

**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, Tracey Cooke, Randy Rankin, Kevin King, Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Rydall. Unable to attend: Councillor Lindsay Tallon, and the Town Superintendent Ken Seabrook.

**Delegations – None**

**Resolutions:**

**2023-14-01: Marcel Baron – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 23, 2023 be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**2023-14-02: Randy Rankin – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on November 13, 2023 be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**2023-14-03: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that the Town of Thessalon respectfully supports NOSM University’s request to the Province of Ontario for a permanent increase in annual base funding of \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government established initially in response to the needs of Northern municipalities and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities, Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.”

**CARRIED**

**2023-14-04: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council authorizes that, with the collaboration of the Marina/Arena/Park Committee, the Thessalon Economic Development and Tourism Committee and the Town Superintendent, a tender be completed in January 2024 for a potential food truck to be operational at the Thessalon Marina for the 2024 operating season.”

**CARRIED**

**2023-14-05: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council approves the recommendation that the Thessalon Economic Development and Tourism Committee hold an open house for Thessalon businesses and local Thessalon business owners/representatives for a discussion in February, 2024.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-06: Kevin King – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that, in order to ensure compliance requirements are met, Council enter into an agreement with the Municipality of Huron Shores for the activation of mutual aid for temporary coverage for open flame response until the Thessalon Fire Department PPE purchases have been received, inspected and put into service.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-07: Kevin King – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council approach the Municipality of Huron Shores to discuss the possibility of its Fire Chief providing the Thessalon Fire Department with interim administrative support to establish procedures and fulfill compliance requirements.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-08: Kevin King – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council authorizes the submission of an application through the Trillium Roots Community Fund in an estimated amount of \$33,500.00 including taxes, for the purchase of bunker gear.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-09: Kevin King – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council approves the application of Max Lawrence as a new volunteer firefighter with a probationary period of six (6) months.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-10: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council accept the recommendation of the S.T.E.P. Committee to participate in the FoodCycler Funded Pilot Program and to ensure we can meet the required minimum of fifty (50) households’, approach the Town of Bruce Mines, the Municipality of Plummer Additional and the Municipality of Huron Shores, to inquire about their interest in also participating.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-11: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council authorize up to two persons to attend the Huron North Community Economic Alliance - Connect with Food & Friends evening to be held in Bruce Mines on December 7, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-12: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable for November 20, 2023 in a total amount of \$238,883.56 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**

**2023-14-13: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the five investments of \$220,153.61 each, maturing on November 23, 2023, be reinvested for an 18-month term at 5.5%.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-14: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign, on behalf of the municipality, the Canada Summer Jobs application for seven students for 2024, three at the Marina and four in Public Works/Park, subject to concurrence with the Union.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-15: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that, recognizing the benefit realized in having a Harbour Master position, an adult employee be placed at the Marina for the 2024 season to supervise the students on a regular basis and to provide further weekend staff coverage.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-16: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign, on behalf of the municipality, the Summer Experience Program application for one student (Recreation).” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-17: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that the advertisement for summer student jobs be placed in the North Shore Sentinel March 6, 2024 edition, with a closing date of April 5, 2024, as well as the newsletter, the job bank, Facebook and the website, in order that the Hiring Committee can conduct interviews and provide a recommendation at the April regular Council meeting.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-18: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron:** "Be it resolved that, since the request for a co-op student placement will be during winter months at which time winter road maintenance will be the uppermost priority, and further since we will have limited extra staff time to help monitor the student, Council approves the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee to decline this request, with regret."

**CARRIED**

**2023-14-19: Randy Rankin – Kevin King:** "Be it resolved that Council approves the tender from City Reporter by Nortek Solutions for a software program to modernize the public works department, which also includes a three-year service contract, in the amount of \$24,590.00 plus HST."

**CARRIED**

**2023-14-20: Randy Rankin – Kevin King:** "Be it resolved that Council approve the Town Superintendent's request to carry over five days of unused 2023 vacation to the 2024 year."

**CARRIED**

**2023-14-21: Randy Rankin – Kevin King:** "Be it resolved that Public Works staff be authorized to leave work at noon on December 22, 2023, recognizing that they would be expected to return to work before 4:00 p.m. if required."

**CARRIED**

**2023-14-22: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that Council authorizes to increase the amount in the application for funding through the NOHFC-Rural Enhancement Funding Stream for the rehabilitation of the Lakeside Park playground from \$200,000 to \$222,220 with the Town's share now being \$22,220."

**CARRIED**

**2023-14-23: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron:** "Be it resolved that Council approve the closure of the Municipal Office from noon on Friday, December 22, 2023 until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024."

**CARRIED**

**2023-14-24: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron:** "Be it resolved that Council authorize a Christmas gift in the amount of \$125.00 for all current staff."

**CARRIED**

**2023-14-25: Kevin King – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that Council authorizes the submission of an application through the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00, for the purchase of equipment for the Fire Department."

**CARRIED**

**2023-14-26: Marcel Baron – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-27: Randy Rankin – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2580, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-28: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2581, being a by-law to amend By-law Number 2449, being a by-law to adopt a hiring policy and procedures for the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-29: Marcel Baron – Kevin King:** “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) a recommendation regarding an application to fill a vacancy on the Thessalon Town and Township Cemetery Board.

**2023-14-30: Marcel Baron – Kevin King:** “That Council resume Open Session.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-31: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1), Council accept the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee regarding the appointment to the Thessalon Town and Township Cemetery Board.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-32: Marcel Baron – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2582, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on November 20, 2023, be passed in open Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.” **CARRIED**

**2023-14-33: Marcel Baron – Kevin King:** "That this meeting be adjourned at 7:06 p.m." **CARRIED**

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