

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

#01-2018

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office Building, Vermilion Bay, Ontario on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Drew Myers, Mayor
Gord Griffiths, Councillor
Ron Kujansuu, Deputy Mayor
Linda Anderson, Councillor
Joe Ruete, Councillor
Tammy Rob, Clerk Treasurer

Absent: None

Gallery: Jeff Hartley, Terry Foley, Tracey Brown, Juliette McDonald, Sandy Peters, Robin Gagne, Angie Lichy, Marieanne Moreau

1. Call to Order:

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Drew Myers at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1

MOVED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

SECONDED BY: Councillor L. Anderson

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Monday, January 8, 2018, be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

3. Declaration of Conflict or Pecuniary Interest:

None declared.

4. Delegation(s):

Juliette McDonald – Taxpayer Concerns

Juliette McDonald 'thanked' the person(s) who posted the report from Paul Heayn on the investigation into nepotism and conflict of interest in the municipality at the Post Office and Co-op, but she stated she did not agree with her name being highlighted on this posting. As this posted report was a copy, she stated she would prefer to view the original report. She also requested a copy of the Municipal Policy regarding the hiring of family members. Discussion ensued regarding Council's decision to hire Shawna Alberts, the Clerk-Treasurer's sister for the Municipal water treatment plant. Mayor Myers reassured her that when Council entered into an In-Camera session to discuss this hiring, the Clerk-Treasurer was not present and the five members of Council made the decision.

Discussion continued regarding the qualifications required to operate the plant, and the Operator Class level of Shawna Alberts. The Mayor explained that when Mike Emms (a Level 3 operator) left the Municipality's employ, Northern Waterworks was contracted to provide the necessary licencing level until a Level 2 operator could be hired by the Municipality. As Shawna has now achieved her Level 2 licence, Northern Waterworks, as mandated by Provincial regulations, will provide a relief operator for our water plant.

4. Delegation(s) (continued)

Council assured Juliette that the information she has requested will be made available to her and if she is not satisfied at that point, she can take her concerns to the Provincial Ombudsman.

5. Notice of Motions

None

6. Approval of Previous Minutes:

6.1 RESOLUTION NUMBER 2

MOVED BY: Councillor L. Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths

THAT Machin Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes #24-2017 held December 11, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

7. Unfinished Business:

None

8. Committee/Officer Reports:

8.1 Fire Department Report for December, 2017

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

THAT Machin Council accept the November 2017 Fire Department Report as presented.

CARRIED

L. Anderson would like to see a sign for the Eagle River Fire Department, however all funding money has been used up.

8.2 Finance and Administration Report for December, 2017

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4

MOVED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

SECONDED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

THAT Machin Council accept the December, 2017 Finance and Administration Report as presented.

CARRIED

9. New Business:

9.1 KDMA Conference

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5

MOVED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

SECONDED BY: Councillor L. Anderson

9.1 KDMA Conference (continued)

THAT Machin Council approve of the following people attending the Kenora District Municipal Association’s AGM on February 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2018 in Ear Falls:

- J. Ruete
- R. Kujansuu

CARRIED

D. Myers will attend the Executive portion of the meeting

9.2 Support Resolution

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths

SECONDED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

THAT Machin Council accept the support resolution from the Corporation of The City of Clarence-Rockland as presented:

WHEREAS Bill 160, Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act, 2017, has been carried in second reading on October 26, 2017: and

WHEREAS Bill 106 suggests to create a “pilot project” to trail a Fire-Medic model where cross-trained firefighters would be able to perform certain paramedic skills and therefore respond to certain calls not currently tiered to fire departments: and

WHEREAS this implementation of a pilot project could precipitate arbitrators forcing Fire-Medic model on other fire departments across the Province with significant impact to municipalities; and

WHEREAS paramedics are funded by 50% by the Province but no funding is provided to municipalities for firefighters; and

WHEREAS these changes, if implemented without financial changes, it could have a sweeping impact on how emergency services are delivered across the province;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of Machin hereby oppose to the Bill 160; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Honorable Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Bob Nault, MPP (Northwestern Ontario) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Following discussion, a recorded vote was taken as follows:

YEAS	NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL	NAYS
	Drew Myers, Mayor	
X	Linda Anderson, Councillor	
X	Gord Griffiths, Councillor	
	Ron Kujansuu, Councillor	X
X	Joe Ruete, Councillor	
	TOTAL	

CARRIED

9.3 Creating a Strategy for a Safer Community – Building Community Wellbeing Plan

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7

MOVED BY: Councillor L. Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

THAT Machin Council approve the following person joining the Ignace, Wabigoon, Dryden, Eagle Lake and Machin Creating a Strategy for a Safer Community – Building Community Wellbeing Plan:

- G. Griffiths

CARRIED

9.4 Wage Grid

This issue will be dealt with in the In-Camera session.

9.5 Machin Housing Water

RESOLUTION NUMBER 9

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

THAT Machin Council approve of the Municipality of Machin will operate the Water Plant at the Eagle View Terrace for Kenora District Services Board for all costs incurred to be billed on a monthly basis.

CARRIED

9.6 Correspondence – Ministry of Finance – Cannabis Legalization

Discussion concerning potential problems with regard to costs incurred by Municipalities.

9.7 Correspondence – Ministry of Finance – Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

The Clerk-Treasurer explained the 2018 Quarterly Payments Schedule for Machin of \$331,500., which was down from last year's payments.

9.8 Correspondence – Robbie Robinson – to Premier Kathleen Wynne

Council discussed the content of their copy of this letter regarding Mr. Robinson's concerns about further logging by the West Arm of Eagle Lake (Trans Canada Trail Canoe Route) and the west side of Tegeau Lake (ELA).

9.9 Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Financial Indicator Review

This review was discussed but Council was not sure what assistance could be attained from the Ministry as a result of these financial indicators.

10. In Camera

10.1 Wage Grid

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10a

THAT Machin Council approve of entering into an In-Camera session @ 7:49 p.m. re: Personnel

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths

SECONDED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10b

THAT Machin Council approve of rising and reporting from an In-Camera session @ 8:46 p.m.

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

CARRIED

Council requested a line for Submitted By and a signature line be added to all staff monthly reports

11. By-laws:

11.1 RESOLUTION NUMBER 11

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths

SECONDED BY: Councillor L. Anderson

THAT Machin Council approve By-law 01-2018 - Being a By-law to Enter into an Agreement Ministry of Transportation for Dedicated Funding for Public Transportation Act.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time, and FINALLY passed this 8th day of January, 2018. **CARRIED**

11.2 RESOLUTION NUMBER 12

MOVED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

SECONDED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

THAT Machin Council approve By-law 02-2018 - Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of a Meeting.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time, and FINALLY passed this 8th day of January, 2018.

CARRIED

12. Adjourn:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 13

MOVED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

THAT Machin Council approve of adjourning @ 8:53 p.m.

CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF MACHIN

Drew Myers, Mayor

Tammy Rob, Clerk Treasurer