

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, January 11, 2016

Council Chambers

2 West Carling Bay Road, Nobel, Ontario

Council Members Present:

Mayor Mike Konoval

Councillor Susan Murphy

Councillor Terry Gilbert

Councillor Steve Crookshank

Councillor Sid Larson

Staff Present:

Kevin McIlwain

Megan Bonenfant

Gord Harrison

John Jackson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Konoval called the meeting to order at 6:33pm, following the Committee of Adjustment meeting.

Mr. Sid Larson was sworn in as Councillor for the Corporation of the Township of Carling.

i) Approval of Agenda

No items were added to the agenda.

Closed Meeting portion was moved to the end of the agenda.

ii) Announcement of Public Meetings

No public meetings announced.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. McIlwain gave an overview of the Consent Agenda format. The Consent Agenda resolution approves each item in the Consent Agenda with one motion, saving time. Any one Councillor can request removal of one or more items from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

16-001

Moved by Councillor Larson

Seconded by Councillor Crookshank

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Consent Agenda items 3.i.a. and 3.i.b. inclusive be adopted.

Carried.

i) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

a. REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 14, 2015, be approved.

Carried

b.SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on December 18, 2015, be approved.

Carried.

4. DEPUTATIONS

None.

5. UNFINISHED PLANNING BUSINESS

None

6. OFFICIAL PLAN/ZONING AMENDMENTS

None

7. CONSENT APPLICATIONS

None

8. SITE PLAN CONTROL

None

9. SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCES

None

10. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Councillor Crookshank reported that the Parry Sound Area Planning Board has begun reviewing the job description for the Board's Secretary in anticipation of the current Secretary's retirement sometime in the future.

Councillor Crookshank requested that Council Expenses be added to the Agenda for the Special Meeting of Council scheduled for January 19, 2016.

No other reports as Boards and Committees have not met since last Council meeting.

Mayor Konoval requested that Board appointments be added to the Agenda for the Special Meeting of Council scheduled for January 13, 2016.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

i. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

16-002

Moved by Councillor Crookshank

Seconded by Councillor Murphy

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council receives the December 2015 Council Correspondence listing.

Carried.

12. QUESTION TIME

No questions were posed to Council.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

i. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

16-003

Moved by Councillor Larson

Seconded by Councillor Gilbert

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve in principle a cooperative approach to Emergency Management in the West Parry Sound Area that fundamentally endorses the sharing of human resources as made possible through the Mutual Assistance Agreement and the consistent training of these human resources to manage large scale emergencies;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council directs staff to establish a training program to incorporate the Incident Command System as our organizational approach to Emergency Management and that staff revise the West Parry Sound Joint Emergency Plan to imbed this management method in conjunction with the other West Parry Sound municipalities.

Carried.

iii. BASIC INCOME GUARANTEE

16-005

Moved by Councillor Crookshank

Seconded by Councillor Larson

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Township of Carling received a request for a resolution of support from the City of Kingston with respect to the Basic Income Guarantee;

AND WHEREAS the 2011 National Household Survey confirmed that 14.9% of the population live in low income circumstances;

AND WHEREAS income security and inequality continue to increase as a result of precarious employment;

AND WHEREAS existing income security programs have not proved sufficient to ensure adequate, secure income for all;

AND WHEREAS insufficient income, income insecurity and inequality have well-established, strong relationships to a range of adverse public health outcomes, and are root causes of many social ills such as illiteracy and shortfall of educational attainment, chronic stress, alienation, and criminal activity, all of which undermine the social fabric;

AND WHEREAS a basic income guarantee would reduce income insufficiency, insecurity, and inequality and ensure everyone an income sufficient to meet basic needs and live in dignity regardless of work status;

AND WHEREAS a basic income guarantee would provide an income floor for those doing socially essential but unpaid work, supporting the choices of those who engage in it;

AND WHEREAS a basic income guarantee would provide additional direct personal income which would be spent locally, thereby revitalizing local economies;

