

Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago



**MINUTES
MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**June 18, 2021
9 James Street, Parry Sound, Ontario
Via Zoom Meeting**

Council Members Present: Reeve: Bert Liverance
Councillors: Laurie Emery Ward 1
Peter Frost Ward 2
Earl Manners Ward 3
Scott Sheard Ward 3 (left mtg. at 10:26 a.m.)
David Ashley Ward 4
Alice Barton Ward 4
Rick Zanussi Ward 4
Ian Mead Ward 5
Grant Walker Ward 6

Council Members Absent: Councillors: Greg Andrews Ward 1

Staff Present: John Fior, Chief Administrative Officer
Maryann Weaver, Clerk
Joe Villeneuve, Manager of Corporate Services
Cale Henderson, Manager of Development & Environmental Services
Greg Mariotti, Manager of Operational Services
Erin Robinson, CFO/Treasurer

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council and staff observed a moment of silence to honour the 215 Indigenous children whose remains were discovered at a former residential school site in Kamloops B.C.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m., and commenced with the singing of the National Anthem, Roll Call, and a Traditional Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

21-100

**Moved by Councillor Sheard
Seconded by Councillor Ashley**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the June 18, 2021 Revised Council Meeting Agenda, be approved, as amended.

Carried.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Regular Meeting Of Council- May 21, 2021

21-101

**Moved by Councillor Emery
Seconded by Councillor Frost**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 21, 2021, be approved.

Carried.

Committee of the Whole Meeting – April 8, 2021

21-102

**Moved by Councillor Mead
Seconded by Councillor Zanussi**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on April 8, 2021, be approved.

Carried.

4. CLOSED MEETING

21-103

**Moved by Councillor Manners
Seconded by Councillor Barton**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council move into a CLOSED MEETING at 9:23 a.m., pursuant to Section 239(2)(f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, to deal with advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Canadian Pacific Railway North Shore Crossing

Carried.

OPEN MEETING

21-104

**Moved by Councillor Walker
Seconded by Councillor Emery**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of a CLOSED MEETING at 9:40 a.m.

Carried.

5. CAO REPORT ON COUNCIL DIRECTIONS

21-105

**Moved by Councillor Frost
Seconded by Councillor Mead**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council receives the June 2021 CAO Report on Council Directions, as distributed.

Carried.

6. REPORT OF TASK FORCES/COMMITTEES

- **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Burial of Children at the Kamloops Indian Residential School

21-106

**Moved by Councillor Barton
Seconded by Councillor Sheard**

WHEREAS the horrific discovery of 215 children buried at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation territory is a stark reminder of the profound and lasting impacts of Canada's residential and day school systems on Indigenous peoples, as well as the need for meaningful action as we work towards truth, justice and reconciliation; and

WHEREAS the Council for the Township of The Archipelago (TOA) are profoundly saddened and angered by this tragic news, and understand that the death and disappearances of children from residential schools were well known and yet rarely acknowledged or accepted by Canadians; and

WHEREAS The Township of The Archipelago is situated within Anishinaabek Territory, and both the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850 and Williams Treaty of 1923; and

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) revealed the heartbreaking details of the role that residential schools played in the history of Canada and the tragic legacy that continues today.

AND WHEREAS the Kamloops Indian Residential School is but one of many unmarked burial sites associated with residential schools across Canada;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of The Archipelago stands with all survivors of residential schools, with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc people, and with all First Nations communities whose children attended the school and suffered such unimaginable loss;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of The Archipelago requests the federal and provincial governments take action now on all 94 of the Calls to Action of the TRC, with particular attention to Calls 71 to 76, including funding and co-ordinating support for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities to locate, commemorate, and honour their Missing Children;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of The Archipelago calls on the federal government to adhere to the unanimous motion passed in the House of Commons calling on the federal government to drop the Federal Court appeals related to compensation for First Nations children separated from their families.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of the Archipelago directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka; Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound-Muskoka; Henvey Inlet First Nation, Shawanaga First Nation, Wasauksing First Nation; Moose Deer Point First Nation, Magnetawan First Nation; West Parry Sound Area Municipalities; MP Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations; and to the Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau.

