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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.

Note:

Delegations:

Resolutions:

2026-16-01: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 17, 2026 be adopted."
CARRIED

2026-16-02: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that WHEREAS public libraries provide essential services including literacy, education, technology access, employment resources and community programming;

AND WHEREAS the Thessalon Public Library serves the residents of the Town of Thessalon, surrounding First Nations and Local Communities;

AND WHEREAS the provincial funding received by the Thessalon Public Library has remained at $2,954 annually since 2007, despite significant increases in the cost of providing library services;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Thessalon's contribution to library services has increased from $21,000 in 2007 to $60,000 in 2026, placing an increasing financial burden on municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Library Association and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries have called for increased and sustainable provincial funding for public libraries:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED THAT, the Council of the Town of Thessalon supports the Council of the Township of Armour to petition the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, to substantially increase and provide sustainable, predictable operating funding for Ontario's public libraries and further, that this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate parties for their consideration and support." **CARRIED**

2026-16-03: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that the Town of Thessalon supports the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) in its request that the Province of Ontario permanently double the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) funding beyond 2026 and provide municipalities with stable, predictable and sustained infrastructure funding, and that the Town of Thessalon respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario consider this request and recognize the important role that long-term infrastructure funding plays in supporting strong, sustainable and resilient communities across Ontario and further, that this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate parties for their consideration and support."

CARRIED

2026-16-04: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that the Town of Thessalon Supports the Town of Parry Sound in its request that the Province of Ontario establish a province-wide regulatory framework for e-scooters that recognizes their unique operating characteristics, maintains appropriate safety standards, and provides municipalities with authority to address local needs, and further requests the support of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) in advocating for a framework that reduces unnecessary administrative and enforcement burdens on local municipalities, and further that this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate parties for their consideration and support."

CARRIED

2026-16-05: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that the resignation of Tina Johncox from the Sustainability Through Environmental Practices (S.T.E.P) Committee be accepted with regret, and that a letter be sent thanking her for her service on this Committee." **CARRIED**

2026-16-06: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that, upon completion of the rehabilitation of the Fullerton Bridge, a formal re-opening and re-dedication ceremony in honour of John Arthur Fullerton be organized."

CARRIED

2026-16-07: Marcel Baron – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that Mayor Jordan Bird or his designee participate in the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 182 Poppy Flag Raising Ceremony to be held on October 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m." **CARRIED**

2026-16-08: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that, with a By-Law Enforcement Officer having been secured and the necessary by-laws have been completed, Council authorizes the launch of the Backyard Hen Pilot Project." **CARRIED**

2026-16-09: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that any applications received under the Backyard Hen Pilot Project be presented to the Planning Advisory Committee for review to confirm that the applicant and proposed property meet all eligibility criteria and further that, following its review, the Planning Advisory Committee shall make a recommendation to Council to approve or deny the application, with the recommendation outlining whether or not all required qualifications and conditions have been satisfied." **CARRIED**

2026-16-10: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that Council approves Application for Consent C-2026-01 to allow for the creation of two residential lots, pending payment of application fees." **CARRIED**

2026-16-11: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that Council approves Application for Consent C-2026-02 to allow for the severance of a portion of the lot to transfer to a neighbouring lot for a lot addition, pending payment of application fees." **CARRIED**

2026-16-12: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that, based on the recommendation of the Town of Thessalon's Planner, Minor Variance Application M-2026-01 be denied, as the proposed building location and use, following review of the application, raise safety and liability concerns and further, that staff issue a response letter to the property owner recommending that they investigate an alternative location on the property and advising them that, moving forward, they are to contact the Municipal Office and the Chief Building Official prior to ordering or arranging the delivery of construction materials, as a Building Permit must be issued, which includes a review for zoning compliance." **CARRIED**

2026-16-13: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that a response be sent to the resident inquiring about the Town-owned property located at the end of Park Street, advising that, while the lands could potentially be declared surplus and offered for sale through a public tender process, Council recommends that the resident first complete a cost analysis regarding the extension of water and sewer services to the property, as all associated costs would be the responsibility of the property owner." **CARRIED**

2026-16-14: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that Council approves a business owner's request to place a freight container on their commercial lot for use as a refrigeration unit, subject to the issuance of a Building Permit and compliance with all applicable building code and zoning regulations." **CARRIED**

2026-16-15: Marcel Baron – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that the Public Works Department assist with moving the required materials from Riverside Park to the Pump Track site during the fall 2026, as operational schedules and resources permit, in preparation for the construction of the Pump Track, and further that any cost overage be funded from the Working Funds Reserve." **CARRIED**

2026-16-16: Marcel Baron – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that Council approves the running of the Challenger Soccer Camp from August 16, 2027 to August 20, 2027." **CARRIED**

