

**THESE MINUTES ARE THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RECORDER ONLY
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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 Marcel Baron, Randy Rankin, Linda Stopes, and Lindsay Tallon, Clerk-Treasurer Robert MacLean, Town Superintendent Ken Seabrook and Administrative Secretary Lindsay MacFarlane. Councillor Tracey Cooke attended via Zoom.

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

2021-16-01: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on November 15, 2021 be adopted."

CARRIED

2021-16-02: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "WHEREAS the Thessalon Hospital provides an essential and critical service to the Town of Thessalon and surrounding areas providing service to 2,500 people from April-September 2021;

WHEREAS the likelihood of contracts ending between the Ministry of Health and the remaining two Thessalon and Bruce Mines area physicians providing emergency department coverage at the North Shore Health Network (NSHN) Thessalon Site is a matter of grave concern and has reached a critical point;

THEREFORE we call upon the Ministry of Health and Ontario Health North to work immediately and collaboratively with the NSHN, the municipalities and First Nations to take immediate steps to fill existing and upcoming vacancies in order to continue to provide this essential service to our communities;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Health, Ontario Health North, Carol Hughes, MP, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing and Michael Mantha, MPP, Algoma-Manitoulin."

CARRIED

2021-16-03: Linda Stopes – Marcel Baron: "Be it resolved that the Mayor or his designee be authorized to attend the 2022 FONOM Conference to be held in North Bay from May 9th - 11th, 2022."

CARRIED

2021-16-04: Linda Stopes – Marcel Baron: "Be it resolved that Council approve the request to include Thessalon as part of the 2022 Ontario Ice Fishing Challenge event with Angler's Atlas."

CARRIED

2021-16-05: Linda Stopes – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that the following resignations be accepted with regret:

- Donna Orlando from the Thessalon Community Events and Activities Committee and from participation in Emergency Management sessions;
- Christa Lawrence from the Thessalon Community Events and Activities Committee;
- France Schellekens from the Seniors’ Healthy Aging Committee; and
- Cleo Walker from the Thessalon Public Library Board

with a letter to be sent to these individuals thanking them for the service they have provided.”

CARRIED

2021-16-06: Linda Stopes – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that an application for funding be submitted under the ‘supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors’ objective of the New Horizons for Seniors Program with emphasis on National Priority one (1) and four (4) for a needs analysis study in the amount of \$25,000.”

CARRIED

2021-16-07: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon supports the resolution from the Municipality of Mattice – Val Cote urging the government of Ontario to reconsider its decision and to direct MPAC to proceed with a province-wide assessment update in order for Ontario municipalities to be able to collect property taxes based upon actual property values, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, to Carol Hughes, MP, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, Guy Bourgouin, MPP, Mushkegowuk – James Bay, Michael Mantha, MPP, Algoma-Manitoulin and to the Municipality of Mattice - Val Cote.”

CARRIED

2021-16-08: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: “Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon supports the resolution from the City of St. Catharines requesting that the provincial government take the necessary steps to work with the federal government on a bilateral agreement to ensure the new national child care program be made available to Ontarians, and that it focuses on increased access, affordability, quality and responsiveness, all of which are essential to the COVID-19 pandemic response; and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to the City of St. Catharines.”

CARRIED

2021-16-09: Marcel Baron – Linda Stopes: "Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon approves the appointment of Karen Corboy of the Township of Plummer Additional as the Tri-Neighbours' Board of Management Member At Large, representing the residents of the Town of Thessalon, the Town of Bruce Mines and the Township of Plummer Additional, effective January 1, 2022."
CARRIED

2021-16-10: Linda Stopes – Marcel Baron: "Be it resolved that the Planning Committee designate, plan, develop and market industrial property in preparation for investment opportunities (see Executive Summary and Recommendation 5.3 of the Thessalon Economic Development Strategic Plan)."
CARRIED

2021-16-11: Linda Stopes – Marcel Baron: "Be it resolved that the Community Profile be reviewed and updated as required, and made available on the Town website."
CARRIED

2021-16-12: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin "Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to December 20, 2021 in a total amount of \$496,441.39 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.

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

2021-16-13: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that, after reviewing the rent paid by the Library to the Town as well as the actual expenditures, the rent not be increased for 2022."
CARRIED

2021-16-14: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that Council approve the recommendation from the Human Resources Committee regarding the request from a fitness member for a three months suspension to the gym membership beginning December 21, 2021."
CARRIED

2021-16-15: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approve payment to the Fire Chief for Expense Sheet #1 in the amount of \$963.60, with payment for Expense Sheet #2 in the amount of \$36.14 being declined, as compensation for time for a meeting of this nature is covered as part of the annual remuneration paid for this position.” **CARRIED**

2021-16-16: Marcel Baron – Linda Stopes: “Be it resolved that Council approve the cost of the repairs, estimated at \$2,640.38, to the vehicle parked adjacent to the grocery store that was damaged after being struck by the No. 3 Fire Truck on December 4, 2021.” **CARRIED**

2021-16-17: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes: “Be it resolved that Council approve the Working Superintendent’s request to carry over five days, the Administrative Secretary’s request to carry over one day, and the Clerk-Treasurer’s request to carry over one day of unused 2021 vacation.” **CARRIED**

2021-16-18: Marcel Baron – Linda Stopes: “Be it resolved that the Ontario Provincial Police be asked to provide a free presentation to seniors addressing fraud, scams and internet safety, to be held in 2022 in the W. J. Barrett Chambers, in the afternoon, with the number of attendees to be determined based on current pandemic guidelines, and further, with seniors having the option to participate via Zoom.” **CARRIED**

2021-16-19: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: “Be it resolved that, due to the February 21, 2022 Council meeting falling on Family Day, the Council meeting be changed to Tuesday, February 22, 2022.” **CARRIED**

2021-16-20: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes: “Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports.” **CARRIED**

2021-16-21: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2455, being a by-law to authorize 2021 year-end financial transfers, be passed in open Council this 20th day of December, 2021.” **CARRIED**

2021-16-22: Marcel Baron – Linda Stopes: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2456, being a by-law to appoint a Community Emergency Management Coordinator for the Town of Thessalon, pursuant to the Standards established by Regulation under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O., 1990, c. E. 9, as amended, be passed in open Council this 20th day of December, 2021.” **CARRIED**

2021-16-23: Linda Stopes – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2457, being a by-law regarding remuneration and expenses for members of Council, local boards, officers and employees of the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 20th day of December, 2021.” **CARRIED**

2021-16-24: Randy Rankin – Linda Stopes: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2458, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, and the execution of all documents, for Project 7520010 (Marina Renovation Plus Addition), be passed in open Council this 20th day of December, 2021.” **CARRIED**

2021-16-25: 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, an application for a vacancy on the Seniors’ Healthy Aging Committee.”

CARRIED

2021-16-26: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes: “That Council resume Open Session.” **CARRIED**

2021-16-27: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes: “Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1, Council accept the recommendation regarding the filling of the vacancy on the Seniors’ Healthy Aging Committee.” **CARRIED**

2021-16-28: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2459, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on December 20, 2021, be passed in open Council this 20th day of December, 2021.” **CARRIED**

2021-16-29: Jordan Bird – Linda Stopes: “That this meeting be adjourned at 7:06 p.m.” **CARRIED**

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Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer