

# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

## #02-2018

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office Building, Vermilion Bay, Ontario on Monday, February 12, 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: Robin Gagne, Juanita Taylor, Geoff Hartley, Marieanne Moreau, Jeff Moreau, Mrs. Pilkey, Mary Peterson, Dennis Peterson, Angie Lichty, Garry Parkes, Tony Blair, Herb Neufeld, Burton Penner, Robbie Robinson, Gord Bastable, John Wheeler

### 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, February 12, 2018, be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

### 3. Declaration of Conflict or Pecuniary Interest:

None declared.

### 4. Delegation(s):

#### 4.1 Marieanne Moreau – Reimbursement for Windshield

*-Marieanne stated her request to be compensated for her broken windshield which she claims was cracked due to the condition of the road she lives on. The Mayor advised her that this request was defeated by the Public Works Committee at their meeting held this date.*

*-Marieanne also expressed her concern regarding areas on her road that has branches over the road, creating safety issues when vehicles pass each other. Council confirmed that its brushing program is behind schedule, but assured her this issue will be dealt with in the spring.*

*-The Mayor reiterated that Council simply cannot set a precedent by reimbursing her for her expenses regarding the windshield.*

*-Marieanne stated she felt the issue of the present unsafe road conditions was not addressed..*

**4. Delegation(s) (continued)**

**4.2 Juanita Taylor – Municipal Grants**

*-Juanita requested information on how many grants the Municipality applies for and how important grant money is to the running of the Municipality. The Mayor explained how the grant application process is handled within the Municipality, but assured her that any grants that we are eligible to apply for, we do. However, we have to keep in mind that these grants are usually a 70/30% split, i.e. the Municipality still has to come up with 30% of the overall project cost. Also, a lot of the grants out there are specifically geared for larger municipalities that have more monetary resources at their disposal in order to cover their portion of the cost.*

*-When asked what our success rate was in obtaining grants, the Mayor acknowledged we have a poor rate of success, which Council felt had a lot to do with the size of our Municipality and our physical location within the Province.*

*-Juanita suggested Council involve ratepayers if a grant becomes available that may affect, for example improving Townline Road, to obtain their input and/or letters of support.*

*-The Mayor stated Council would seek more consultation with MP Bob Nault regarding the importance to the Municipality of specific grant applications to see if there is any assistance he could provide. He also recommended ratepayers themselves send letters of support for specific projects directly to Bob Nault's office.*

**4.3 Angie Lichty – Townline Road**

*- Angie spoke on behalf of a concerned Machin ratepayers group and she reinforced Juanita Taylor's statement that the ratepayers living on Townline Road would like to be proactive in working with the Municipality in their endeavours to improve this road.*

*-She distributed a handout of budget, maintenance & planning and safety questions to Council. This handout also queried the potential for lost revenue for a commercial business situated on the road. She stated this group's expectation is that Council will review these concerns and respond in writing to them by March 30, 2018.*

NOTE: a copy of this handout is attached to the original of these minutes.

*-Discussion ensued regarding the various restrictions the Municipality has to operate under with respect to allocation of funds within their budget.*

*-The Mayor expressed appreciation for this group's presentation as it gives Council a mandate to bring it forward to Mr. Nault's attention. He also suggested the Machin Ratepayers group send letters to the MP both as a group and individually with their concerns.*

*-A brief discussion took place regarding the concept of a Community Foundation Fund.*

**4.4 Herb Neufeld – Proposed Logging Road**

*-Councillor Kujansuu prefaced this discussion with information on an open house meeting to be held in Dryden on February 20, 2018 regarding upcoming logging proposals for the area, which he highly recommends interested people form a delegation to attend in order to gain further insight into this issue. He will attempt to set up a meeting with LCAC for this delegation at 2:30 p.m. on February 20<sup>th</sup>.*

**4. Delegations (continued)**

*-This group was already intending to attend the aforementioned meeting in Dryden.*