2026-16-17: Marcel Baron – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that the outdoor sports pad boards be repaired and prepared for the upcoming winter season and further, should the Thessalon Memorial Arena be unable to open for the upcoming season, the outdoor sports pad be flooded and maintained for public use, subject to operational resources and weather conditions." **CARRIED**

2026-16-18: Marcel Baron – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that the theme for the 2027 Community Days be "A Grand Slam Celebration – 50 years of Family, Fun & Community!" **CARRIED**

2026-16-19: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that, further to the 2026 approved budget, the purchase of a new fire truck be authorized upon securing the required financing through Infrastructure Ontario." **CARRIED**

2026-16-20: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to September 21, 2026 in a total amount of $721,631.95 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**

2026-16-21: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that Council accepts the quotation submitted by BDO Canada LLP for the provision of auditing services for the fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028." **CARRIED**

2026-16-22: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that further research be completed into the opportunity to stack funding through the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Stream 2 and the Build Communities Strong Fund – Local Impact Stream in Northern Ontario for the construction of a covered stage and a concrete pad area at Peace Park, with the results being presented to Council for consideration at a later date."
CARRIED

2026-16-23: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that, due to new regulations, Circular Materials weekly recycling collection at the Thessalon Marina for Cockburn Island's seasonal residents be scheduled for Mondays and further, that the agreement will commence on November 16, 2026 and remain in effect until December 31, 2033, with the option to extend for three (3) years, at no cost to the Town." **CARRIED**

2026-16-24: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that, in order to accommodate the Remembrance Day Service, Main Street from Park Street to Peachey Street and Government Road (Red Bridge) from Main Street to Water Street be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with police, fire, ambulance and bus services to be notified of the closure." **CARRIED**

2026-16-25: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that Council acknowledges receipt of the Committee and staff reports." **CARRIED**

2026-16-26: Marcel Baron – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2776, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents between Challenger Sports Corp. and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon for the provision of a week-long soccer program in August 2027, be passed in open Council this 21st day of September, 2026."
CARRIED

2026-16-27: Marcel Baron – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2777, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents for Project Number 75004476 (Thessalon Marina Docks & Gazebo Project) between the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 21st day of September, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-16-28: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2778, being a by-law to amend the User Fees and Service Charges of Schedule "A" of By-Law Number 1800, being a by-law to add a fee for Tax Sale Packages, be passed in open Council this 21st day of September, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-16-29: Randy Rankin – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2779, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a service agreement and related documents between Circular Materials and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon to provide weekly recycling collection services at the Thessalon Marina for Cockburn Island's seasonal residents, be passed in open Council this 21st day of September, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-16-30: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "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 Employee #042's probationary period, 3) a recommendation in regards to an internship, 4) a recommendation in regards to Employee #035's resignation, 5) a recommendation in regards to the Finance Administrative Assistant position, 6) a recommendation in regards to Employee #041's resignation, 7) a recommendation in regards to the Municipal Operations Manager position, 8) a Human Resources Committee update and 9) a report in regards to Employee #041.
2) a proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality or local board, and specifically, 1) a recommendation in regards to a licence to occupy." **CARRIED**

2026-16-31: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that Council resume Open Session." **CARRIED**

2026-16-32: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1,1), Council accepts the recommendation from the Property Standards Committee in regards to the property standards report dated September 8, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-16-33: Lindsay Tallon – Tracey Cooke: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1,2), Council accepts the recommendation from the Municipal Operations Manager in regards to Employee Number 042's probationary period." **CARRIED**

2026-16-34: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1,3), Council accepts the recommendation from the Sustainability Through Environmental Practice Committee in regards to an internship." **CARRIED**

2026-16-35: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1,4), Council accepts the recommendation from the Human Resources Committee in regards to Employee Number 035's resignation." **CARRIED**

2026-16-36: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1,5), Council accepts the recommendation from the Human Resources Committee in regards to the Financial Administration Assistant position." **CARRIED**

2026-16-37: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1,6), Council accepts the recommendation from the Human Resources Committee in regards to Employee Number 041's resignation." **CARRIED**

2026-16-38: Tracey Cooke – Lindsay Tallon: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 1,7), Council accepts the recommendation from the Human Resources Committee in regards to the Municipal Operations Manager position." **CARRIED**

2026-16-39: Kevin King – Randy Rankin: "Be it resolved that, with regard to Closed Session Item No. 2,1), Council accepts the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee in regards to a licence to occupy." **CARRIED**

2026-16-40: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved that By-law Number 2780, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on September 21, 2026, be passed in open Council this 21st day of September, 2026." **CARRIED**

2026-16-41: Caryn Orchard – Kevin King: "Be it resolved That this meeting be adjourned at 8:13 p.m." **CARRIED**

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