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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, Lindsay Tallon, Town Superintendent Ken Seabrook, and Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Rydall.

Unable to attend: Councillor Tracey Cooke.

Delegations – None.

Resolutions:

2024-12-01: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on July 15, 2024 be adopted."

CARRIED

2024-12-02: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on July 23, 2024 be adopted."

CARRIED

2024-12-03: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on July 26, 2024 be adopted."

CARRIED

2024-12-04: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Town of Thessalon and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care and further that this motion be provided to the appropriate parties." **CARRIED**

2024-12-05: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums, recognizing these institutions as national assets, and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience and further that this motion be provided to the appropriate parties." **CARRIED**

2024-12-06: Lindsay Tallon – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities and further that this motion be provided to the appropriate parties.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-07: Lindsay Tallon – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that the Mayor and up to one Councillor or guest be authorized to attend the meet and greet Comprehensive Community Clerkship Learners (3rd Year NOSM Learners) pig roast to be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Elliot Lake.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-08: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that a letter be sent to local businesses asking if they would like to donate a “Christmas Light Display” to be incorporated in the Peace Park Christmas Lights Project and if so, then a sign recognizing their generous donation will be placed by their donated light display.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-09: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approves the Thessalon Economic Development and Tourism Committee’s recommendation, after reviewing the six Town of Thessalon new logo contest submissions, that none of the logos submitted be chosen, however, in recognition of those who participated, a draw be organized awarding \$50.00 in Town Bucks to the drawn winner.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-10: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approves the Thessalon Economic Development and Tourism Committee’s recommendation to use the design of the Thessalon Gateway Signage, with some small adjustments, as the new logo for the Town of Thessalon.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-11: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approves the Planning Advisory Committee’s recommendation that the usage of the laneways be reviewed and letters be sent to businesses seeking feedback on how their businesses utilize the laneways (i.e. for deliveries, etc.) located on both sides of Main Street ranging from Park Street to Bay Street.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-12: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approves the Property Standards Committee recommendation, in regards to moving forward with the process to introduce property remediation inspection and administration fees.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-13: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that Council approves the recommendation of the Marina/Arena/Parks Committee that the fees established for vehicles/trailers parked at the Marina for more than 24 hours be \$60.00 plus HST for a Seasonal Parking Pass, \$50.00 plus HST for a Weekly Parking Pass and \$30.00 plus HST for a Weekend Parking Pass (Friday to Monday inclusive) and furthermore, that seasonal boaters will be provided a free Seasonal Parking Pass for one parking spot upon paying their seasonal dockage.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-14: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to August 19, 2024 in a total amount of \$850,891.33 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: Mayor Bill Rosenberg declared a conflict of interest relating to the Jeannine Rosenberg account.

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

2024-12-15: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the Municipal Office Mural project be awarded to the Monique Legault Studio with her updated design as amended at the price of \$8,500.00 plus HST with the overage to come from the Economic Development and Tourism Committee capital budget.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-16: Jordan Bird – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that the 2024 Moonlight Madness take place this holiday season on a Friday evening, with the date to be announced.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-17: Jordan Bird – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that the Coastal Trail Floating Walkway Extension project be awarded to Jack Richardson in the amount of \$70,000.00 plus HST.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-18: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that a focus group meeting be scheduled this fall in the W.J. Barrett Chambers with a representative from the Community Development and Planning Standing Committee, a representative from the Recreation – Infrastructure Standing Committee, along with the Deputy Clerk and further, that parents/caregivers of children/dependents with disabilities, teachers, educational assistants, etc. also be invited for feedback on what should be considered in the design of the new playground behind Bunny Park ballfield.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-19: Lindsay Tallon – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that an application for funding be completed through the Seniors’ Active Living Centre’s Program Expansion 2024-25, up to the maximum amount of \$50,000.00, with the Town’s portion being up to \$10,000.00.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-20: Marcel Baron – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that Council authorize that the geocaching initiative application with the cost of \$500.00 be jointly covered through the budgets of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee and the Recreational Trails Team.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-21: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that, as a condition of the sealed tender process for the Lakeside Park food vendor for the Community Day weekend, Council approves the inclusion of a minimum food vendor fee of \$100.00 plus HST.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-22: Marcel Baron – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that Council is in agreement to increase the vendor fee from \$20.00 including HST to \$20.00 plus HST.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-23: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that Council approves the revised Fitness Centre policy.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-24: Jordan Bird – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports.” **CARRIED**

2024-12-25: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2629, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents for Case Number 2024-02-1-2368386349 of the Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund: 2024 Intake for the Expansion of the Thessalon Sanitary Sewer and Water Distribution Systems, between His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 19th day of August, 2024.”

CARRIED

2024-12-26: Marcel Baron – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2630, being a by-law to amend the User Fees and Service Charges of Schedule ‘E’ of By-law Number 1800, to reflect the Lakeside Park Cancellation Policy and Associated Fees, be passed in open Council this 19th day of August, 2024.”

CARRIED

2024-12-27: Jordan Bird - Kevin King: “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 denying an appeal submission and 2) issues in regards to certain families’ actions at the Lakeside Park on the long weekend in August.”

CARRIED

2024-12-28: Jordan Bird - Kevin King: “That Council resume Open Session.”

CARRIED

2024-12-29: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that, pertaining to Closed Session Item No. 1), Council accepts the recommendation of the Thessalon Property Standards Committee related to the Property Standards Committee’s Closed Session Item No. 1, in regards to denying an appeal submission and further that, a letter be sent to the resident with reasoning and expectations for compliance.”

CARRIED

2024-12-30: Jordan Bird – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2631, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on August 19, 2024, be passed in open Council this 19th day of August, 2024.”

CARRIED

2024-12-31: Jordan Bird – Kevin King: "That this meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m." **CARRIED**

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Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer