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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, Kevin King, Town Superintendent Ken Seabrook, and Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Rydall. Deputy Clerk Lindsay MacFarlane was in attendance for the discussion in regards to the proposed official plan.

Unable to attend: Councillors Tracey Cooke and Lindsay Tallon.

**Delegations** – Aimee Powell from Powell Planning & Associates attended by ZOOM to discuss the proposed official plan amendments.

**Resolutions:**

**2024-03-01: Jordan Bird – Kevin King:** "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on January 15, 2024 be adopted."

**CARRIED**

**2024-03-02: Jordan Bird – Kevin King:** "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on February 8, 2024 be adopted."

**CARRIED**

**2024-03-03: Randy Rankin – Kevin King:** "Be it resolved that Council supports the quick action being taken by the government to overturn the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) rate rebasing decision from December 21, 2023 and further that this motion be provided to the appropriate parties."

**CARRIED**

**2024-03-04: Jordan Bird – Kevin King:** "Be it resolved that Council authorizes that up to two representatives attend the FOMOM Conference to be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in the City of Greater Sudbury."

**CARRIED**

**2024-03-05: Randy Rankin – Kevin King:** "Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project and further that this motion be provided to the appropriate parties."

**CARRIED**

**2024-03-06: Jordan Bird – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that Council authorizes Susan Brisson to attend the one-day workshop offered by the Algoma Public Health in regards to community action on toxic drugs, being held on February 27<sup>th</sup> in Sault Ste Marie.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-07: Marcel Baron – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that Council approves the Thessalon Community Events and Activities Committee holding March break public skating, public hockey and planned organized crafts during the week of March 11<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Thessalon Memorial Arena.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-08: Marcel Baron – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that Council approves the discontinuation of renting the Thessalon Memorial Arena and the Upper Deck on statutory holidays.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-09: Marcel Baron – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that Council approves the recommendation of the Marina/Arena/Park Committee to increase the Lakeside Park daily, weekly, monthly, and seasonal rates by 10% plus HST commencing for the 2024 season.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-10: Kevin King – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that Council approves the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee that Aimee Powell of Powell Planning and Associates has successfully completed her probationary period as the Town of Thessalon’s Planning Advisory Consultant.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-11: Kevin King – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that, after further research, the request to allow chickens within the Town of Thessalon be declined, as the municipality does not have the resources to properly regulate this procedure.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-12: Jordan Bird – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to February 20, 2024 in a total amount of \$331,139.67 (2023 – \$29,576.50 and 2024 - \$301,563.17) 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: Mayor Bill Rosenberg declared a conflict of interest relating to the Bill Rosenberg account.

Declaration: Councillor Randy Rankin declared a conflict of interest relating to the Rankin Supply account.

Declaration: Councillor Kevin King declared a conflict of interest relating to the Kevin King account. **CARRIED**

**2024-03-13: Jordan Bird – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that Council authorizes to change the hours the Municipal Office is open to the public currently from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. effective March 1, 2024.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-14: Kevin King – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that Council authorizes Max Lawrence to enroll in the NFPA 1001 FF1 course being offered in Sault Ste. Marie from May 3 to May 12, 2024, with the funds to cover the course cost of \$650.00 and mileage and meals for Max to attend, be included in the 2024 Fire Departments training budget.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-15: Kevin King – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that Council authorizes the reimbursement to Matt Murray in the amount of \$1,346.35 towards his cost of his DZ training course, with the funds to cover this expenditure to be included in the 2024 Fire Department training budget.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-16: Randy Rankin – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that Council approves Shane Rock as the successful tenderer for the 2012 GMC half-ton in the amount of \$3,500.00 plus HST.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-17: Randy Rankin – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that Council authorizes that an application up to \$200,000.00 be submitted through the Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant Stream covering 100% for an accessible outdoor fitness space at Peace Park.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-18: Marcel Baron – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that Council is in agreement to award the Lakeside Park Ball Field Dugouts and Backstops tender to M & G Fencing in the amount of \$85,545.00 plus HST.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-19: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council authorizes further investigation be completed by the Healthy Aging Committee into the Rural Transportation Fund and partnerships to enhance transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-20: Marcel Baron – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that Council approve the theme “Carnival Days” for the 2024 Community Days.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-21: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-22: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2594, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents between the Food Cycle Science Corporation and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, for the FoodCycler™ Municipal Food Waste Diversion Pilot Program, be passed in open Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-23: Randy Rankin – Kevin King:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2595, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents for the Huron Street West Reconstruction Project between Pioneer Construction Inc. and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-24: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “That Council proceed in Closed Session:

In order to address personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and specifically, 1) a recommendation from the Thessalon Property Standards Committee regarding the By-law Enforcement Officer’s contract.

**2024-03-25: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “That Council resume Open Session.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-26: Kevin King – Marcel Baron:** “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 the By-Law Enforcement Officer’s contract.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-27: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2596, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 20, 2024, be passed in open Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.” **CARRIED**

**2024-03-28: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “That this meeting be adjourned at 7:54 p.m.” **CARRIED**

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