

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

Reeve R. Donaldson, Councillor C. Cormier, Councillor M. Fiset (via telephone), Councillor M. De Carlo and Councillor S. McIntyre attended the meeting. Reeve Rodger Donaldson chaired the meeting. Myrna Hayes & Teri-Lynn Jibb were also in attendance.

**McIntyre/Cormier:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 13<sup>th</sup>/24 Regular Meeting.

**Carried.**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: Councillor De Carlo declared his conflict regarding laneway abutting the old firehall on James Street and Reeve Donaldson regarding Item #7.1.

Delegation: Danielle Girard (via telephone) of Kemp Elliott & Blair presented the 2023 Audit to Council. The audit indicated that the Township had a deficit of over \$381,000.00 in 2023.

Delegation: Stephan & Dwight McMahon-laneway & shed adjacent to the old firehall on James Street.

- D. McMahon has submitted an offer to purchase the laneway/shed (14'x 20') located between Lot 10 and Lot35.
- Reeve Donaldson stated that ownership of the laneway has to be offered to both abutting property owners...each has the option to purchase ½ the laneway.
- S McMahon stated that there is a cement pad under the shed located on the laneway.
- D McMahon stated that it was assumed by Steve McMahon that the shed was included when he purchased Lot #10.
- Reeve Donaldson explained the laneway is the property of the Township of James as is the shed located on the laneway.
- D McMahon explained that it is too expensive to move the shed onto Lot 10. ½ the laneway does not allow for sufficient heavy equipment access to repair the firehall building on Lot 10.
- S. McMahon added that there is an old septic system at the back of the firehall, so heavy equipment would not be able to access the laneway side of the building to complete repairs. It is not feasible to move the shed to Lot 10.
- D McMahon stated that Steve will buy the laneway. The shed has been there for over 30 years. It is on a cement slab and is connected with hydro from the firehall.
- Councillor McIntyre stated that more research is required prior to making a decision regarding this matter.
- Reeve thanked Dwight & Stephan for attending the meeting.

Delegation: Adam Gibson, Public Works

- A new compressor motor for the ice plant will not be purchased.
- The outdoor rink should be ready prior to Christmas.

**Cormier/De Carlo:**

A motion to approve the Township's November 30/24 Treasurer's Report.

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,207,496.34.

**Carried.**

**McIntyre/Cormier:**

A motion to approve the ELCF November 30/24 Treasurer's Report.

General Revenue Account Balance: \$135,786.80./24

**Carried.**

**Cormier/De Carlo:**

A motion to approve the payment of Township of James November/24 Accounts totalling \$102,565.98.

**Carried.**

**McIntyre/Cormier:**

A motion to approve payment of ELCF November/24 Accounts totalling \$6.00.

**Carried.**

**BY-LAW 24-12**

**Cormier/McIntyre:**

A motion to adopt By-Law 24-12, a by-law to close & stop up a portion of South Street East.

**Carried.**

**McIntyre/Cormier:**

That a by-law to close & stop up Part 13 of RP54R-5554 on South Street East and transferred to the abutting land owner be received and read a first time;

**Carried.**

**Cormier/McIntyre:**

That a by-law to close & stop up Part 13 of RP54R-5554 on South Street East and transferred to the abutting land owner be read a second time and be referred to a committee of the whole council;

**Carried.**

**Cormier/McIntyre:**

That a by-law to close & stop up Part 13 of RP54R-5554 on South Street East and transferred to the abutting land owner as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 24-12 that the said be-law be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-Law Book.

**Carried.**

**BY-LAW 24-13**

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

A motion to adopt By-Law 24-13, to erect stop signs on Fourth Street East (in both East and West directions) at the intersection of Poplar Street, be received and read a first time;

**Carried.**

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

That a by-law to erect stop signs on Fourth Street East (in both East and West directions) at the intersection of Poplar Street, be received and read a first time;

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

That a by-law to erect stop signs on Fourth Street East (in both East and West directions) at the intersection of Poplar Street, be read a second time and be referred to a committee of the whole council;

**Carried.**

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

That a by-law to erect stop signs on Fourth Street East (in both East and West directions) at the intersection of Poplar Street, as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 24-13 that the said be-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 07-24**

**Cormier/De Carlo:**

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of James is required to appoint a representative to the Northeastern Public Health Unit Board of Health to represent the Rural Central South Region, representing the municipalities of Larder Lake, McGarry, Gauthier, James, Matachewan, Englehart, Evanturel, Charlton and Dack, Chamberlain;

AND WHEREAS a draft nomination process has been considered and reviewed similar to the Rural South region;

AND WHEREAS to facilitate continuity and due to the timing to seek nominations at large by January 1, 2025, the current board representatives were asked to confirm their interest;

AND WHEREAS the current board representatives are Paul Kelly of Larder Lake, Steve McIntyre of Township of James (interested) and Brian Bockus of Englehart (not interested);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of James hereby waives the option of at large nominations and selects Councillor Steven McIntyre to serve as the municipal representative on the Northeastern Public Health Unit Board of Health until the end of the current term;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the event of a tie vote among municipal nominees, the Heads of Council of the municipalities within the Rural Central South region will vote to break the tie, with the decision being determined by majority vote;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this nomination be directly communicated to the Northeastern Public Health Unit for final approval and appointment.

**Carried.**

**Cormier/McIntyre:**

A motion to research further details regarding the laneway abutting the old Firehall building on James Street.

**Carried.**

**Carlo/Cormier:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**Carried.**