

The Corporation of the Township of James

September 11, 2024.

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 Steve McIntyre attended the meeting. Reeve Donaldson chaired the meeting. Myrna Hayes and Teri-Lynn Jibb were also in attendance along with members of the public including Jim Young and Andre & Jocelyn Bilodeau.

De Carlo/ McIntyre:

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 14th/24 Regular Meeting.

Carried.

No member of Council declared a conflict regarding agenda items.

Delegation: Adam Gibson, Public Works Foreman

- Road work on Grey, Fourth & Third Streets is almost completed.
- MNR recently inspected the Township Pit at the landfill site. The pit had to be sloped and a sign was posted as per instructions from MNR.
- The exp. Services' design for the Lake Street Boat Launch is finally completed. Tenders will be sent out in the near future in order to have the project completed prior to winter.
- The washouts on Ball Park Road will be repaired prior to Interfor commencing their forest harvest operations.

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

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Hakonson, Owners of the Elk Lake Lodge.

- The Lodge will remain closed until all repairs to the facility have been completed.
- No paperwork was left at the Resources Centre effective date of purchase. All paperwork had been removed from the facility.
- The generator had not been serviced properly for years. I am aware of the Twp/Resource Centre Agreement regarding the generator. According to information we have gathered regarding the generator, it was valued at over \$100,000.00 back in 2016 when it was purchased. It is my opinion that the \$15,000.00 be returned to the Township. The generator has since been repaired and in good condition. It must be run one hour per month and 15 minutes each week.
- The Lodge is willing to remain a partner regarding the use of the generator if/when the Lodge is used as an emergency centre. The annual maintenance cost for the generator has been calculated to be \$2,400.00 per year. The Lodge would charge the Township \$600.00 per year for its share of the maintenance fee.
- The Elk Lake Lodge will become a destination facility and bring new people to town. Mr. Hakonson explained that his daughter and son will be taking over the operation of the Elk Lake Lodge. The Elk Lake Lodge is here to stay!
- As the new owners, we are actively trying to find out who had the property classification changed from residential to commercial and why MPAC changed the information without the new owners' consent.

Reeve Donaldson asked if the Township's decision regarding the use of the Lodge c/w generator for emergencies could be deferred to the October 9th/24 Regular Council Meeting. This would allow Council time to explore other venues.

McIntyre/Cormier:

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

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,377,723.06.

Carried.

McIntyre/Fiset:

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

General Revenue Account Balance: \$134,418.26.

Carried.

McIntyre/Cormier:

A motion to approve the payment of Township of James August/24 Accounts totaling \$112,339.57.

Carried.

McIntyre/Fiset:

A motion to approve the payment of ELCF August/24 Accounts totaling \$5.00.

Carried.

Cormier/McIntyre:

A motion to adopt By-Law 24-11: Fire Department Communication System Agreement.
Carried.

BY-LAW 24-11: Fire Department Communication System Agreement.

Cormier/McIntyre:

A motion to authorize the execution of an agreement with other municipalities for the cost sharing of the joint operation and maintenance of a fire department communications system; *be received and read a first time.*

Carried.

Cormier/McIntyre:

A motion to authorize the execution of an agreement with other municipalities for the cost sharing of the joint operation and maintenance of a fire department communications system; *be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole.*

Carried.

Cormier/McIntyre:

A motion to authorize the execution of an agreement with other municipalities for the cost sharing of the joint operation and maintenance of a fire department communications system; *as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 24-11 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.

McIntyre/De Carlo:

A motion to move forward regarding the sale of Lot 409 on Fourth Street East.

Carried.

De Carlo/Cormier:

A motion to not sell or close any portion of Maryland Street. It will remain a Public Municipal Roadway as is.

Carried.

Reeve Donaldson, Councillor De Carlo and Adam Gibson, Public Works Foreman will attend the site and report to Council.

De Carlo/Fiset:

A motion to approve OCWA Capital/Major Maintenance 2024 Budget of \$71,150.00. This amount does not include \$120,000.00 for the back-up well.

Carried.

McIntyre/Cormier:

A motion to apply for Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure funding to replace the boards and install a cement pad in the skating rink.

Carried.

Fiset/McIntyre:

A motion to act upon the order set on Lots 10-12 on Main Street to hire contractors to conduct the work pursuant to Section 8.1 of By-Law 24-04, 'Clean Yards'. A tender is to be issued.

Carried.

Item 7.4: More information is required, prior to Council making any decisions regarding Mr. Nobbs' request.

Cormier/De Carlo:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Carried.