Carried.

Sans Souci Community Centre Committee – Council Appointment

21-107

**Moved by Councillor Ashley
Seconded by Councillor Walker**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of The Archipelago hereby appoints Councillor David Ashley to the Sans Souci Community Centre Committee for the remainder of the 2018 – 2022 Term of Council.

Carried.

Love My Neighbour Charity

21-108

**Moved by Councillor Zanussi
Seconded by Councillor Manners**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of The Archipelago hereby supports the Love My Neighbour Charity by becoming a Love My Neighbour Community, and by spreading the word to our residents through our Township website, social media sites and E-news mailing list.

Carried.

OPP Detachment Boards

21-109

**Moved by Councillor Emery
Seconded by Councillor Walker**

WHEREAS the Community Safety and Policing Act, (CSPA), 2019 calls for the end of Community Police Advisory Committees (CPACs) and the creation of Ontario Provincial (OPP) Police Detachment Boards; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General has developed an OPP detachment board framework that will allow affected municipalities and First Nations the flexibility to create a board that reflects community and local needs; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General has asked municipalities and First Nations within a detachment area to work together to determine the composition of their board and the manner in which they will submit their proposal to the Ministry; and

WHEREAS the current Community Police Advisory Committee, already established for West Parry Sound area, functions well and efficiently addresses community needs and issues; and

WHEREAS we see no need for changing from the Community Police Advisory Committee to the Police Service Detachment Board for this area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Township of the Archipelago hereby supports the submission by the CPAC representative from the Municipality of McDougall to the Province of Ontario, the Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board Proposal substantially in the form attached, representing the 7 West Parry Sound Area municipalities and Henvey Inlet First Nation with the following additional considerations/proposals:

1. That the following be included as administrative resources/infrastructure required to support the establishment of the detachment board:
 - administrative support for taking minutes of meetings, prepare, distribute and publish agendas and meeting notices, prepare draft policy documents, administer expenses, prepare annual reports and cost estimates, and maintain board records;
 - secure place for records, meeting location, electronic requirements;
 - establish funding requirements;
 - personal accident insurance;
 - legal advice;
 - honorariums;
 - ongoing training;
 - travel and meals;
 - advertising; and
 - any other administrative resources/infrastructure common to a Board;
2. That it be clarified with the Province, that funding for these resources/infrastructure be through the Province as the establishment of detachment boards is an initiative of the Province;
3. That in an effort to reduce duplication of effort and training, that the Board be established upon the 2022 Municipal Election;
4. That the contracts formalize and clearly articulate the service level for each municipality and specifically for the Township of The Archipelago, an emphasis be placed on water based services at efficient costs.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the municipalities within the West Parry Sound District and Henvey Inlet First Nation.

Carried.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Council Correspondence

21-110

**Moved by Councillor Manners
Seconded by Councillor Emery**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council receives the June 2021 Council Correspondence listing.

Carried.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound Muskoka-Support for 9-8-8 Crisis Line

21-111

**Moved by Councillor Mead
Seconded by Councillor Zanussi**

WHEREAS the Federal Government has passed a motion to adopt 9-8-8, a National 3-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and

WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and

WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 9-8-8 crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the Township of The Archipelago recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of The Archipelago hereby endorses this 9-8-8 crisis line initiative; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to send a letter indicating support to Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound Muskoka, Hon. Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), and all Ontario municipalities and local First Nations.

Carried.

Canadian Radio-television and telecommunications Commission (CRTC) – Telecom Decision CRTC 2021-181

This matter was deferred to a future Council Meeting.

9. **BY-LAWS**

Nursing Station Agreement – West Parry Sound Health Centre

2021-31

**Moved by Councillor Ashley
Seconded by Councillor Zanussi**

That By-Law Number 2021-31, being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago and the West Parry Sound Health Centre, be read and finally passed in Open Council this 18th day of June, 2021.

Carried.

Agreement of Purchase and Sale of Land – Town of Parry Sound

2021-32

**Moved by Councillor Sheard
Seconded by Councillor Barton**

That By-Law Number 2021-32, being a By-law to authorize an Agreement of Purchase and Sale of Land from the Town of Parry Sound, be read and finally passed in Open Council this 18th day of June, 2021.