*-The spokesman for this delegation stated they were speaking to Council more for information than for assistance with the issue of a proposed logging road which doesn't directly affect the Municipality. He continued to describe their concerns for logging in rugged and remote areas which would adversely affect several local tourist businesses. Their bottom line is they are opposed to any roads being built in the areas in question.*

*-The group thanked Council for listening to their presentation. They were not asking for Council to take any action on this issue, however, if Council wished to express their concern at the meeting in Dryden it would be appreciated.*

**5. Notice of Motions**

None

**6. Approval of Previous Minutes:**

**6.1 RESOLUTION NUMBER 2**

MOVED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

**THAT** Machin Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes #01-2018 held January 8, 2018 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 RESOLUTION NUMBER 3**

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths

SECONDED BY: Councillor L. Anderson

**THAT** Machin Council accept the In Camera Meeting Minutes #01-2018 held January 8, 2018 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**7. Unfinished Business:**

None

**8. Committee/Officer Reports:**

**8.1 Fire Department Report for December, 2017**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 4**

MOVED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

SECONDED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths

**THAT** Machin Council accept the January 2018 Fire Department Report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**8.2 Finance and Administration Report for January 2018**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 5**

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths

SECONDED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

**THAT** Machin Council accept the January 2018 Finance and Administration Report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**9. New Business:**

- 9.1 Machin Volunteer Firefighter – Ken Kushner

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6**

MOVED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

SECONDED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths

**THAT** Machin Council approve of Ken Kushner joining the Machin Volunteer Fire Department condition to a clear medical.

**CARRIED**

- 9.2 Policy #16.1 – Concussion Prevention and Management Policy

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 7**

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

**THAT** Machin Council adopting Policy # 16.1- Concussion Prevention and Management Policy.

**CARRIED**

- 9.3 Wood Duck Houses

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 8**

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

**THAT** Machin Council approve of installing Wood Duck Houses in the following location in the Municipality of Machin:

**CARRIED**

Since the Mayor was speaking to this issue, he vacated the Chair position and Deputy Mayor, R. Kujansuu assumed the Chair.

*-As Chair of the local Ducks Unlimited Committee, Mr. Myers requested Council's permission to erect four Wood duck boxes in the Municipality, at no cost to Machin. He would place two at the Post Park and two at the Vermilion Bay waterfront. They would be put on trees near the water.*

*-These twelve houses were constructed by Dryden High School students with local wood purchased by Ducks Unlimited and Mr. Myers stated he will personally maintain them.*

The Mayor resumed the Chair position

- 9.4 Wage Grid

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 9**

MOVED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

**THAT** Machin Council approve of the Wage Grid for the years of 2018 & 2019 as presented.

**CARRIED**

- 9.5 Landfill Operator Training

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 10**

MOVED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

SECONDED BY: Councillor L. Anderson

**THAT** Machin Council approve of Jason Danielson attending the Landfill Operator Training Course in Thunder Bay on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**CARRIED**

- 9.6 AMO AGM Annual Conference  
**RESOLUTION NUMBER 11**  
MOVED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths  
SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu  
**THAT** Machin Council approve of the following people attending AMO AGM Annual Conference in Ottawa on August 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018:  
Drew Myers  
Ron Kujansuu

**CARRIED**

- 9.7 NOMA Annual Conference  
**RESOLUTION NUMBER 12**  
MOVED BY: Councillor J. Ruete  
SECONDED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths  
**THAT** Machin Council approve of the following people attending the NOMA Annual Conference in Kenora on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018:  
Linda Anderson  
Gord Griffiths  
Joe Ruete

**CARRIED**

*Council discussed attendance issues at the various municipal conferences.*

- 9.8 OAPSB Spring Conference & AGM  
**RESOLUTION NUMBER 13**  
MOVED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu  
SECONDED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths  
**THAT** Machin Council approve the following person attending OAPSB Spring Conference & AGM on May 23-26, 2018:  
Linda Anderson

