

**THESE MINUTES ARE THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RECORDER ONLY  
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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, Town Superintendent Ken Seabrook and Administrative Secretary Lindsay MacFarlane.

**Declaration – Closed Session: None****Resolutions:**

**2021-13-01: Marcel Baron – Jordan Bird:** "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 16, 2021 be adopted."

**CARRIED**

**2021-13-02: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon:** "Be it resolved that, as a result of the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada which have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, the Council of the Town of Thessalon does hereby commit to recognizing September 30th, 2021, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities."

**CARRIED**

**2021-13-03: Linda Stopes – Marcel Baron:** "Be it resolved that the funding allocated in the 2021 Capital budget for the Riverside Park Feasibility Study be reallocated towards the Coastal Trail development."

**CARRIED**

**2021-13-04: Lindsay Tallon – Marcel Baron:** "Be it resolved that the response dated September 15, 2021 be sent to the Seasonal Lakeside Park resident addressing concerns he raised at the Council meeting on August 16, 2021."

**CARRIED**

**2021-13-05: Lindsay Tallon – Marcel Baron:** "Be it resolved that an alarm system be installed for the ice surface at the Arena, with the estimated cost of the system to be less than \$1,000.00, and with the funds to come from the Recreation (Plus) Arena Reserve."

**CARRIED**

**2021-13-06: Lindsay Tallon – Marcel Baron:** "Be it resolved that a response be sent to the Arena Canteen Operator advising that the request for a reduction in the monthly rent amount, as well as the request to prepare pizzas at the Arena and sell them to the school, be declined, as per the signed Thessalon Memorial Arena Canteen Operator contract, with the response noting that an adjustment to the monthly rent amount will be made by prorating the amount at the beginning and the end of the season if the Arena does not operate for the full month." **CARRIED**

**2021-13-07: Lindsay Tallon – Marcel Baron:** "Be it resolved that the Town of Thessalon pamphlet created in-house, be approved." **CARRIED**

**2021-13-08: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes:** "Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to September 20, 2021 in a total amount of \$466,324.54 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.

Councillor Linda Stopes declared a conflict of interest relating to the Mark Stopes account.

**2021-13-09: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon:** "Be it resolved that Council approve the Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Verification Policy dated September 20, 2021." **CARRIED**

**2021-13-10: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon:** "Be it resolved that, in accordance with Article 14 and specifically Section 14.01 of the Collective Agreement, the Federally declared National Day for Truth and Reconciliation be recognized as a statutory holiday on September 30<sup>th</sup> for employees of the Town of Thessalon." **CARRIED**

**2021-13-11: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes:** "Be it resolved that the Rose Lake funds of approximately \$61,000.00 be invested in a one-year GIC through the Northern Credit Union with a 0.8% return." **CARRIED**

**2021-13-12: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that, since the property on Lorne Street East which was advertised for sale through the tax sale process did not sell, the taxes be written off and the school board be charged back its share, with the property to be advertised for sale through the tax sale process a second time at a lesser minimum tender amount.”

**CARRIED**

**2021-13-13: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that Council accept the quotation from BDO Canada LLP for a two-year extension to the contract with the cost to be \$20,675.00 plus HST for the 2021 audit and \$21,300.00 plus HST for the 2022 audit.”

**CARRIED**

**2021-13-14: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that the quotation from Algoma Office Equipment for a multifunction photocopier in the monthly amount of \$53.96 including HST for a five-year term with a buy-out of \$125.70 plus HST, be accepted.”

**CARRIED**

**2021-13-15: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that Council approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Multi-Residential class tax ratio be lowered from 1.718700 to 1.260000 and further that the tax ratio for the Commercial class be lowered from 1.333300 to 1.200000, both effective January 1, 2022, with an amount to be withdrawn from the Working Funds Reserve to offset the impact of the increase on the remaining classes.”

**CARRIED**

**2021-13-16: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that, with regard to the fitness room access program, Council upgrade to the new CDVI Krypto with Bluetooth integration for mobile pass feature program with the four-year lease option in the amount of \$69.82 plus tax per month, allowing access either by the use of a key card or a phone application.”

**CARRIED**

**2021-13-17: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that the Community Building Fund – Capital Stream be completed for the installation of a splash pad and seniors outdoor fitness equipment at Peace Park, with this application being 100% funded.”

**CARRIED**

**2021-13-18: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that the Municipal Modernization Program – Intake 3 application be completed for a software program that will allow for digital modernization which would include health and safety records, daily vehicle checks and maintenance, CVOR records, mechanical safety inspections, etc., with this application being 75% funded.” **CARRIED**

**2021-13-19: Randy Rankin – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that the rules of procedure be suspended in order to address a recent issue involving the rural water line.” **CARRIED**

**2021-13-20: Randy Rankin – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that the monies required to cover the expenditures on the Lakeside Drive Reconstruction Project deemed ineligible for funding, in the amount of \$10,914.00 plus HST, come from the Working Funds Reserve.” **CARRIED**

**2021-13-21: Randy Rankin – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that cameras be purchased to address the break-ins being experienced at the transfer site, with the cost to be less than \$1,500.00, and with the funds to come from the Recreation (Plus) Environmental Services Reserve.” **CARRIED**

**2021-13-22: Randy Rankin – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that if, after checking with the other municipal departments an interest has not been expressed in acquiring any or all of the six recently replaced Councillors’ desks from the W. J. Barrett Council Chambers, etc., the desks be declared surplus and advertised for sale first as a lot, and if unsuccessful, individually.” **CARRIED**

**2021-13-23: Marcel Baron – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that, further to the note dated September 1, 2021 from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding the Tri-Neighbours’ Board of Management Member At Large, considering the separation aspect between the governance role and the administrative role, Council requests that the Tri-Neighbours’ Board of Management actively recruit a member at large.” **CARRIED**

**2021-13-24: Marcel Baron – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports.” **CARRIED**

**2021-13-25: Marcel Baron – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2442, being a by-law to licence trailers in the Municipality of the Town of Thessalon for temporary accommodations, be passed in open Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.” **CARRIED**

**2021-13-26: Marcel Baron – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2443, being a by-law to amend the User Fees and Service Charges of Schedule ‘F’ of By-law Number 1800, be passed in open Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.” **CARRIED**

**2021-13-27: Marcel Baron – Jordan Bird:** “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 possible creation of a new position
- 2) acquisition or disposition of property of the municipality or local board, and specifically, consideration involving the acquisition of lands north of Highway 17” **CARRIED**

**2021-13-28: Marcel Baron – Jordan Bird:** “That Council resume Open Session.” **CARRIED**

**2021-13-29: Jordan Bird – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1, Council move forward with the new Asset Manager and Administrative Coordinator position, and commence the process in accordance with the Hiring Policy.” **CARRIED**

**2021-13-30: Marcel Baron – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 2, Council pursue the acquisition of land north of Highway 17.” **CARRIED**

**2021-13-31: Marcel Baron – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2444, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on September 20, 2021, be passed in open Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.” **CARRIED**

**2021-13-25: Marcel Baron – Jordan Bird:** “That this meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.” **CARRIED**

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Clerk-Treasurer