

The Corporation of the Township of James

September 8, 2022.

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Janet MacDowall, Councillor Terry Fiset, Councillor Kitty Bougie and Councillor Gary Palmer attended the meeting. Reeve Dave Mullin was absent with regrets. Deputy Reeve Janet MacDowall chaired the meeting. Myrna Hayes and Teri-Lynn Jibb were also in attendance along with Anne McKenzie.

**Palmer/Bougie:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 9<sup>th</sup>/22 Regular Meeting.

**Carried.**

Councillor Bougie declared a conflict regarding Item #7.4 on the Agenda.

Delegation: Adam Gibson, Public Works

- Member of the Kerns Fire Department have removed the electronic equipment deposited at the dump. They were very appreciative to the Township of James.
- Brian Jibb will pull the docks out of the water at the end of Septemeber.
- New tires are needed for the black truck..
- TBK is done at the skating rink.
- Down spouts at the skating rink are in the ground. The water run-off is too heavy at times and causes erosion if down spouts are on the ground.
- The ice will be put in the Community Centre for November/22.
- Scott Connors will grade the gravel roads at dump.

Adam left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**Fiset/Palmer:**

A motion to approve the Township's August 31<sup>st</sup>/22 Treasurer's Report.

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,350,649.77.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/Bougie:**

A motion to approve the ELCF August 31<sup>st</sup>/22 Treasurer's Report.

General Revenue Account Balance: \$124,691.00.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/Palmer:**

A motion to approve the payment of Township of James August/22 Accounts totalling \$97,741.71.

**Carried.**

**Bougie/Fiset:**

A motion to approve payment of ELCF August/22 Accounts totalling \$103.10.

**Carried.**

**Bougie/Fiset:**

A motion to adopt By-Law 22-18 to provide for advance vote for municipal election.

**Carried.**

**BY-LAW 22-18:**

**Bougie/Fiset:**

That a by-law to provide for advance vote to be held prior to voting day; *be received and read a first time.*

**Carried.**

**Palmer/Bougie:**

That a by-law to provide for advance vote to be held prior to voting day; *be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole.*

**Carried.**

**Palmer/Fiset:**

That a by-law to provide for advance vote to be held prior to voting day; *as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 22-18 and that the said by-law be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-Law Book.*

**Carried.**

## RESOLUTION 05-22

**Palmer/Fiset:**

WHEREAS the The Corporation of the Township of James has been represented by the Member of Parliament for Nipissing-Temiskaming since 2003;  
AND WHEREAS the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario has proposed the elimination of one Riding in Northern Ontario and a redistribution of the remaining Electoral Ridings;  
AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the Township of James and other municipalities in the South Temiskaming area would be part of a newly created Electoral Riding know as Cochrane-Timmins-Temiskaming;  
AND WHEREAS the population of the existing Riding of Nipissing-Temiskaming meets the population requirements to maintain the Federal Riding;  
AND WHEREAS the communities that comprise the current Electoral Riding of Nipissing-Temiskaming form a geopolitical entity that would be fragmented by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario's proposal;  
AND WHEREAS this fragmentation would diminish and reduce access to Federal representation for the residents of the Township of James;  
AND WHEREAS there is potential for the Province of Ontario to adopt the Federal electoral boundaries to establish Provincial electoral boundaries, which would repeat the negative effects on Provincial representation for the people and communities in Northern Ontario;  
AND WHEREAS the ability to effectively represent diverse, small, rural communities continues to be eroded with the loss of Electoral Ridings in Northern Ontario;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for The Corporation of the Township of James hereby petitions the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission to withdraw the proposal to eliminate a Federal Riding in Northern Ontario;  
AND FURTHER that the Township of James petitions the Federal Government to introduce legislation that would provide for a minimum number of guaranteed Ridings for Northern Ontario to ensure the voices of Northern and Rural Communities are not stifled;  
AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Temiskaming Municipal Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, The Honourable Anthony Rota MP for Nipissing-Temiskaming and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**Carried.**

**Palmer/Bougie:**

A motion to authorize Teri-Lynn to pre-order the equipment for the playground if a definite financial commitment of \$25,000.00 is received in writing.

**Carried.**

**Palmer/Fiset:**

A motion to approve the request for the purchase of Lot 168 on Fourth Street to Cathy Shewchuk for \$4,000.00, plus HST and all conveyance costs.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/Bougie:**

A motion to contract Connors Sand & Gravel to provide road snow removal for the 2022-23 winter season at a rate of \$225.00 per hour based on a 120-hour per year contract.

**Carried.**

The Library Board representative will discuss future purchasing procedures with the Librarian.

Item 7.1: Obtain permission to enclose a copy of Michelle Fiset's letter along with the Township's stating that some tenants at the Evergreen Apartments are making it unsafe for children to use the playground equipment.

Teri added that the playground equipment must be ordered by September 30<sup>th</sup> for it to be delivered for 2023 installation. \$65,000.00 must be raised for the equipment. The Township must make a \$23,000.00 down payment on the equipment when ordered.

Item 7.4: Anne McKenzie asked why was the property on Ontario Street not returned to the Township when the owners defaulted. Reeve at the time, Terry Fiset explained that year was very busy with the reassessment of the mill that took much of everyone's time. That was the only instance of failure to comply with the purchase agreement.

Anne also expressed an interest in reviving 'The Explorer'. Council thanked her very much and everyone looks forward to reading the paper once again.

Item 7.6: The Public Works foreman will look at the situation. Everything from the hydro pole to the road is Township property. Vehicles parked on Township property must be moved.

**Palmer/Fiset:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**Carried.**