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

Councillor Lindsay Tallon attended by ZOOM.

Unable to attend: None.

Delegations – Auditor Nathan Dool attended by ZOOM to review the 2023 Financial Statements.

Resolutions:

2024-08-01: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 21, 2024 be adopted.”

CARRIED

2024-08-02: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approve the 2023 Financial Statements.”

CARRIED

2024-08-03: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that since our 2024 budget has been set, the monetary request from the Thessalon First Nation for their 2024 Pow Wow be declined.”

CARRIED

2024-08-04: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that since our 2024 budget has been set, the monetary request from the Mississauga First Nation for their 2023 Pow Wow be declined.”

CARRIED

2024-08-05: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Mayor and Council to attend the National Indigenous Peoples’ Day on June 21, 2024 to be held at the Thessalon Public School.”

CARRIED

2024-08-06: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Mayor and Council to attend the 29th Annual Traditional Pow Wow on June 29th and June 30th, 2024, to be held at the Thessalon First Nation Pow Wow Grounds.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-07: Marcel Baron – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that Council approves the free usage of the Thessalon Memorial Arena by the Thessalon Lions Club for the Community Days weekend from August 1st to August 6th inclusive allowing enough time for set up and clean up.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-08: Tracey Cooke – Marcel Baron: “Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Mayor and up to two (2) Councillors to attend the East Algoma Community Futures Development Corporation Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at the 17 Restaurant in Blind River.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-09: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council authorizes the selling of Thessalon Tourism Stickers at the Municipal Office, the Lakeside Campground Office and the Marina at the cost of \$4.43 plus HST.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-10: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approves the amount of \$4,203.58 remaining in the Recreation Plus (EDTC) Reserve to be used for Main Street Revitalization, specifically for a gazebo to be placed at the multi-use recreation pad.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-11: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approves that the Thessalon Economic Development and Tourism Committee host an Open House Webinar to be held in the W.J. Barrett Chambers featuring a representative from Driftscape to educate Thessalon Businesses on the tourism digital application and to build partnerships with the local businesses in the use of this application.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-12: Jordan Bird – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that Council approves that the Thessalon Economic Development and Tourism Committee hold a social media reel contest to encourage eating and shopping local in Thessalon for both business and public participation.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-13: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that Council increase the Thessalon Memorial Arena rates for the "Per Hour" category by ten (10) percent from \$105.00 plus HST to \$115.50 plus HST, the "Regular User Groups" category by ten (10) percent from \$88.50 plus HST to \$97.35 plus HST and the "Advertising" category by ten (10) percent from \$300.00 plus HST to \$330.00 plus HST."
CARRIED

2024-08-14: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that Council amend the Mezzanine Rental Agreement by updating the On-Call Emergency Number and adding the newly renovated building to the agreement with a space capacity of 50 people."
CARRIED

2024-08-15: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that Council is in agreement to add a daily Marina fee for dockage-non-service in the amount of \$1.20 per foot plus HST."
CARRIED

2024-08-16: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that Council approves the successful completion of Max Lawrence's probationary period."
CARRIED

2024-08-17: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that a response be sent to the property owner inquiring about a garden centre; advising that, as per guidance from the Town's planner, the owner may apply for a Temporary Use By-law and until such time that the by-law has been addressed by Council, the current shed be removed."
CARRIED

2024-08-18: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that Council is in agreement with the Property Standards Committee, in regards to a letter received with Town property concerns, that a response be sent providing an explanation regarding the issues noted specifically, that the property mentioned is not town-owned, however it will be re-inspected; that grass is kept long along the river to deter geese from coming up the river's edge, for pollination purposes and for the safety of staff; and further that her other concerns will be shared with the Town Superintendent to be addressed."
CARRIED

2024-08-19: Marcel Baron – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that Council expresses its full support for the Northern Emergency Manager's delegation at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) conference to be held in August 2024 and further that, a support letter be forwarded to the appropriate parties."
CARRIED

2024-08-20: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that Council is in agreement that effective July 1, 2024, any revenue received from the collection of metal, e-waste, etc. will remain with the Tri-Neighbours Board of Management.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-21: Jordan Bird – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to June 17, 2024 in a total amount of \$919,887.58 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 Lindsay Tallon declared a conflict of interest relating to the Pioneer Construction account.

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

CARRIED

2024-08-22: Jordan Bird – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that Council is in agreement with having Ontario Wholesale Energy review our Hydro One invoices to see if there are any savings to be found by switching from time-of-use to commercial rates and further that, authorization be given to the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to sign a service agreement with Ontario Wholesale Energy if there are benefits to be realized.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-23: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council approves an application be submitted through the Safe Community Project Zero program for combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.”

CARRIED

2024-08-24: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that the 2013 John Deere 1025 (25 HP) Tractor be declared surplus.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-25: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that Council approves the tender from Northshore Tractor for a 2024 John Deere 3038E Utility Tractor in the amount of \$55,559.44 less the trade in amount of \$12,000.00 bringing the total to \$43,809.44 plus freight of \$250.00 and HST.”

CARRIED

2024-08-26: Jordan Bird – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that Council approves participation in the “Fast Track to Success Program” with the cost of \$300.00 to come from the Economic Development and Tourism Committee’s marketing budget.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-27: Randy Rankin - Kevin King: “Be it resolved that Council approve the tender from Algoma Ag Centre for gas at the Marina in the amount of \$1.464 per litre plus HST for a total amount of \$1.654 per litre, with the option for an additional three-year term and subject to the usual market fluctuations.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-28: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-29: Marcel Baron – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2616, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents, between the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon for Project Number 7500177 (Lakeside Park Playground Rehabilitation), be passed in open Council this 17th day of June, 2024.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-30: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2617, being a by-law to amend the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2510, as amended, with respect to the lands municipally known as 42 Genelle Steet East, be passed in open Council this 17th day of June, 2024.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-31: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2618, being a by-law to amend the User Fees and Service Charges of Schedule ‘A’ and Schedule ‘D’ of By-law Number 1800, to add a fee for the sale of tourism stickers and a daily non-service dockage rate, be passed in open Council this 17th day of June, 2024.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-32: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2619, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on June 17, 2024, be passed in open Council this 17th day of June, 2024.” **CARRIED**

2024-08-33: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "That this meeting be adjourned at 7:34 p.m." **CARRIED**

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