

Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago



**MINUTES  
MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**May 21, 2021  
9 James Street, Parry Sound, Ontario  
Via Zoom Meeting**

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Council Members Present: Reeve: Bert Liverance  
Councillors: Greg Andrews Ward 1  
Laurie Emery Ward 1  
Peter Frost Ward 2  
Earl Manners Ward 3  
Scott Sheard Ward 3  
David Ashley Ward 4  
Alice Barton Ward 4  
Rick Zanussi Ward 4  
Ian Mead Ward 5

Council Members Absent: Councillors: Grant Walker Ward 6

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. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:19 a.m., and commenced with the singing of the National Anthem, Roll Call, and a Traditional Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councillor Andrews requested that the Closed Session matter be deferred to the June Council Meeting. Council was in agreement.

**21-082**

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the May 21, 2021 Revised Council Meeting Agenda, be approved, as amended.

Carried.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Regular Meeting of Council – April 9, 2021**

**21-083**

**Moved by Councillor Emery  
Seconded by Councillor Zanussi**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 9, 2021, be approved.

Carried.

**Special Meeting of Council Minutes- April 30, 2021**

21-084

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on April 30, 2021, be approved.

Carried.

**Closed Council Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2021**

21-085

**Moved by Councillor Zanussi  
Seconded by Councillor Barton**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Closed Council Meeting Minutes held on April 9, 2021, be approved.

Carried.

**Closed Committee Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2021**

21-086

**Moved by Councillor Andrews  
Seconded by Councillor Manners**

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

Carried.

**Closed Special Meeting of Council Minutes – April 30, 2021**

21-087

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Closed Special Council Meeting Minutes held on April 30, 2021, be approved.

Carried.

**4. CLOSED MEETING**

**Councillor Andrews – Indemnification Request**

This matter was deferred to the June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting of Council.

**5. CAO REPORT ON COUNCIL DIRECTIONS**

21-088

**Moved by Councillor Frost  
Seconded by Councillor Manners**

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

Carried.

6. REPORT OF TASK FORCES/COMMITTEES

• FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Internet Connectivity – Guiding Principles Document

21-089

Moved by Councillor Barton  
Seconded by Councillor Sheard

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council accept the recommendation of the Connectivity Ad Hoc Committee, and adopt the Guiding Principles for broadband infrastructure and high speed internet service development within the Township of The Archipelago.

Carried.

Love My Neighbour – <https://fundraise.unicef.ca/lovemyneighbour/give>

21-090

Moved by Councillor Mead  
Seconded by Councillor Ashley

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council hereby direct staff to investigate the Love My Neighbour charity and report back in June.

Carried.

• ENVIRONMENT

Bill 279 – Environmental Protection Amendment Act (Microplastics Filters for Washing Machines), 2021

21-091

Moved by Councillor Andrews  
Seconded by Councillor Manners

**WHEREAS** microfibers are human-made strands less than 5mm composed of either synthetic or natural materials. Microfibers are shed through the wear and tear of textiles through the laundering process;

**WHEREAS** billions of microfibers are released into the Great Lakes daily from machine laundering of clothes. Studies have found a single load of laundry can release up to millions of microfibers into washing machine effluent, which flows to the wastewater treatment plant. Wastewater treatment can capture up to 99% of microfibers in sewage sludge, but microfibers are still released into aquatic ecosystems through treated effluent. Billions of microfibers are released into the aquatic ecosystem daily in the Great Lakes basin, either directly via treated final effluent, or indirectly as runoff from land-application of treated sewage sludge; and

**WHEREAS** microfiber contamination is widespread: Worldwide and local studies have shown microfibers present in commercial fish, Great Lakes fish (including Lake Trout, Rainbow smelt, Brown bullhead, etc.), honey, salt, Great Lakes beer, tap water, bottled water and much more; and

**WHEREAS** microfibers are the most prevalent type of microplastics in the environment and have been found in surface water, soil, biota, and atmospheric samples; and

**WHEREAS** a 2014 surface water study in Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and their tributaries measured microplastics at abundances between 90,000 and 6.7 million particles per square kilometer. These levels of microplastics are similar to or exceed concentrations found in ocean gyres like the “Great Pacific Garbage Patch; and

**WHEREAS** microplastics do not biodegrade; and

**WHEREAS** chemicals such dyes and flame retardants are added to textiles during manufacturing. Textiles can also absorb chemicals from their environment after manufacturing. Some of these chemicals are toxic, and harmful chemical compounds can be released into the environment via leaching from microfibers; and

**WHEREAS** a growing body of research shows that the effects of microplastics on animal life are far-reaching. Researchers have investigated the impacts of microplastics on gene expression, individual cells, survival, and reproduction. Mounting evidence shows that negative impacts can include decreased feeding and growth, endocrine disruption, decreased fertility, and other lethal and sub-lethal effects. Some of these effects are due to ingestion stress (physical blockage), but many of the risks to ecosystems are associated with the chemicals in the plastic. Studies have shown that chemicals transfer to fish when they consume microplastics. When these fish end up on our dinner plates, we potentially increase the burden of hazardous chemicals in our bodies; and

