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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 Jordan Bird, Deputy Mayor Tracey Cooke, Councillors Randy Rankin, Lindsay Tallon, Kevin King, Caryn Orchard, Marcel Baron, Deputy Clerk Lindsay MacFarlane, Municipal Operations Manager Andy Baran, and Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Rydall.

Unable to attend:

Note:

Delegations: Clayton Spence – Request for underage fitness centre membership.

Resolutions:

2026-10-01: Lindsay Tallon – Caryn Orchard: "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 19, 2026 be adopted."
CARRIED

2026-10-02: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that, after reviewing the updated memorandum regarding "Tailgate Event" permits provided by Tom McKinlay, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, and after considering the associated risk management, insurance, enforcement, public safety, health, and social implications, the Council of the Town of Thessalon hereby confirms that the Town will not participate in the Province's Bring Your Own event designation framework at this time and further, that the Town will not issue municipal designation letters for community or cultural events for the purpose of obtaining a Bring Your Own permit." **CARRIED**

2026-10-03: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that Council is authorized to attend the Long-Term Care Ministry Announcement to be held at the Algoma Manor Nursing Home on June 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m."
CARRIED

2026-10-04: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that the Mayor and Council be authorized to attend the Thessalon First Nation's Kids Pow Wow on June 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m." **CARRIED**

2026-10-05: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that Council approves a donation in the amount of $300.00 to the Thessalon First Nation in support of their Pow Wow to be held on July 4 and July 5, 2026."
CARRIED

2026-10-06: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that Council approves the sale of tickets within the Town of Thessalon on behalf of the Thessalon Township Heritage Association, with the funds raised from the raffle ticket sales to be used for the operation of the Heritage Park Museum located in Little Rapids." **CARRIED**

2026-10-07: Caryn Orchard – 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 July 30th to August 3rd inclusive, allowing enough time for set up and clean up." **CARRIED**

2026-10-08: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that permission is hereby granted to hold the Terry Fox Run at Peace Park on September 20, 2026 from approximately 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m."
CARRIED

2026-10-09: Marcel Baron – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that Council approves the 2026 Thessalon Family Ball Tournament collectable sticker design to be given to each paid trailer/tent with the remaining to be sold at $5.00." **CARRIED**

2026-10-10: Marcel Baron – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that Council approves the 2026 Thessalon Family Ball Tournament reminder newsletter for distribution by the Thessalon Family Ball Committee to participating ball teams." **CARRIED**

2026-10-11: Marcel Baron – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that Council accepts the North Shore Firefighters' offer to create and donate a commemorative sign recognizing the Town of Thessalon as the host community for the past two years, with the sign to be displayed within the Thessalon Arena at a location agreed upon by the Municipal Operations Manager." **CARRIED**

2026-10-12: Marcel Baron – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that the Lakeside Park Seasonal Camper policy be amended to remove references to specific calendar due dates and replace them with language stating that all required payments are due by the first scheduled payment due date as per the invoice being sent with the balance to be paid on or before the opening day of the season." **CARRIED**

2026-10-13: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that, on a trial basis and conditional upon proper staffing, public pickleball be offered in the Thessalon Arena on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a fee of $2.00 per participant." **CARRIED**

2026-10-14: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that Council approves the seasonal placement of disc golf baskets at Peace Park and further that, if approved, the disc golf baskets shall be removed and stored as required to accommodate community events and other park activities where their presence may interfere with the intended use of the park." **CARRIED**

2026-10-15: Caryn Orchard – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 182 be permitted to operate a Beer Garden at the Marina Fireworks Show on Friday, July 31, 2026, subject to providing a valid liquor license, a certificate of insurance naming the Town as an additional insured, along with any other documentation required and further, that the Town supply and install snow fence or similar barrier to contain the designated area." **CARRIED**

2026-10-16: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that the final draft of the Official Plan Update be approved." **CARRIED**

2026-10-17: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that the Town of Thessalon's Strategic Plan project tender be awarded to Sierra Planning and Management at the cost of $38, 980.00 plus HST." **CARRIED**

2026-10-18: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that the Marina Food Truck tender be awarded to Munchin Moose with the seasonal bid of $400.00 plus HST." **CARRIED**

2026-10-19: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that the Temporary Driftscape Administrator Contract be extended on an ongoing basis at Council's discretion and further, if approved annually, the Thessalon Economic and Tourism Committee shall include the associated costs in its annual budget submission." **CARRIED**

2026-10-20: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to June 15, 2026 in a total amount of $608,357.17 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." **CARRIED**

2026-10-21: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that Council approves an underage membership to the Thessalon Fitness Room for Clayton Spence, conditional upon one of his parents attending and supervising him during each visit to the Thessalon Fitness Room." **CARRIED**

Recorded Vote: Marcel Baron – Yes
Kevin King – Yes
Randy Rankin – No
Lindsay Tallon – Yes
Caryn Orchard – Yes
Tracey Cooke – Yes
Jordan Bird – Yes