**CARRIED**

- 9.9 Basic Refrigeration Course  
**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14**  
MOVED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths  
SECONDED BY: Councillor J. Ruete  
**THAT** Machin Council approve of the following people attending the Basic Refrigeration Course in Sioux Lookout on February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018:

**DEFEATED**

- 9.10 Support Resolution – Marijuana Tax Revenue  
**RESOLUTION NUMBER 15**  
MOVED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths  
SECONDED BY: Councillor J. Ruete  
**THAT** Machin Council accept the support resolution from the Corporation of The Town of Lakeshore as presented:

WHEREAS marijuana will soon be available for purchase through retail outlets in Canada;  
WHEREAS the sale of marijuana will generate new tax revenues;  
WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have been actively discussing how to distribute the new tax revenues generated by the sale of marijuana;  
WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have thus far not agreed to distribute any of the new tax revenues generated by the sale of marijuana to municipalities directly;  
WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for critical infrastructure projects, such as roads, bridges, water treatment and delivery of potable water;  
WHEREAS municipalities face a significant challenge in funding critical infrastructure projects and have limited options for increasing revenues, aside from raising property taxes, which negatively impacts all taxpayers; and  
WHEREAS the new tax revenues generated from the sale of marijuana, could be used to help offset infrastructure costs for municipalities.

**9. New Business (continued)**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario be urged to allocate a proportionate share of the new tax revenues generated from the sale of marijuana, to municipalities directly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario be urged to create a fund, similar to the Gas Tax Fund and the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, from the new tax revenues generated by the sale of marijuana, to provide funding to municipalities for infrastructure projects;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, and all Members of Provincial Parliament in Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their consideration. **CARRIED**

**9.11 Correspondence – Ray Pilkey – Strategic Plan Beautification**

*-Mr. Pilkey outlined several ideas regarding Machin's Strategic Plan re beautification, specifically an organized volunteer roadside cleanup, a more organized effort for volunteers to maintain community flower beds and possibly an organized volunteer opportunity to help freshen up various areas in the Municipality by applying new coats of paint.*

*-Council agreed a Spring Road Cleaning effort was a good idea, and will contact Mr. Pilkey that they would appreciate if he would co-ordinate this volunteer effort. They agreed to provide garbage bags and when a date is set it will be noted in the Machin Messenger.*

**9:12 Report and Information from Councillors – ROMA Conference**

*-Deputy Mayor Kujansuu and Councillor Ruete joined rural Ontario municipal officials in Toronto. They shared information gathered at the conference, and reported on the meetings they had with several Ministers.*

*-A support resolution regarding postal banking will be placed on the next Council Agenda.*

**9.13 Bob Nault Visit Townline Road and Housing**

*-Discussion ensued regarding funding for Townline Road and bridges in Machin.*

*-There was also dialogue regarding locating suitable property for seniors housing in the Municipality, and applying to the Kenora District Services Board.*

**10. In Camera**

None

**11. By-laws:**

**11.1 RESOLUTION NUMBER 16**

MOVED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

**THAT** Machin Council approve By-law 03-2018 - Being a By-law to Enter into an Agreement Northern Waterworks Inc. for Overall Responsible Operator Service.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time, and FINALLY passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018. **CARRIED**

**11. By-laws (continued)**

**11.2 RESOLUTION NUMBER 17**

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Griffiths

SECONDED BY: Councillor L. Anderson

**THAT** Machin Council approve By-law 04-2018 - Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of a Meeting.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time, and FINALLY passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

**CARRIED**

**12. Adjourn:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 18**

MOVED BY: Councillor J. Ruete

**THAT** Machin Council approve of adjourning @ 8:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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MUNICIPALITY OF MACHIN

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Drew Myers, Mayor

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Tammy Rob, Clerk Treasurer