**WHEREAS** a recent set of laundering experiments in the laboratory; have shown that an external filter can capture an average of 87% of fibres by count and 80% by weight before they go down the drain (McIlwraith et al. 2019). On a wider scale and in real-life context, Georgian Bay Forever, the University of Toronto and the Town of Parry Sound are completing a study that is measuring the effect that about 100 filters in households has on reducing microfibre pollution in the effluent of a wastewater treatment plant. The results of this study are to be released in August; and

**WHEREAS** add-on filters cost approximately \$180-220 CDN to purchase and install, which is prohibitive for the average household. Accordingly, voluntary adoption rates are low; and

**WHEREAS** France has passed legislation (France 2020-105, Article 79) that requires future washing machines sold to have filters. California has introduced a bill (California AB 622), and Ontario has tabled Private Member's Bill 279 to prohibit sales of washing machines without a filter of mesh size 100 microns or smaller. Companies such as Arclik have manufactured washing machines with filters built directly into them;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) recognizes that to date the largest documented source of environmental microfibers is washing machines, and that findings indicate washing machine filters mitigate the majority of fibres shed during machine washing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cities Initiative recognizes the need to require future sales of washing machines to include filters with a maximum mesh size of 100 microns; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cities Initiative and its members call on the Ontario government to pass Bill 279, and to call on the Canadian and U.S. government to create appropriate regulatory measures to the same effect; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that until households can only buy new laundry machines outfitted with <100 micron filters, the Cities Initiative and its members call on provincial, state and federal governments to provide funding and education to help constituents reduce microfiber waste.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to submit this resolution to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative; and forward this resolution to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed and to Federal and Provincial Representatives.

Carried.

**Bill 228 - Banning unencapsulated Polystyrene Foam**

21-092

**Moved by Councillor Emery  
Seconded by Councillor Sheard**

**WHEREAS** unencapsulated expanded and extruded polystyrene foam (PS foam) is a common and economical product used for dock flotation; and

**WHEREAS** unencapsulated PS foam, when used as floatation, deteriorates and breaks down through exposure to water, sunlight and chemicals (gasoline, oil & other contaminants), as well as from animals and physical impacts from boats and other debris; and

**WHEREAS** the environmental impacts associated with the breakdown of unencapsulated PS foam are significant. PS foam is one of the top items of debris found on shorelines, beaches, and surface water around the world. Widespread and global contamination has resulted in PS foam being found in the gut contents of wildlife, including in the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin. PS foam causes adverse effects to wildlife when ingested. Laboratory experiments show negative impacts of PS foam on feeding behaviour, growth, hepatosomatic index (HSI), and reproduction. Under certain conditions, PS foam leaches known toxic styrene and benzene. Floating particles of PS foam also has aesthetic impacts on shorelines and waterways; and

**AND WHEREAS** there is no Federal legislation in Canada regulating the use of unencapsulated expanded polystyrene foam (EPS) for docks to date. However, on May 13, 2021, the Province of Ontario passed *Bill 228: Keeping Polystyrene Out of Ontario's Lakes and Rivers Act*, to regulate and control its use for floats; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) recognizes the need for PS foam to be encapsulated when used for flotation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cities Initiative and its members call on the Federal Government of Canada (Ministries of Fisheries and the Environment) the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks), the Province of Quebec, The United States (U.S.) Federal Government, and the U.S. States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota to work in collaboration with each other to enact laws which:

1. ban unencapsulated polystyrene (PS) products in all new and replacement public and private floating facilities across the Great Lakes Region and the coasts of Canada and the United States;
2. find common standards of defining encapsulation with the goal of zero emissions of PS foam;
3. require the timely transition to approved encapsulated PS products, for all public and private floating facilities currently using unencapsulated PS foam; and
4. require the proper disposal of all unencapsulated expanded polystyrene (EPS) products currently being used for dock flotation.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to submit this resolution to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative; and forward this resolution to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed and to Federal and Provincial Representatives.

Carried.

#### **Purchase and Distribution of Filters for Washing Machines**

21-093

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council hereby direct staff to investigate the purchase of filters for washing machines, and their distribution to our community, including exploring options to partner with the Ratepayer Associations for distribution of these devices;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities in the Great Lakes Watershed, and to the Province.

Carried.

#### **• PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Island Sites Waste and Recycling Barging Services Renewal**

21-094

**Moved by Councillor Manners  
Seconded by Councillor Mead**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council authorize staff to renew a bargaining contract with Chantler Barging for a 3-year term, with option to extend for a further one year.

