

**THESE MINUTES ARE THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RECORDER ONLY  
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The Mayor declared the Regular Meeting open at 6:32 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:**

**2020-12-01: Marcel Baron – Tracey Cooke:** “Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 17, 2020 be adopted.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-02: Marcel Baron – Tracey Cooke:** “Be it resolved that the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on August 25, 2020 be adopted.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-03: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council approve the request from the Welcome Friend Association to fly the Pride Flag on the Municipal Office during the month of June, 2021.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-04: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon supports the resolution passed by the Township of North Glengarry urging the Ontario government to provide funding to increase full-time positions in place of casual and part-time labour in long-term care homes and requests that the Ministry of Long-Term Care acts to regularly inspect all long-term care homes, and that sound infection control measures are put in place at all Ontario long-term care homes, and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Long-Term Care and to the Township of North Glengarry.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-05: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that, as recommended by the Municipal Economic Development Committee, Council approve the purchase and installation of signage 1) at the pollinating research garden being set up by the Thessalon Horticultural Society at the Sunset Drive Lookout, 2) at the end of Lighthouse Point Drive with historical information about the lighthouse, and 3) at the red bridge with historical information about the bridge, with the Town Superintendent to approve the placement of each sign, and further, with the monies required for items 2) and 3) above to be transferred from the Municipal Economic Development Maintenance account.”

**CARRIED**

**2020-12-06: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that, further to the request by the Municipal Economic Development Committee for a designated contact for economic development and site selection (preferably someone who works at the Town office), an information package be assembled by Town staff to be made available in response to requests regarding economic development initiatives, etc., with office staff members to respond to more detailed inquiries.”

**CARRIED**

**2020-12-07: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that monies from the Marketing/Tourism budget be used to develop a marketing plan for the ‘Tail of the Dragon Motorcycle Route’.”

**CARRIED**

**2020-12-08: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Heritage Canada be approached regarding the availability of funding for signage to be used for refurbishing and moving the historical sign at the trailer park onto Lakeside Beach.”

**CARRIED**

**2020-12-09: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that temporary approval be given to the Sinton Tavern for the creation of a covered outdoor dining area to serve customers, subject to compliance with Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario requirements, zoning regulations, emergency orders, and any other applicable requirements.”

**CARRIED**

**2020-12-10: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the ‘Mini House’ proposal at the Lakeside Drive development, be declined.”

**CARRIED**

**2020-12-11: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the Planning Fees established in By-Law 964 be amended as follows:

Consents - \$500.00

Minor Variance - \$450.00

Official Plan Amendment - \$750.00

Zoning By-law Amendment - \$750.00.”

**CARRIED**

**2020-12-12: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that a Planning and Development page be added to the Town’s website containing related fees, documents and information.”

**CARRIED**

**2020-12-13: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that, regarding Plan 8 Lots B and C and being further described as Part 1 of Plan 1R2869, the northerly twenty feet be offered to the abutting property owners for an easement; that this offer is only valid for right of way access with no buildings or parking permitted on the property; that a one-time fee of \$2,000.00 plus any costs encountered be paid by the interested party(ies); and further that the Town of Thessalon reserves the right to reclaim the property for expansion or access after providing six months notice.”

**CARRIED**

**2020-12-14: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to September 21, 2020 in a total amount of \$293,505.16 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.

**2020-12-15: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the letter to the Municipality of Huron Shores dated September 22, 2020 regarding shared services, be sent.”

**CARRIED**

**2020-12-16: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that, as a result of the closure due to COVID-19, if, with a valid reason, a current Fitness Centre member wishes a refund on his/her remaining time, such request is hereby authorized.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-17: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that the same rate of \$25.00 for one to four hours or \$40.00 for more than four hours per day for rental of the Meeting Room, be charged for the rental of the Council Chambers, and further that, in keeping with social distancing, the Meeting Room rental will be limited to not more than six people.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-18: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that a request be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) for an extension or a carry-over until the 2021-2022 year and if the request is declined, then the Town will confirm its intention to not move forward with the Stewardship Youth Ranger Program for the 2020-2021 year.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-19: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the Policy For Dealing With Minutes Of Settlement be rescinded.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-20: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that non-unionized members of staff are hereby authorized to make up time taken off for a personal appointment or as a result of arriving late for work, on the same day they are off by coming in early, working through a coffee break(s) or lunch break, or by working late, and further that any previous policies governing this matter are hereby rescinded.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-21: Marcel Baron – Tracey Cooke:** “Be it resolved that Council authorize the cost for the replacement of some of the valves on the pumps on the #2 Fire Truck with the work to cost approximately \$10,000.00, plus the cost of getting the truck to and from the Brampton location, with the monies to come from the Recreation (Plus) Fire Department – New Truck Reserve.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-22: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke:** “Be it resolved that, regarding the advertising on the Zamboni snow box that was damaged last spring, the advertising businesses wishing to renew their advertising contracts be offered a credit for the period the Arena would have been open from the time the snow box was replaced until the contract end date, and should the advertising business(es) choose not to renew the contract, a refund covering the aforementioned period be given.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-23: Randy Rankin – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that the bid from Jay Does It All Contracting in the amount of \$40,263.00 plus HST for the installation of metal roofing on the Medical Centre, be accepted.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-24: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke:** “Be it resolved that the tender from Wanda Scheuermann in the amount of \$101.75 plus HST per month for Arena Canteen Operator, covering the period from 2020 to 2023, be accepted.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-25: Marcel Baron – Tracey Cooke:** “Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-26: Randy Rankin – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2390, being a by-law to amend Schedule ‘A’ of By-law Number 2297, being a by-law to impose and collect water service rates for water services through the Town of Thessalon Water Distribution System, be passed in open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-27: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2391, being a by-law to amend By-law Number 2363, being a by-law to regulate the proceedings of Council, Local Boards, Standing Committees and Committees for the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-28: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2392, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-29: Marcel Baron – Tracey Cooke:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2393, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on September 21, 2020, be passed in open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.” **CARRIED**

**2020-12-30: Marcel Baron – Tracey Cooke:** “That this meeting be adjourned at 7:54 p.m.” **CARRIED**

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