

The Corporation of the Township of James

February 12, 2025.

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

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

Cormier/Fiset:

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 8th/25 Regular Meeting.

Carried.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

1. Councillor De Carlo declared his conflict regarding the laneway between Lot 10 and Lot 35 abutting James Street Delegation #1).
2. Councillor Fiset declared a conflict regarding Item #7.2.
3. Councillor Cormier declared a conflict regarding Item #7.5

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

- Mr. McMahon explained to Council that it would not be cost effective to move the shed.
- Reeve Donaldson stated that the shed is a liability to the Township.
- Councillor McIntyre stated that the shed must be removed and the laneway spit 50/50 lengthwise. Councillor Cormier agreed.
- Mr. McMahon stated that the shed has been used for storage for a number of years.
- Mr. McMahon further stated that Steve would accept a 7'x120' split or a 14'x60' split.
- Reeve Donaldson stated that this issue has been going back and forth for almost 5 months. Councillor De Carlo will be asked to leave the meeting and Council will make a decision at that time.
- Mr. McMahon was thanked for his comments and left the meeting.

Delegation: Patrick Roy, OCWA

- Mr. Roy offered his expertise regarding proposed 2025 capital/operations expenses.
- He reported that the generator was good for a few more years.
- A new PLC (computer) is a priority at an estimated cost of \$100,000. If the PLC fails, the plant is unable to produce safe drinking water. It is important to remedy this situation ASAP. The PLC has been in place since 1995, the year the WTP was constructed.
- Another thing that the Township should have is an alternate source for well water if the one in use at present fails or is contaminated. The Township has an alternate well on the north side of the river, but it is not usable at the present time. Mr. Roy suggested that a pump for the alternate well be purchased for an estimated \$30,000. In an emergency, this well could then be used to supply water to the town.
- He also made Council aware of the Ontario Health & Safety Water System Grant that will be accepting applications in the near future. Ontario will fund 73% of the grant and the municipality will pay the remaining 26%. The Township will have the option to pay the 26% from another federal/provincial funding source.
- Mr. Roy was thanked for providing Council the information and left the meeting.

Delegation: Owner/Operator of Fast & Courteous Taxi/Delivery Service was unable to attend the meeting. He will be contacted to inform him that he is welcome to put his information on the community page and drop off business cards at the nursing station, etc.

Delegation: Adam Gibson, Public Works

- Adam stated that the light timer for the outdoor skating rink could be installed for an estimated price of \$1,500.00.
- Parking lots are cleared for the fish tournament.
- Parking signs will be posted prior to the tournament.
- Councillor De Carlo mentioned that people driving cars cannot see around corners because of the snow banks. Adam stated that Connors will be in to wing the banks back in the near future.
- Adam was thanked for the information and left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Fiset/Cormier:

A motion to approve the Township's January 31/25 Treasurer's Report.

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,039,486.31.

Carried.

Fiset/Cormier:

A motion to approve the ELCF January 31/25 Treasurer's Report.
General Revenue Account Balance: \$134,862.37

Carried.

Fiset/Cormier:

A motion to approve the payment of Township of James January/25 Accounts totalling \$197,579.45.

Carried.

Fiset/Cormier:

A motion to approve payment of ELCF January/25 Accounts totalling \$1,983.50.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 01-25

Fiset/Cormier:

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of for 'eligible' sources only;
AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for including businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;
AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;
AND WHEREAS these costs will further burden the municipalities' finances and potentially take resources away from vital infrastructure projects;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for The Corporation of the Township of James hereby requests that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;
AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, MECP, John Vanthof MPP Temiskaming-Cochrane and FONOM.

Carried.

Cormier/Fiset:

A motion to approve the requested 2-year building extension to Shelly Matlock on Ontario Street.

Carried.

Cormier/De Carlo:

A motion to reject Henry Fiset & Sons Ltd. offer to purchase the Township's gravel pit.

Carried.

Fiset/De Carlo:

A motion to advise Kelly Fields that it remains the responsibility of the property owner to have a survey completed and that Maryland Street will remain a public road.

Carried.

Fiset/Cormier:

A motion to support the Canadian Lumber Industry regarding the recent U.S. tariffs being charged.

Carried.

Cormier/De Carlo:

A motion to submit an Ontario Trillium funding application for a new ice plant at the Community Centre.

Carried.

Councillor De Carlo was requested to leave the meeting so Council could make a decision relevant to the laneway between Lot 10 and Lot 35 on James Street.

Council's decision is as follows:

Fiset/Cormier:

- Portions will be 60' long by 14' wide.
- Each party will be offered the relative portions abutting their property.
- Steve McMahon will retain the shed portion of the laneway.
- Mike De Carlo will retain the north portion of the laneway.
- Each party will be responsible for all associated costs of purchasing their portion of the laneway.

Carried.

Fiset/Cormier:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Carried.