

The Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha

Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on November 19, 2024

Hybrid Meeting in the North Kawartha Council Chambers, 280 Burleigh Street, Apsley

Regular Session 2024 – 11 – 19

Members Present: Mayor Carolyn Amyotte, Deputy Mayor Jim Whelan,
Councillors: Colin McLellan, Roman Miszuk, Jim O’Shea

Staff Present: Alana Solman, Chief Administrative Officer (electronic)
Connie Parent, Clerk
Kelly Picken, Deputy Clerk
Darryl Tighe, Manager of Planning
Emily Fitzgerald, Jr. Planner
Matt Aldom, Chief Building Official / By-Law Enforcement Officer
Edward Hilton, Economic Development Officer
Gary Geraldi, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management
Judy Everett, Treasurer

(all attendees participated in-person unless noted electronic)

Others Present:

Call to Order and Welcome

Mayor Amyotte called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., welcomed everyone and informed those in attendance that the meeting will be recorded and uploaded to the Township YouTube Channel for public viewing.

Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Amyotte recited the Land Acknowledgement.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

No declarations.

Adoption of the Agenda

24 - 341

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Councillor O’Shea

That the agenda be adopted as amended to add two Addendum items along with a request to cancel the Special Budget meeting. Carried.

Statutory Public Meetings and Adoption of Planning By-Laws

The Statutory Public meeting was declared open to hear a zone amendment application.

The public was informed that this was their opportunity to provide comments. Changes to the Planning Act appeals are only for specified persons. For those with right of appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal it is a 20-day appeal period from the date of notice of decision.

Zone Amendment Application #ZA-08-24 (Freymond)

Emily Fitzgerald, Jr. Planner identified the lands and explained the purpose and effect of the application. Approval of the application was recommended by staff.

Submissions

Richard Freymond provided an explanation for the application.

24 - 342

Moved by – Councillor McLellan

Seconded by – Councillor O’Shea

That Council approves Zone Amendment Application ZA-08-24 (Freymond), Part of Lot 2, Concession 6, Burleigh Ward, 778 Northey’s Bay Road, Roll No. 1536-020-001-59900. Carried.

By-Law 2024-0054

Moved by – Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That By-Law 2024-0054 being a By-law of the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha, under the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990, chap. P.13, as amended, to amend Zoning By-Law #26-2013, with respect to certain lands described as Part of Lot 2, Concession 6 in the geographic area of Burleigh, in the County of Peterborough, Roll #1536-020-001-59900 be read and adopted in open Council on the 19th day of November, 2024. Carried.

Mayor Amyotte declared the statutory meeting closed.

Presentations / Deputations / Petitions

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association (CLPOA)

John Lovatsis, Director of CLPOA, (electronic) requested Council permission to move forward with the installation of improved signage at the Chandos Lake public boat ramp to increase attention to the Boat Cleaning Station at that location.

Mr. Lovatsis responded to questions from Council to advise that data is collected for use of the Boat Cleaning Station and any signage would comply with the requirements of the Township and County.

24 - 343

Moved by – Councillor McLellan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council supports the Chandos Lake Property Owners Association in approaching the County of Peterborough with respect to installing a Boat Cleaning Station sign at the Chandos Lake boat launch. Carried.

24 – 344

Moved by - Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor O'Shea

That Council receive the report prepared by the Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management regarding the Boat Cleaning Station Proposed New Sign. Carried.

County of Peterborough Report

24 -345

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That the verbal County Report from Mayor Amyotte and Deputy Mayor Whelan be received. Carried.

Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Report

No report.

Crowe Valley Conservation Floodplain Update

24 - 346

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Councillor O'Shea

Further to Motion 24 – 336 adopted at the November 5 2024 meeting, Council receives the

update from the Deputy Mayor and is no longer looking to do a peer review with respect to the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) Floodplain Mapping of Chandos Lake; and further that the Deputy Mayor in consultation with Councillor McLellan, Vice Chair of the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Board, follow up with a letter to CVCA with respect to the 6 metre buffer zone policy. Carried.

Letter from Stantec Consulting Ltd.