2026-10-22: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that, after reviewing the costs incurred over the past two years, which have exceeded $7,200.00 as a result of removing cotton cloths and other improperly disposed materials from the municipal sewer system due to misuse of the public washroom located in the Municipal Office, Council agrees to permanently close this washroom to public access." **CARRIED**

2026-10-23: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that, based on the research completed by the Fire Services Representatives and the By-law Committee, the responsibility for enforcement of the Town's Open-Air Burning By-law (By-law 2624), being a by-law prescribing the time for setting fires and the precautions to be observed, remain with the Fire Chief and their delegates." **CARRIED**

2026-10-24: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that the 2012 loader be declared surplus." **CARRIED**

2026-10-25: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that the tender for the purchase of a new loader be awarded to Brandt, selecting Option 2, at a net cost of $245,000.00, plus the optional three-year extended comprehensive warranty at a cost of $6,975.00, for a total purchase price of $251,975.00, plus HST." **CARRIED**

2026-10-26: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that the Government Road Bridge be closed from Main Street to Water Street, with the closure dates to be determined following the awarding of the Veteran Crosswalk Tender and further, that police, fire, ambulance and bus services to be notified of the closure." **CARRIED**

2026-10-27: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that Council approves the 2025 Annual Investment Report as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer." **CARRIED**

2026-10-28: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that Council approves Report No. 2026-0001 presented by the Clerk-Treasurer for excluded expenses as required by the Municipal Act, 2001, Ontario Regulation 284/09." **CARRIED**

2026-10-29: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that, in keeping with the Rural and Northern Physician Group Agreement, the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer are authorized to sign the amending agreement and related documents on behalf of the Town of Thessalon between the Minister of Health, the Thessalon Medical Associates, the Ontario Medical Association, the Town of Thessalon and Dr. David McLaren." **CARRIED**

2026-10-30: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that Council approves the Election Accessibility Plan for the 2026 Municipal Election." **CARRIED**

2026-10-31: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that Council acknowledges receipt of the Committee and staff reports." **CARRIED**

2026-10-32: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2755, being a by-law to delegate Council's authority with regard to certain actions as defined in Section 275 (3) of the Municipal Act to the Clerk-Treasurer for the period between Nomination Day and the commencement of the new Council term, be passed in open Council this 15th day of June, 2026."

CARRIED

2026-10-33: Linday Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2756, being a by-law to provide for an advance vote to be held prior to voting day, be passed in open Council this 15th day of June, 2026."

CARRIED

2026-10-34: Linday Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2757, being a by-law to provide for reduced hours of voting in institutions or retirement homes, be passed in open Council this 15th day of June, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-10-35: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2758, being a by-law to establish a Compliance Audit Committee, be passed in open Council this 15th day of June, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-10-36: Randy Rankin – Kevin: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2759, being a by-law regarding remuneration and expenses for members of Council, local boards, officers and employees of the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 15th day of June, 2026."

CARRIED

2026-10-37: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2760, being a by-law to amend the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2510 as amended, with respect to a housekeeping amendment regarding updated provisions to provide necessary clarifications to ensure a more efficient administration of said By-law applying to all lands in the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 15th day of June, 2026."

CARRIED

2026-10-38: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2761, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents for the use of the lot located at 81 Peachey Street, Thessalon, Ontario between Serco Canada Inc. and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon to provide Travel Point Driver Examination Services to community residents, be passed in open Council this 15th day of June, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-10-39: Marcel Baron – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2762, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents for Project Number 75004124 (Thessalon Baseball Scoreboards Project) between the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 15th day of June, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-10-40: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2763, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a service agreement and related documents between Munchin Moose (Susie Enns) and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon to provide and operate a Food Truck at the Thessalon Marina during the marina operating season, be passed in open Council this 15th day of June, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-10-41: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2764, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents between Sierra Planning Services Inc. and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon for the preparation and completion of the Town of Thessalon's Strategic Plan, be passed in open Council this 15th day of June, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-10-42: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "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 in regards to a Maintenance Worker Labourer 3 position, 2) a recommendation in regards to Employee 037's probationary period, 3) a recommendation in regards to Employee 041's probationary period, and 4) a property standards status update." **CARRIED**

2026-10-43: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "That Council resume Open Session." **CARRIED**

2026-10-44: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1), Council accepts the recommendation from the Hiring Committee in regards to a Maintenance Worker Labourer 3 position." **CARRIED**

2026-10-45: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 2), Council accepts the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee in regards to Employee 037's probationary period." **CARRIED**

2026-10-46: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 3), Council accepts the recommendation from the Human Resources Committee in regards to Employee 041's probationary period." **CARRIED**

2026-10-47: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2765, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on June 15, 2026, be passed in open Council this 15th day of June, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-10-48: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned at 8:11 p.m." **CARRIED**

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