Carried.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Council Correspondence**

**21-095**

**Moved by Councillor Zanussi  
Seconded by Councillor Frost**

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

Carried.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**AMO Conference Delegation Meetings- Discussion**

Council agreed that no delegations were required at this years AMO Conference.

**WPS Economic Development Collaborative Steering Committee – WPSEDC Terms of Reference**

**21-096**

**Moved by Councillor Emery  
Seconded by Councillor Ashley**

**WHEREAS** the West Parry Sound Economic Development Collaborative (WPSEDC) is a partnership between the seven municipalities of West Parry Sound, originally created in 2018 with a mandate to improve the region's business environment;

**AND WHEREAS** member municipalities approved the WPSEDC Terms of Reference in early 2018, which created a collaborative governance model involving a Board of Municipal Stakeholders, a Core Group of Advisors, a Steering Committee, and a Regional Economic Development Officer (EDO);

**AND WHEREAS** the Steering Committee and the Regional EDO are the only elements of this model had have been implemented to date;

**AND WHEREAS** FedNor approved funding for a period ending November 2023 to hire a Regional Economic Development Officer for a three (3) year term, with contributing funding coming from member municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** all member municipalities passed resolutions of Council in October 2020 confirming their commitment to the WPSEDC;

**AND WHEREAS** the Steering Committee and the Regional EDO have recommended amendments to the WPSEDC Terms of Reference in order to reflect current operating procedures and economic development priorities;

**AND WHEREAS** the WPSEDC structure requires a Board of Stakeholder Municipalities, comprised of the Heads of Council (or designate) of the member municipalities, to provide high-level strategic direction to the WPSEDC;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality adopts the updated WPSEDC Terms of Reference;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality hereby appoints Reeve Liverance to the Board of Stakeholder Municipalities.

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality hereby appoints Councillor Ashley as an alternate Member of Council in the event the Reeve Liverance is unable attend a meeting.

Carried.

**9. BY-LAWS**

**Designate Persons to Sign Cheques Issued by the Municipality**

**2021-25**

**Moved by Councillor Andrews  
Seconded by Councillor Mead**

**That By-law Number 2021-25**, being a By-law to Designate Persons to Sign Cheques Issued by the Municipality, be read and finally passed in Open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2021.

Carried.

**Briggs, Paul – Zoning By-law Amendment No. Z01-21**

**A2098-21**

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

**That By-law Number A2098-21**, being a By-law to amend By-law No. A2000-07 (the Comprehensive Zoning By-law) for part of Island D30, being Part 1 on Plan PSR-243, designated as Parcel 7992 PSNS, in front of the geographic Township of Harrison, be read and finally passed in Open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2021.

Carried.

**Henhoeffer, John and Cooley, Leanne**

**Authorize the execution of a development agreement**

Lot 16, Concession 10, except Part 1 on Plan 42R-2823, Parts 1 to 4 on Plan 42R-17868, Parts 1 to 3 on Plan 42R-20533 & Part 1 on Plan 42R-20846; S/T Part 1 on PSR-565, Part 2 on Plan 42R-2524, except Parts 1 to 3 on Plan 42R-17868; T/W Parts 2 and 3 on Plan 42R-17868, Part 1 on Plan 42R-20529, subject to an easement as in GB130898.

**2021-26**

**Moved by Councillor Mead  
Seconded by Councillor Andrews**

**That By-law Number 2021-26**, being a By-law to authorize the execution of a site plan development agreement between John Henhoeffer/Leanne Cooley and the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago, be read and finally passed in Open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2021.

Carried.

**Appointment of Municipal Weed Inspector- Public Works Supervisor**

**2021-27**

**Moved by Councillor Manners  
Seconded by Councillor Sheard**

**That By-law Number 2021-27**, being a By-law to Appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector, be read and finally passed in Open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2021.

Carried.

**Establish the Sans Souci Community Centre Committee**

**2021-28**

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

**That By-law Number 2021-28**, being a By-law Establish the Sans Souci Community Centre Committee to Raise Funds for the Construction of a Community Centre on the Sans Souci and Copperhead Association Island Property in Sans Souci, be read and finally passed in Open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2021.

Carried.

**10. QUESTION TIME**

Councillor Ashley acknowledged the high fire rating so early in the season and requested that staff ensure the appropriate messaging is communicated to the public. Maryann Weaver reported on her process when the fire danger rating changes, and where and how she sends her messages out.

Councillor Frost inquired about who takes care of the fire related duties in the unincorporated area. Maryann Weaver reported that she would inquire and report back.

**11. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**2021-29**

**Moved by Councillor Frost  
Seconded by Councillor Zanussi**

**That By-law Number 2021-29**, being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, be read and finally passed in Open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2021.

Carried.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**21-097**

**Moved by Councillor Andrews  
Seconded by Councillor Emery**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 21, 2021, be adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Carried.

**TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO**

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Bert Liverance, Reeve

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Maryann Weaver, Clerk