24 – 347

Moved by - Councillor O'Shea

Seconded by- Councillor McLellan

That Council receives the letter dated November 13, 2024, from Stantec Consulting Ltd.; and further that a letter of thanks be sent by the Deputy Mayor. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) of Council:

Regular Minutes

24 - 348

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on November 5, 2024, be amended to replace the wording in Motion 24 – 332, Condition #3, with the words: “That the severed lot is subject to the existing right-of-way for others so entitled”. Carried.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None

Consent Agenda

24 - 349

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Councillor O'Shea

That Council receives the following consent agenda items:

1. Monthly Activity Reports
 - a) Building Department
 - b) Emergency Services Department
 - c) Parks and Recreation / Waste Department
 - d) Planning Department
 - e) Public Works Department

2. Township of Puslinch, November 7, 2024, Motion for the Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development in Relation to Provincial Projects and Excess Soil Management Practices.
3. Resolutions regarding request to redistribute the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure
 - Township of McGarry, November 12, 2024
 - Township of Larder Lake, November 12, 2024
4. Peterborough County, November 13, 2024, resolution regarding Ontario Rural Road Safety Program (resolution supported by North Kawartha Council on November 5, 2024)
5. Peterborough Public Health, November 18, 2024, Water Sample Courier Service Paused for the Winter. Final date for drop off is Thursday, November 28, 2024
6. Public Health Ontario, How to get water test results in the event of a postal strike. Carried.

Staff Reports

Financial Quarterly Reports

24 - 350

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by – Councillor O’Shea

That Council receives the Third Quarter Financial Activities Report and Third Quarter Salaries and Benefits as presented by the Treasurer. Carried.

Christmas Office Closure for the 2024 Christmas Staff Luncheon

24 - 351

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council approve the closure of Municipal Offices on Friday, November 29, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Carried.

Purchase of Second Meeting Owl

24 - 352

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

The Council approve the purchase of an additional Meeting Owl and expansion mic and

further that the estimated cost of approximately \$2400.00 be taken from the COVID-19 funding. Carried.

Cancellation of Special Budget Meeting

24 - 353

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Councillor O’Shea

That Council cancels the special budget meeting scheduled for November 21st and that the first budget meeting will take place as scheduled on December 11th. Carried.

Closed Session

24 - 354

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by – Councillor McIlmoyl

That the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public at 10:28 a.m. as the subject matter being considered is pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, S. 239 (2) (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (**Court Proceedings / OLT-23-000475**) and (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (**Jack Lake Boat Launch**). Carried.

24 - 355

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council arise and come out of closed session at 11:48 a.m. Carried.

Report Out of Closed Session

Mayor Amyotte reported out of closed session that updates and discussions were had on the first two items that were listed for the closed session. She acknowledged that with respect to the Fire Route 52 boat launch on Jack Lake that it was Council’s hope to have this matter dealt with in the public during this month however that hasn’t quite happened. We have been moving forward very thoroughly and thoughtfully. It is a complicated issue, and we have been following legal advice. The Township has received a survey sketch which indicates that 3.55 metres of the launch frontage is on municipal property and that the entire parking area and launch ramp is not on municipal lands. Encroachments on the property have also been discovered. A staff report with options will come forward to the public agenda at the first meeting in December for Council to consider and the Township is working with the surveyor on the sketch that will be released when the staff report comes forward at that public meeting. We will also be a legal opinion as well. For everyone’s information, we recognize it is a complicated serious matter that has serious legal implications depending on the direction that Council goes in. We look forward to having this matter come forward publicly at that first meeting in December and hopefully have resolution at that point.

Reports from Boards and Committees

No reports.

New Business and Unfinished Business

No business.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Confirmatory By-Law 2024-0055

Moved by - Councillor McLellan
Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of a regular meeting of the Township of North Kawartha held on the 19th day of November, 2024 read and adopted in open Council on the 19th day of November, 2024. Carried.

Adjournment

24 - 356
Moved by – Councillor O’Shea
Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council adjourn proceedings. Carried.

Council adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Carolyn Amyotte, Mayor

Connie Parent, Clerk