Carried.

Partnership and Data Sharing Agreement – Georgian Bay Land Trust

2021-33

**Moved by Councillor Emery
Seconded by Councillor Barton**

That By-Law Number 2021-33, being a By-law to authorize a Partnership and Data Sharing Agreement with Georgian Bay Land Trust, be read and finally passed in Open Council this 18th day of June, 2021.

Carried.

10. DEPUTATION

Art Coles, on behalf of Lynne Gregory, Belvedere Board Representative- Update

Art Coles reported on Belvedere's new health care model, "Campus of Care". Mr. Coles answered questions from Council regarding budget structure and facility location. Council thanked Mr. Coles for his presentation.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Health Care Model "Campus of Care" proposed by Belvedere Heights Long Term Care, West Parry Sound Health Centre, and Lakeland Long Term Care

21-112

**Moved by Councillor Barton
Seconded by Councillor Frost**

WHEREAS Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission's final report has now been delivered and health system leaders in West Parry Sound want to be prepared for the changes that are expected to come; and

WHEREAS health authorities of the West Parry Sound District are working together, including the Boards of the West Parry Sound Health Centre, Lakeland Long Term Care and Belvedere Heights Long Term Care, with a vision to provide the best possible solution to Long Term Care and health care for the seniors in our community; and

WHEREAS among considerations being proposed is a new model of health Care, "a Campus of Care", which essentially provides a continuum of care for the elderly to age in place including, where appropriate, their own apartments, other independent or assisted living arrangements as well as Long Term Care, all affiliated with and in proximity to local primary health care and wellness services; and

WHEREAS it is also proposed that the community of seniors continuing to live at home be supported by our vision of virtual care which would include professional home based health and wellness care supported by high speed internet services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of The Archipelago hereby supports these initiatives and the collaborative efforts between the Province of Ontario and the local stakeholders to develop innovative and improved care for the seniors in our community, subject to receiving and approving further information regarding the development of programs and cost implications (operating and capital).

Carried.

Council recessed for a break at 10:26 a.m. and resumed business at 10:45 a.m.

12. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Manners inquired about the Township staff vaccination rate and if there are any additional measures the Township could explore to assist staff in receiving their second shot. John Fior confirmed that the Township is working with local agencies to ensure staff members are provided vaccination opportunities as essential workers.

Councillor Manners informed staff that he and Councillor Sheard plan on responding to the ratepayer letters pertaining to the closure of the US/Canada border. Councillor Manners asked Council if uploading the FOCA letter to the Township website would be of any benefit. After discussion, Council decided to forgo uploading the letter at this time.

13. DEPUTATION

Dave Van Kerrebroeck, Otter Energy Options for installation of solar panels

Dave Van Kerrebroeck reported on the Government solar panel grants currently being offered and how Otter Energy can facilitate the application process.

Staff was directed to work with Otter Energy to bring back a report for July Council outlining the application process and associated costs with installing solar panels at the Pointe au Baril Community Centre, the Pointe au Baril Nursing Station, and 9 James Street Township Office.

14. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Frost inquired as to whether a violation was issued for the fire on Highway 529A. Maryann Weaver reported that there is an open investigation currently underway and once closed, she will provide Council with an update. Council discussed the fire reporting process for privately owned land and crown land within the Township.

Councillor Zanussi inquired on what the policy is when a Councillor misses three executive Council meetings, and who is responsible for monitoring that. Councillor Zanussi further inquired about if the policy speaks to repeat offenders. Ms. Weaver reported that she will review the Municipal Act and the Township's Procedural By-law and report back to Council.

15. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

2021-34

**Moved by Councillor Ashley
Seconded by Councillor Manners**

That By-Law Number 2021-34, being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 18, 2021, be read and finally passed in Open Council this 18th day of June, 2021.

Carried.

16. ADJOURNMENT

21-113

**Moved by Councillor Zanussi
Seconded by Councillor Sheard**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 18, 2021, be adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Carried.

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