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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:

Resolutions:

2026-12-01: Lindsay Tallon – Tacey Cooke: "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on June 15, 2026 be adopted." **CARRIED**

2026-12-02: Linday Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on June 30, 2026 be adopted." **CARRIED**

2026-12-03: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon supports the Town of Caledon's formal request to the Government of Ontario to investigate and implement measures to reduce burgeoning tick populations and to mitigate their associated public health risks; and

That such measures may include safe and effective tick control methods, public education campaigns and coordinated regional strategies; and

That the Province consider increased funding and support for local public health units to address tick-borne disease prevention and further, that this resolution be distributed to the appropriate parties." **CARRIED**

2026-12-04: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that the Council of The Town of Thessalon hereby proclaims October 15, 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and further proclaims October 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month." **CARRIED**

2026-12-05: Marcel Baron – Caryn Orchard: "Be it resolved that Council approves the Recreation Programs, Sports, Fields and Summer Camps Code of Conduct dated July, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-12-06: Marcel Baron – Caryn Orchard: "Be it resolved that, in an effort to promote physical activity and encourage reduced screen time among youth, the Town establish a weekly Sports and Activity Club, commencing July 22, 2026, to be held every Wednesday 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Multi-Use Pad for youth ages 11 to 15 and further, that this program be led by the Summer Recreation Student Coordinator." **CARRIED**

2026-12-07: Marcel Baron – Caryn Orchard: "Be it resolved that Shilo Rousseau be presented a Town of Thessalon hoodie during the Family Fun Zone at Peace Park on August 1, 2026 in recognition of her outstanding Olympic accomplishments." **CARRIED**

2026-12-08: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that a response be sent to Mr. Dunlop thanking him for his time and interest in his presentation to the Planning Committee, and that he be advised that the Town will not be pursuing his proposal at this time, and any upcoming development opportunities undertaken by the Town shall be conducted through a fair, open, and transparent process and further, should the Town seek development proposals in the future, Mr. Dunlop will be notified accordingly." **CARRIED**

2026-12-09: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that Council authorizes the commencement of the succession planning process for the position of Fire Chief, currently held by Chief Lawrence." **CARRIED**

2026-12-10: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to July 20, 2026 in a total amount of $993,340.25 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**

2026-12-11: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that the revised Organizational Flow Chart dated July 2026 be approved." **CARRIED**

2026-12-12: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that the In-Town Mileage Claim Policy dated July 20, 2026 be approved as amended."
CARRIED

2026-12-13: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that the request from Brittany MacDonald for a monetary donation for fundraising purposes be declined as these types of requests are not included in the annual budget."
CARRIED

2026-12-14: Randy – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that, once the new hydrant has been supplied and installed on Federation Street near the new daycare site by the Algoma District Services Administration Board in accordance with all applicable specifications, the Town shall assume ownership of the hydrant and add it to the Town's municipal asset inventory for ongoing maintenance, including, but not limited to, winterization." **CARRIED**

2026-12-15: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that Council is in agreement to move forward with the Eddy Current Testing for the chiller at the Thessalon Memorial Arena with the funds to cover this expenditure to come from the Working Funds Reserve." **CARRIED**

2026-12-16: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that Council acknowledges receipt of the Committee and staff reports." **CARRIED**

2026-12-17: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2707, being a by-law to authorize a Franchise Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon and Enbridge Gas Inc., be read a third time and finally passed this 20th day of July, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-12-18: Marcel Baron – Caryn Orchard: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2768, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents between the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 182 and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon to provide and operate a Beer Garden at the Thessalon Marina on July 31, 2026 for the Thessalon Community Days Rock the Dock event, be passed in open Council this 20th day of July, 2026."
CARRIED

2026-12-19: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "That Council proceed in Closed Session in order to address:

1.) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and specifically, 1) a recommendation in regards to a property standards report, 2) a recommendation in regards to a summer student and, 3) a report in regards to Employee #027." **CARRIED**

2026-12-20: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that Council resume Open Session." **CARRIED**

2026-12-21: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1), Council accepts the recommendation from the Property Standards Committee in regards to the property standards report dated July 14, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-12-22: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 2), Council accepts the recommendation from the Municipal Operations Manager in regards to a summer student." **CARRIED**

2026-12-23: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2769, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on July 20, 2026, be passed in open Council this 20th day of July, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-12-24: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned at 7:42 p.m." **CARRIED**

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