AND WHEREAS a basic income guarantee would enable individuals to pursue educational, occupational, social and wellness opportunities relevant to them and their families;

AND WHEREAS a basic income guarantee would support entrepreneurship and job transition for those trying to establish a new productive role for themselves in response to a persistently changing economy;

AND WHEREAS a basic income guarantee would resemble income guarantees already provided in Canada for seniors which have contributed to health and quality of life improvements in this age group;

AND WHEREAS basic income has been studied in Canada for approximately forty years and has demonstrated improved physical and mental health and educational outcomes;

AND WHEREAS a basic income guarantee program would involve the redistribution of the administrative functions of existing income support programs to the nation as a whole and to senior government partners in the same manner as Medicare and the existing seniors and children's programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of Carling endorse a national discussion of a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of Carling encourage the provincial and federal governments through their respective responsible Ministers, including the Ontario Minister of Health and the Ontario Deputy Minister in Charge of Poverty Reduction, to work together to consider, investigate, and develop a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, including the Big City Mayor's Caucus, with the request that they include proposing a Basic Income Guarantee in their respective engagements with the provincial and federal governments;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be shared with the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, and all opposition leaders at both levels of government.

Defeated.

iv. PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

16-006

Moved by Councillor Crookshank

Seconded by Councillor Gilbert

WHEREAS Ontario's growing and aging population is putting an increasing strain on our publicly-funded health care system;

AND WHEREAS since February 2015, the Ontario government has made an almost 7% unilateral cut to physician services expenditures which cover all the care doctors provide to patients – including cuts to programs which are specifically deigned to act as incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas;

AND WHEREAS the decisions Ontario makes today will impact patients' access to quality care in the years to come and these cuts will threaten access to the quality, patient-focused care Ontarians need and expect;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is experiencing a growing rural population as retirees move to the countryside;

AND WHEREAS many rural municipalities in Ontario have formed physician recruitment and retention committees and strategies to deal with the reality of physician retirements and shortages;

AND WHEREAS rural areas in Ontario are already at a distinct disadvantage in recruiting family physicians due to a number of factors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Carling hereby requests that the Minister of Health and Long Term Care reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario, and that the minister return to the table with Ontario's doctors and work together through mediation-arbitration to reach a fair deal the protects the quality, patient-focused care Ontario's families deserve;

AND BE IT FURTHER REOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the federal and provincial Ministers of Health, the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

v. WASTE INCINERATION FACILITIES

16-007

Moved by Councillor Larson

Seconded by Councillor Gilbert

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Township of Carling received a request for a resolution of support from the Municipality of Port Hope with respect to waste incineration facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Carling hereby requests that the Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and the Ontario Minister of Energy prohibit incineration and related means of waste disposal, including “Energy from Waste” facilities, as these facilities result in significant release of toxic substances and greenhouse gases, and thus their use is in conflict with the Province’s goal of reducing greenhouse gases;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to inform them of the Township of Carling’s opposition to incineration, and to request that the AMO advise the Standing Committee on Social Policy (currently reviewing Bill 73) that the Township of Carling does not support the AMO’s position on supporting Energy From Waste facilities, but does support expanding options to improve on strategies to divert waste from landfills by reducing, reusing, and recycling.

Defeated.

14. BY-LAWS

i. APPOINT COUNCILLOR

2016-01

Moved by Councillor Gilbert

Seconded by Councillor Crookshank

Being a By-law to Appoint a Councillor to the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Carling.

Carried.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

Carried.

16-011

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Larson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves a cost of living adjustment to Council and Staff of 1.3% effective January 1, 2016, as indicated by the Consumer Price Index.

Carried.

17. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

2016-02

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Gilbert

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 11, 2016.

Carried.

18. ADJOURNMENT

16-012

Moved by Councillor Larson

Seconded by Councillor Crookshank

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:45pm.

Carried.

Township of Carling

Mike Konoval, Mayor

Kevin McLlwain, CAO/Clerk/Treasurer