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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, Tracey Cooke, Randy Rankin, Kevin King, Lindsay Tallon, Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Rydall, Town Superintendent Ken Seabrook. Delegation representatives Leigh Dauphin and Fire Chief Scott Lawrence.

Declaration – Closed Session: None

Delegations – Committee and Board Chairs were present to provide an update on 2023 accomplishments, progress and goals.

Resolutions:

2023-12-01: Tracey Cooke – Jordan Bird: “Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on September 18, 2023 be adopted.”

CARRIED

2023-12-02: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council authorize up to two persons to attend the 2024 Rural Ontario Municipal Association Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held in Toronto from January 21st – 23rd, 2024.”

CARRIED

2023-12-03: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that the resignation from Jo Beyers from the Healthy Aging Committee be accepted with regret, and that a letter be sent thanking her for her services on this Committee.”

CARRIED

2023-12-04: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: “Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Thessalon Fire Department to complete a controlled burn in the spring on selective areas along the River Street guardrails and on the river banks by both the Government Road Bridge and the Fullerton Bridge in preparation for wildflower seed planting.”

CARRIED

2023-12-05: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: “Be it resolved that Council approves a winter clothing drive to be organized by the Sustainability Through Environment Practice Committee.”

CARRIED

2023-12-06: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Deputy Clerk to attend the Bruce Mines & District Chamber of Commerce’s fall meet and greet taking place in Bruce Mines on October 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-07: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Deputy Clerk as one of the Social Media Moderators and at the discretion of the Thessalon Economic Development and Tourism Committee, be authorized to share on social media and the Town website, business contests, grants, and opportunities offered by other companies and organizations that are believed to be beneficial to the Town’s businesses.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-08: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council authorizes a business Halloween decorating contest to be organized in recognition of October being small business month, with the winning business to receive a free advertisement block on the Thessalon page in the Algoma Country 2024 Tourism Guide.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-09: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council authorizes that the advertisement space on the Thessalon page in the Algoma Country 2024 Tourism Guide be extended to businesses located outside of the Town of Thessalon within the postal code area of P0R 1L0 with the price being \$150.00 plus tax.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-10: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approves an “Elf on the Shelf” Shop Local Campaign in December 2023 with a grand prize of \$250.00 in Town bucks.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-11: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that, in regards to the seasonal camper requesting a hydro usage review due to the fact that they were only at their trailer for ten days this summer, Council is in agreement that a daily rate be calculated from their average usage for the last four years and further that, an adjustment be completed to reflect this charge for the ten days that they stayed at their trailer.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-12: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council give consideration to the Fire Services Committee’s request to assist with selected duties, as approved by the Committee, in regards to the fire department.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-13: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council authorize the submission of a request for financial support to municipalities to fund fire department trucks, required apparatus and equipment in order to meet standards, compliance and mandated directive requirements that are current and forthcoming, and further that, this letter be sent to the Provincial Government including the Premier, the Ontario Fire Marshall Office, the National Fire Prevention Association Canada, the Ministry of Labour, and Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED

2023-12-14: Marcel Baron – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Mayor William Rosenberg or his designee participate in the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 182 Poppy Flag Raising Ceremony to be held on October 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.”

CARRIED

2023-12-15: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Mayor William Rosenberg or his designee to attend the Algoma Country Annual General Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.”

CARRIED

2023-12-16: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: “Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable for October 23, 2023 in a total amount of \$456,264.17 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.”

Declaration: Councillor Randy Rankin declared a conflict of interest relating to the Rankin Supply and North Shore Sentinel accounts.

CARRIED

2023-12-17: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council, in fairness to the other tenants and since costs related to renovations are addressed in the Huron Shores Family Health Team signed agreement, declines the request to cover the estimated \$10,000.00 cost of removing the carpet and replacing it with vinyl in the Nurse Practitioners and Physiotherapy rental space.”

CARRIED

2023-12-18: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the tender from Yvonne Galloway for cleaning services covering a three-year period at the Thessalon Medical Centre in the amount of \$850.00 per month, be accepted.”

CARRIED

2023-12-19: Randy Rankin – Jordan Bird: “Be it resolved that Council approve the street closure(s) on November 11, 2023 from 10:30 a.m. until the Remembrance Day service is complete, with the police, fire, ambulance and bus services to be notified of the closures.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-20: Marcel Baron – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approves that an application be completed through the Celebrate Canada Funding program.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-21: Marcel Baron – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approve the street closure on October 28, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the zombie walk activities, with the police, fire, ambulance and bus services to be notified of the closure.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-22: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: “Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-23: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2573, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents between Yvonne Galloway and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon for janitorial services for the common area at the Medical Centre located at 333 River Street, be passed in open Council this 23rd day of October, 2023.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-24: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2574, being a by-law to amend the User Fees and Service Charges of Schedule ‘A’ of By-law Number 1800, to include a rate of \$150.00 plus HST for advertisement space in the Algoma Country Tourism Guide for businesses located outside of the Town of Thessalon with the postal code of P0R 1L0, be passed in open Council this 23rd day of October, 2023.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-25: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2575, being a by-law to authorize the signing of the agreement and related documents between the Ontario Trillium Fund and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 23rd day of October, 2023.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-26: Marcel Baron – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2576, being a by-law to authorize the signing of the agreement and related documents between the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 23rd day of October, 2023.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-27: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2577, being a by-law to amend By-law Number 1448, being a by-law to establish an Emergency Management Program for the protection of public safety, health, the environment, the critical infrastructure and property, and to promote economic stability and a disaster-resilient community, in order to designate the members of the Emergency Control Group and the Emergency Management Program Committee, be passed in open Council this 23rd day of October, 2023.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-28: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: “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, 1) recommendations regarding property standards’ inspections, 2) recommendations regarding applications to fill vacancies on the Community Events and Activities Committee and 3) a possible new position discussion.

2023-12-29: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: “That Council resume Open Session.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-30: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1), Council accepts the recommendations of the Thessalon Property Standards Committee related to Property Standards’ Closed Session items regarding property standards inspections.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-31: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: “Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 2), Council accept the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee regarding the two appointments to the Thessalon Community Events and Activities Committee.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-32: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2578, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on October 23, 2023, be passed in open Council this 23rd day of October, 2023.” **CARRIED**

2023-12-33: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: “That this meeting be adjourned at 9:24 p.m.” **CARRIED**

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