

**THESE MINUTES ARE THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RECORDER ONLY AND ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY COUNCIL!**

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, Kevin King and Randy Rankin, Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Rydall, Town Superintendent Ken Seabrook, and Executive Assistant Lindsay MacFarlane. Councillor Lindsay Tallon was unable to attend. Also present in the Chambers included Committee and Organization representatives Susan Brisson, Leigh Dauphin, Scott Lawrence, and Ted Priddle.

**Declaration – Closed Session:** None

**Delegation** – Susan Brisson, Leigh Dauphin, Scott Lawrence, and Ted Priddle attended to provide an update on their respective organizations or committees.

**Resolutions:**

**2022-13-01: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 17, 2022 be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**2022-13-02: Kevin King – Marcel Baron:** “WHEREAS Bill 23 is the Ford Government latest attempt to remove protected land from the Greenbelt, allowing developers to bulldoze and pave over 7,000 acres of farmland in the Greenbelt;

WHEREAS Ontario is already losing 319.6 acres of farmland and greenspace daily to development;

WHEREAS the Government’s Housing Affordability Task Force found there are plenty of places to build homes without destroying the Greenbelt;

WHEREAS Ford’s repeated moves to tear up farmland and bulldoze wetlands have never been about housing, but are about making the rich richer;

WHEREAS greenspaces and farmland are what we rely on to grow our food, support natural habitats and prevent flooding;

THEREFORE, WE THE UNDERSIGNED petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to immediately amend Bill 23, stop all plans to further remove protected land from the Greenbelt and protect existing farmland in the province by passing the NDP's *Protecting Agricultural Land Act*." **CARRIED**

**2022-13-03: Tracey Cooke – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that the request from the North Shore Health Network to light the tree on Main Street for the Tree of Lights fundraising event be approved, with the arrangements to be made through the Town Superintendent." **CARRIED**

**2022-13-04: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that the recommendations included within the minutes of the Municipal Economic Development Committee meeting on October 25, 2022 be taken under advisement, with responses to be provided where deemed appropriate." **CARRIED**

**2022-13-05: Tracey Cooke – Kevin King:** "Be it resolved that the resignation from Ted Priddle from the Municipal Economic Development Committee effective December 1, 2022, and from the Huron North Community Economic Alliance Board of Directors serving as the Town of Thessalon representative, be accepted with regret, and that a letter be sent thanking him for the service he has provided." **CARRIED**

**2022-13-06: Kevin King– Marcel Baron:** "Be it resolved that, in collaboration with the Recreational Trails Team, the Events and Activities Committee hold the 2022 Holiday Lights Run in person on December 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., with the cost to be \$5.00 per person or \$2.00 for children twelve and under." **CARRIED**

**2022-13-07: Marcel Baron – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that the Events and Activities Committee hold a free Christmas Holiday Skate on December 16, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m." **CARRIED**

**2022-13-08: Marcel Baron – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that the Events and Activities Committee hold a Christmas Light Bus Tour around Thessalon with a light supper and entertainment for Seniors on December 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m." **CARRIED**

**2022-13-09: Marcel Baron – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the Events and Activities Committee hold Public Hockey on any Professional Activity Days and Public Hockey and Public Skating through the Christmas Holiday at a cost of \$2.00 per person.” **CARRIED**

**2022-13-10: Marcel Baron – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the Events and Activities Committee organize a bus trip for seniors to It’s a Wonder Life – the Radio Show in Sault Ste. Marie on December 15, 2022 with a discounted price on the tickets of \$30.00, and bus cost of \$20.00 for a total of \$50.00, and if the bus is not filled with seniors, this offer be extended to adults under the age of 65.” **CARRIED**

**2022-13-11: Marcel Baron – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the Events and Activities Committee apply for the Hydro One Energizing Life grant due January 31, 2023 in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the accessible kayak launch and kayaks.” **CARRIED**

**2022-13-12: Tracey Cooke – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council consider, in the 2023 budget, a Do Not Litter Sign on Dawson Street near the entrance to the park, as well as a bear proof garbage and recycle bin.” **CARRIED**

**2022-13-13: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to November 21, 2022 in a total amount of \$364,671.47 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.

