32: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2412, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 16, 2021, be passed in open Council this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021." **CARRIED**

**2021-02-33: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** "That this meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m." **CARRIED**

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