

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

Reeve Rodger Donaldson, Councillor Chris Cormier, Councillor Michael DeCarlo, Councillor Michelle Fiset and Councillor Steven McIntyre attended the meeting. Reeve Donaldson chaired the meeting. Myrna Hayes and Teri-Lynn Jibb were also in attendance.

**McIntyre/Fiset:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 20<sup>th</sup>/23 Regular Meeting.

**Carried.**

No members of Council declared a conflict regarding agenda items.

Delegation: Adam Gibson, Public Works Foreman

- Almost all the ice in the Community Centre has melted. The outdoor rink is open. The lights are not working properly and the Township is in the process of obtaining replacement units.
- Quotations for this year's road work will be requested along with the road patching job.
- Our equipment is working well. The new sidewalk sander is very effective.
- There will be safety training courses for the public works staff this year. The dump attendant will be included.

Adam was thanked for his report and stayed for the remainder of the meeting.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/McIntyre:**

A motion to move 'in camera' at 7:18 p.m. to receive a call from the Township's legal firm to update Council on the Ball Park Road issue.

**Carried.**

**McIntyre/De Carlo:**

A motion to move from 'in camera' at 7:28 p.m.

**Carried.**

**Cormier/Fiset:**

A motion to accept legal counsel's advice regarding the Ball Park Road matter.

**Carried.**

Bill Ramsay of the local skidoo club provided Council with information regarding ONTC property that is being used as the skidoo trail. The ONTC wants to sell this property to the users.

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

A motion to approve the Township's December 31<sup>st</sup> /23 Treasurer's Report.

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,239,855.33.

**Carried.**

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

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

General Revenue Account Balance: \$130,820.95.

**Carried.**

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

A motion to approve the payment of Township of James December/23 Accounts totaling \$125,961.69.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/McIntyre:**

A motion to approve the payment of ELCF December/23 Accounts totaling \$5.00.

**Carried.**

**McIntyre/Fiset:**

A motion to adopt By-Law 24-01: 2024 Borrowing from Scotia Bank and Security Agreement.

**Carried.**

**By-Law 24-01**

**McIntyre/Fiset**

That a By-Law to authorize the borrowing of two hundred twenty thousand dollars to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, current expenditures of The Corporation of the Township of James; *be received and read a first time.*

**Carried.**

**McIntyre/Fiset:**

That a By-Law to authorize the borrowing of two hundred twenty thousand dollars to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, current expenditures of The Corporation of the Township of James; *be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.*

**Carried.**

**McIntyre/Fiset:**

That a By-Law to authorize the borrowing of two hundred twenty thousand dollars to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, current expenditures of The Corporation of the Township of James; *as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 24-01 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.**

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

A motion to provide an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes for 2024; *be received and read a first time.*

**Carried.**

**By-Law 24-02**

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

That a By-Law to provide an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes for 2024; *be received and read a first time.*

**Carried.**

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

That a By-Law to provide an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes for 2024; *be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.*

**Carried.**

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

That a By-Law to provide an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes for 2024; *as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 24-02 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.**

**Fiset/McIntyre:**

A motion to adopt By-Law 24-03: Sale of Land on Main Street.

**Carried.**

**By-Law 24-03**

**Fiset/McIntyre:**

That a B-Law to approve the sale of Lots 24-28, Parcels 15916,20437,9849,21530SST in Plan M123NB on Main Street in the Township of James deposited in the Land Titles Division at the Land Registry Office in Haileybury, Ontario to Ronald Pinkerton for the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), plus HST, plus all conveyance costs; *be received and read a first time.*

**Carried.**

**Fiset/McIntyre:**

That a B-Law to approve the sale of Lots 24-28, Parcels 15916,20437,9849,21530SST in Plan M123NB on Main Street in the Township of James deposited in the Land Titles Division at the Land Registry Office in Haileybury, Ontario to Ronald Pinkerton for the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), plus HST, plus all conveyance costs; *be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.*

**Carried.**

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**Carried.**

## **RESOLUTION 01-24**

### **McIntyre/De Carlo:**

WHEREAS: The Township of James has deemed it necessary to provide a school crosswalk on Highway 65 for Elk Lake Public School students.

AND WHEREAS: The Ministry has agreed to install pavement markings and signing related to the school crossing.

AND WHEREAS: The Ministry requires confirmation of the presence of a school crossing guard on an annual basis.

AND WHEREAS: The Township of James will supply a crossing guard to assist students crossing the highway during school hours as defined under Section 176 of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990.

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Township of James unanimously supports a school crosswalk.

**Carried.**

Item 8.1: Councillor Fiset will make application to the United Way grant to have a bus take people to the Tri-Town for shopping with stops in Tudhope, Barber, Kearns and Hudson Townships. A request to have passengers provided with free Tri-Town transit bus passes while in town will be made. If successful, \$25,000.00 will be made available for this venture. It is estimated that each round trip will cost \$800.00.

Item 8.2: A number of young people in the area have expressed an interest in getting swim instructor and lifeguard training for the beach program in Elk Lake.

Item 8.3: Teri-Lynn provided Council with details regarding the Trillium Fund Capital Grant program. Adam Gibson suggested some projects that this funding could be used for, such as the community centre ceiling, municipal office access, cement floor for the outdoor rink, to name a few.

Items 8.4 & 8.5: Reeve Donaldson will address these items at the FONOM Conference.

Item 8.6: This matter is deferred to the March/24 Regular Meeting.

Item 8.7: Council was provided a copy of the 'draft' Clean Yards By-Law for review.

Item 8.9: Council was provided a copy of the 'draft' 2024 Library Budget.

### **DeCarlo/Cormier:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

**Carried.**