

March 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 was also in attendance.

**Cormier/McIntyre:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup>/25 Regular Meeting with noted exceptions regarding laneway and gravel pit.

**Carried.**

Please find below Councillor Mike De Carlo's exceptions.

Objection to Acceptance of Minutes of Council Meeting of March 12, 2025

We have no mechanism to address issues from previous council meeting presentations by Delegations. Presentations made, if no on-hand knowledge is present, are taken verbatim and decisions have been made based on that knowledge or lack thereof. We advocate transparency but how can practice this if we do not validate the points upon which our 'transparent' conclusions and decision are based.

Prior to blanket acceptance of minutes of previous meetings, presentations, if warranted, should be entertained at next council meeting that enlighten council and ensure transparent decisions are made on transparent facts or claims.

Presentations by delegations that claim certain facts or truths should be agreed upon, challenged or verified dependent on the knowledge of council members. This allows council to undergo potential legal scrutiny of any decision it has made and minimizes potential legal challenges.

Challenges to Minutes of Feb.12

McMahon claimed that it would not be cost effective to move the shed.

This is not true. Cost of purchasing the land upon which the shed sits, in order to not move it, is +\$7500.

All costs included. Cost to move the shed 25 metres onto property McMahon already owns is \$2500

Councilor McIntyre stated that the shed must be removed and the laneway split 50/50 Lengthwise.

Councilor Cormier agreed. With Councilor De Carlo having already agreed to that split in previous correspondence in November of 2024, and at this meeting, that giving the decision a 3-2 council split, this should have been a carried motion with no further discussion.

"McMahon further stated that Steve would accept a 7' x 120' split" - this is from a stated quote from the minutes. Either the minutes are incorrect or the memories of council members are incorrect. Things do not appear very transparent.

A "Carried" motion by Cormier/De Carlo states,

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

In Councilor De Carlo's previous submission to council on possible sale of assets that are not part of the Townships core business and in competition with other businesses in town, the sale of the gravel pit by Councilor De Carlo was advocated. This was in all Council Packages.

The motion may have been written in haste with all communication not fully understood, as in the misstated McMahon quote above. Councilor De Carlo was not in agreement with the proposed terms of the offer by Fiset, but in agreement with the idea in principal. As Councilor Fiset had declared a conflict on this issue and Councilor McIntyre was not physically present at the meeting, the only 2 who could have signed were Cormier/De Carlo who, with lack of proper description of the motion or in haste, initialed the motion as currently worded.

As this has been prepared while I, Councilor De Carlo, am under the effects of post-surgical pain killers please accept my apologies for any lack of clarity and please contact me if you have concerns.

Transparently yours, Michael.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:**

1. Councillor De Carlo declared his conflict regarding Agenda Item 7.4.

**Delegation: Judy Hartford, Elk Lake Ski Club**

- The Ski Club needs a place to store ski supplies for public access. The present shed will not serve this purpose any longer.
- Interfor will provide \$500.00 towards the new shed.
- The club need help to remove the old shed.
- The new shed will not require hydro.
- Ideal location for new shed would be down town.
- Adam G. suggested the shed be in close proximity to one of the ski trails...perhaps at the trailer park. Reeve Donaldson concurred.
- The ski trail beginning in the trailer park is on crown land and in need of approximately \$2500.00 in maintenance (beaver dams, bridge, etc. on the trail). Mechanical machinery is not allowed on the trail to make repairs.
- Snowmobiles do use the ski trail also.

- Reeve Donaldson assured Judy that the Township will find a place for the ski club supplies.

Mrs. Hartford thanked Council for allowing her to make her presentation and left the meeting.

Delegation: Jeff Manners, CSWB

- Mr. Manners provided Council with an overview of present activities and future plans for the organization.

Delegation: Adam Gibson, Public Works

- light timer for the outdoor skating rink installed for an estimated price of \$1,500.00 that was donated by the Fun Federation.
- Connor's Sand & Gravel will remove slush/snow on roads in the coming week.
- When the snow leaves, we will decide what roads need repair work this summer.
- The work at the Museum is proceeding as planned.
- Councillor reported a street light out at the Edna Street corner.

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

A motion to approve the payment of Township of James February/25 Accounts totalling \$102,056.66.  
**Carried.**

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

A motion to approve payment of ELCF February/25 Accounts totalling \$6.00.  
**Carried.**

## **RESOLUTION 02-25**

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

WHEREAS the *2024 Annual/Summary Report* for the Elk Lake Drinking Water System has been prepared by Ontario Clean Water Agency;  
AND WHEREAS the *Annual Report* is prepared in accordance with Section 11 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 under the Safe Drinking Water Act;  
AND WHEREAS the *Summary Report* is prepared in accordance with Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 under the Safe Drinking Water Act;  
AND WHEREAS the; *2024 Annual/Summary Report* has been provided to Council members for their review;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for The Corporation of the Township of James approves the *2024 Annual/Summary Report* for the Elk Lake Drinking Water System as presented;  
AND FURTHER that the report will be made available to the public during business hours at the municipal office and on the Township's web site @ [www.elklake.ca](http://www.elklake.ca).

**Carried.**

**Fiset/Cormier:**

A motion to adopt By-Law 25-03: sale of land, Pat 13 of RP54R-5554 to Bradley Lund.

**Carried.**

## **BY-LAW 25-03**

**Fiset/Cormier:**

That a By-Law to authorize the sale of land, namely Pt Lot 409 Fourth Street East and Pt 13 of RP54-5444, Town Plot Smyth in the Township of James to Bradley J. LUND for the sum of \$3,680.00 plus HST and all conveyance costs; be received and read a first time.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/Cormier:**

That a By-Law to authorize the sale of land, namely Pt Lot 409 Fourth Street East and Pt 13 of RP54-5444, Town Plot Smyth in the Township of James to Bradley J. LUND for the sum of \$3,680.00 plus HST and all conveyance costs; be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/Cormier:**

That a By-Law to authorize the sale of land, namely Pt Lot 409 Fourth Street East and Pt 13 of RP54-5444, Town Plot Smyth in the Township of James to Bradley J. LUND for the sum of \$3,680.00 plus HST and all conveyance costs; as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 25-03 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 approve the submission of a funding application to Hydro One Energizing Life Community Fund for up to \$25,000.00 to upgrade electrical system at the Ball Field to include power and lights at the Pavillion.

**Carried.**

Item 7.1: A letter of support will be sent to Northern Hospice Care.

Item 7.2: More information is needed from OMAFRA.

Item 7.3: Reeve Donaldson will contact South Temiskaming ATV Club regarding land use permission request.

Item 7.4: Information is needed regarding sale of laneway. TMSA Jeffifer Pye will be contacted.

**Cormier/De Carlo:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

**Carried.**