**2022-13-14: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council approve the Standing Committees for the 2022 – 2026 term of Council.” **CARRIED**

**2022-13-15: Tracey Cooke – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that in accordance with Section 242 of the Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25, Councillor Jordan Bird be appointed Deputy Mayor to act in place of the head of Council when the head of Council is absent or refuses to act or the office is vacant, and while so acting such member has all the powers and duties of the head of Council.” **CARRIED**

**2022-13-16: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the successful funding amount of \$1,000 through the Trans Canada Trails Care be used for the purchase of a bicycle repair station with an integrated pump in the estimated amount of \$3,850 with the overage to come from the Recreation Plus (Park Clean Initiatives) Reserve.” **CARRIED**

**2022-13-17: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that an application be submitted through the Trans Canada Trail – Infrastructure and Major Repairs Stream for renovations to the Marina board walk in the amount of \$75,000 with our share being a maximum of \$48,750.” **CARRIED**

**2022-13-18: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that Public Works staff be authorized to leave work at noon on December 23, 2022, recognizing that they would be expected to return to work before 4:00 p.m. if required.” **CARRIED**

**2022-13-19: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that Council approve the Town Superintendent’s request to carry over five days, the Maintenance Worker Labourer 3 – Mechanic’s request to carry over five days, the Executive Assistant’s request to carry over one day and the Clerk-Treasurer’s request to carry over up to five days of unused 2022 vacation.” **CARRIED**

**2022-13-20: Kevin King – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that for continuity with regard to signing authority, the appointment of Linda Stopes to the Thessalon Town and Township Cemetery Board remain in effect until a successor is appointed.” **CARRIED**

**2022-13-21: Tracey Cooke– Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council approve the closure of the Municipal Office from noon on Friday, December 23, 2022 until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.” **CARRIED**

**2022-13-22: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council authorize a Christmas gift in the amount of \$100.00 for all current staff.”

**CARRIED**

**2022-13-23: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports.”

**CARRIED**

**2022-13-24: Jordan Bird – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2512, being a by-law to approve the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (“OILC”) for the long-term financing of certain capital work(s) of the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon (the “Municipality”); and to authorize the entering into of a rate offer letter agreement pursuant to which the municipality will issue debentures to OILC, be passed in open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022.”

**CARRIED**

**2022-13-25: Marcel Baron – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2513, being a by-law to amend the User Fees and Service Charges of Schedule ‘B’ and Schedule ‘G’ of By-law Number 1800 to include a Holiday Ice Rental rate, a Holiday Skate rate, a Holiday Hockey rate, a Professional Activity Days Skate rate, a Sitting Exercise Class rate, a Field Trip rate and a Holiday Lights Run rate, be passed in open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022.”

**CARRIED**

**2022-13-26: Kevin King – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2514, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 2510, and specifically to amend the lands described as 51 Frances St. and legally described as PLAN INDIAN DEPT BLK L LOT 1 PT RP 1R5858 PART 1 from Highway and Tourist Commercial (C2) to Residential First Density (R1) to allow for a single home dwelling, be passed in open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022.”

**CARRIED**

**2022-13-27: Kevin King – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2515, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022.”

**CARRIED**

**2022-13-28: Jordan Bird – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2516, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a lease agreement between the Thessalon Dental Corporation and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022.”

**CARRIED**

**2022-13-29: Kevin King – Marcel Baron:** “That Council proceed in Closed Session:

in order to address personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and specifically, recommendations regarding 1) probationary period for Employee 027, 2) details regarding the Chief Administrative Officer position and the possible creation of a new position, 3) the Municipal Economic Development Secretary, and 4) a matter regarding a lease within the Thessalon Medical Centre.”

**CARRIED**

**2022-13-30: Randy Rankin – Marcel Baron:** “That Council resume Open Session.”

**CARRIED**

**2022-13-31: Jordan Bird – Kevin King** “Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1, Council accept the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee to approve the successful completion of the probationary period for Employee Number 027.”

**CARRIED**

**2022-13-32: Jordan Bird – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 2, Council accept the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee to commence the hiring process for the new Deputy Clerk position.”

**CARRIED**

**2022-13-33: Jordan Bird – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 3, Council accept the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee regarding the Municipal Economic Development secretary.”

**CARRIED**

**2022-13-34: Jordan Bird – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2517, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on November 21, 2022, be passed in open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022.”

**CARRIED**

**2022-13-35: Jordan Bird – Kevin King:** "That this meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m." **CARRIED**

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Mayor

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