

The Corporation of the Township of James

January 8, 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 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 December 11th/24 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.
2. Councillor Fiset declared a conflict regarding Item #7.5.

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

- Mr. McMahon asked Council if any decision had been made regarding the laneway?
- Reeve Donaldson stated that a letter had been received from M. De Carlo with two proposed solutions
- Councillor McIntyre stated that the shed must be sold, the laneway spit 50/50. Councillor Cormier agreed.
- Reeve Donaldson offered another alternative....take the shed down and split the laneway 50/50.
- Council McIntyre stated that Mr. McMahon would pay his share of the survey and buy the shed.
- M. De Carlo wants to purchase 1/2 of the 120 foot laneway.
- Councillor Cormier stated that Mr. McMahon allows access to M. De Carlo now. In the future if the property owners don't get along, there will be a problem.
- Reeve Donaldson stated that the Township will sell the shed for \$1.00 plus 4 feet of property around the shed.
- Mr. McMahon was thanked for attending and remained until the 'in-camera' portion of the meeting began.

Councillor Cormier stated that he has noted that Councillor McIntyre was paid 3 times more than other Councillors for meeting attendance. This number of meetings attended (13) should require Council approval. Councillor McIntyre replied that he has already committed to taking courses regarding CSWB. Councillor Cormier stated that reports should be provided to Council. Reeve Donaldson replied 'as with most meetings, you don't come back with information because there is none'.

Delegation: Adam Gibson, Public Works

- The outdoor rink is open. Councillor Fiset asked if the lights could be turned on during evenings when public skating was not scheduled. Adam explained that a certified electrician would have to do that work at a significant cost.
- Adam remained at the meeting until the 'in-camera' portion began.

McIntyre/Fiset:

A motion to approve the Township's December 31/24 Treasurer's Report.

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,143,983.22.

Carried.

McIntyre/Fiset:

A motion to approve the ELCF December 31/24 Treasurer's Report.

General Revenue Account Balance: \$136,281.27

Carried.

McIntyre/Fiset:

A motion to approve the payment of Township of James December/24 Accounts totalling \$123,561.63.

Carried.

McIntyre/Fiset:

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

Carried.

BY-LAW 25-01

McIntyre/Cormier:

A motion to adopt By-Law 2-01, Scotia Bank Borrowing & Security Agreement.

Carried.

McIntyre/De Carlo:

That a by-law to borrow \$220,000.00 to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues received, current expenditures of the Corporation for 2025; be received and read a first time;

Carried.

McIntyre/De Carlo:

That a by-law to borrow \$220,000.00 to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues received, current expenditures of the Corporation for 2025; be read a second time and be referred to a committee of the whole council;

Carried.

Cormier/De Carlo:

That a by-law to borrow \$220,000.00 to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues received, current expenditures of the Corporation for 2025; be read a third time, passed and numbered 25-01 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 25-02

Fiset/Cormier:

A motion to adopt By-Law 25-02, setting the 2025 Interim Tax Levy

Carried.

Fiset/Cormier:

A motion to provide an interim tax levy and payment of interim taxes for the year 2025; be received and read a first time;

Carried.

Fiset/Cormier:

That a by-law to provide an interim tax levy and payment of interim taxes for the year 2025; be read a second time and be referred to a committee of the whole council;

Carried.

Fiset/Cormier:

That a by-law to provide an interim tax levy and payment of interim taxes for the year 2025; be read a third time, passed and numbered 25-02 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.

Cormier/Fiset:

A motion to move forward with the TMSA planner to complete the Township's Official Plan.

Carried.

Fiset/De Carlo:

A motion to submit an application for the 2025-26 Seniors Community Grant.

Carried.

Item 7.5:

There will be no financial impact to either person involved in the Integrity Commission Report dated December 2/24. The Township will pay all costs.

McIntyre/Cormier:

A motion to move 'in-camera' to discuss Fire Department issues.

McIntyre/De Carlo:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Carried.