

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING #03-2022

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office Building,
Vermilion Bay, Ontario on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 3:08 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Gord Griffiths, Mayor
Ron Kujansuu, Councillor
Garry Parkes, Councillor
Dennis Peterson, Councillor
Ray Pilkey, Councillor

Tammy Rob, Clerk-Treasurer
Dan Robinson, Machin Deputy Fire Chief
Shawna Alberts, Operator in Charge Water Treatment Plant
Max Nagy, Economic Development Officer

Absent:

Gallery:

1. Call to Order:

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor G. Griffiths at 3:08 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Parkes

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Monday, February 14, 2022, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict or Pecuniary Interest:

None declared.

4. Delegation(s):

4.1 Kennedy Maidment – Economic Development Committee

Ms. Maidment has come to Council with a proposal to start an Economic Development Committee in Machin. She is requesting the support of Council to do this. The Committee would have members from local businesses as well as local entrepreneurs who would meet monthly to discuss ways to increase economic development in Machin. The first focus of the Committee would be to address the curb side appeal of the commercial areas within the Municipality. The Committee would also work closely with Machin's Economic Development Officer, Max Nagy. It will not operate as a Committee of Council, but Council did agree to support the Committee and its goal of economic growth in Machin.

5. Notice of Motions

6. Approval of Previous Minutes:

6.1 RESOLUTION NUMBER 2

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Peterson

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

THAT Machin Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes #02-2022 held January 24, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

7. Unfinished Business:

None

8. Committee/Officer Reports:

8.1 Fire Department Report for January 2022

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Parkes

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey

THAT Machin Council accept the January 2022 Fire Department Report as presented. **CARRIED**

Report attached to original Minutes

8.2 Finance and Administration Report for January 2022

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4

MOVED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey

SECONDED BY: Councillor D. Peterson

THAT Machin Council accept the January 2022 Finance and Administration Report, Budget Report/Monthly Cheque Register as presented. **CARRIED**

Report attached to original Minutes

8.3 Economic Development Report – Verbal

Max Nagy, EDO, gave Council a verbal report on the various projects he has been working on.

Vermilion Bay North Cemetery:

Are still working on purchasing a small piece of crown land that is adjacent to the cemetery.

Cottage Lot Feasibility Study:

Waiting for a quote to do a feasibility study then will apply for funding to complete this phase of the subdivision.

Grant from Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility:

Will be applying for funding to do work on the Municipal Office building to make it more accessible, the grant is up to \$60,000.00 at 100% funding. Waiting on quotes to submit application.

8.4 Public Works Recommendation: 2021 Annual Water Plant Report

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Peterson

SECONDED BY: Councillor G. Parkes

THAT Machin Council approve the Vermilion Bay Drinking Water System Annual Report for 2021 as recommendation by the Public Works Committee. **CARRIED**

Report attached to original Council Minutes

9. New Business:

9.1 QMS Review Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2021

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6

MOVED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

THAT Machin Council approve the March 31, 2021 QMS Review Meeting Minutes as recommended by the Overall Responsible Operator. **CARRIED**

9. New Business: (con't)

- 9.2 Vermilion Bay Drinking Water System- Operational Plan

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Parkes

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey

THAT Machin Council approve the Vermilion Bay Drinking Water System – Operational Plan as recommended by the Overall Responsible Operator.

CARRIED

- 9.3 QMS Management Review Report

RESOLUTION NUMBER 8

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Peterson

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

THAT Machin Council approve the Management Review Report for QMS as recommended by the Overall Responsible Operator.

CARRIED

- 9.4 QMS Review and Provision of Infrastructure Report

RESOLUTION NUMBER 9

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Parkes

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey

THAT Machin Council approve the Review and Provision of Infrastructure Report for QMS as recommended by the Overall Responsible Operator.

CARRIED

- 9.5 QMS Risk Assessment

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Peterson

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

THAT Machin Council approve the Risk Assessment Report for QMS as recommended by the Overall Responsible Operator.

CARRIED

- 9.6 QMS Review Meeting Minutes – December 23, 2021

RESOLUTION NUMBER 11

MOVED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey

THAT Machin Council approve the December 23, 2021 QMS Review Meeting Minutes as recommended by the Overall Responsible Operator.

CARRIED

- 9.7 Policy #3.8 Disciplinary Action Revision Approval

RESOLUTION NUMBER 12

MOVED BY: Councillor G. Parkes

SECONDED BY: Councillor D. Peterson

THAT Machin Council approve the revision to Machin Employment Policy #3.8 Disciplinary Action which adds Section 3.8.8 Group III Offenses.

CARRIED

- 9.8 Staff Wages

RESOLUTION NUMBER 13

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Peterson

SECONDED BY: Councillor G. Parkes

THAT Machin Council approve of the following staff wage increase of \$0.50 per hour retroactive to January 1, 2022 and effective to December 31, 2022.

CARRIED

9. New Business: (con't)

9.9 Town of Aurora Resolution Support

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14

MOVED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey

SECONDED BY: Councillor D. Peterson

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, "that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community"; and

Whereas our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Municipality of Machin's Official Plan; and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Municipality of Machin's Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or "OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the Municipality of Machin; and

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a "best planning outcome" and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans and Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Municipality of Machin requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Honourable Greg Rickford, MPP Kenora-Rainy River and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their consideration.

CARRIED

9.10 Funding Application Northern Ontario Development Program

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Peterson

SECONDED BY: Councillor G. Parkes

THAT Machin Council approve of applying to the Northern Ontario Development Program through FEDNOR to cover the costs associated with conducting a Cottage Lot Feasibility Study \$_____ at a 90% funding rate of which the Municipality will be responsible for \$_____;

FURTHERMORE the Municipality of Machin will commit to cover any project cost overruns.

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9. New Business: (con't)

9.11 Rate Payer Payment Options - Discussion

The cost of allowing tax/water payments to be made by debit or credit would affect all rate payers and not all rate payers are willing to have the cost added to their tax and water bills. The Municipality offers preauthorized withdrawals for payments at no charge, payments can be made by cheque or cash and there is an option to pay with credit card by making an epayment but there is a charge for this option. For now the Municipality will not make changes to how payments can be made.

9.12 City of Brantford: Revolving Door of Justice Resolution - Discussion

Will bring to next meeting as a resolution for Council support.

9.13 Cargo Airships for Northern Ontario - Discussion

Council will not pursue this at this time.

9.14 Covid – Discussion

The Municipal office will remain closed to the public for the month of March.

10. Information

None

11. In Camera

None

12. By-laws:

12.1 **RESOLUTION NUMBER 16**

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Peterson

SECONDED BY: Councillor G. Parkes

THAT Machin Council approve of By-law 08-2022 – Being a By-law to Enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for funding for the Machin Modernization Program.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time, and FINALLY passed this 14th day of February, 2022. **CARRIED**

12.2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER 17**

MOVED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

THAT Machin Council approve By-law 09-2022 - Being a By-law to Enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen as represented by the Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry for funding for Cascade Bridge Repairs and Armstrong Street.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time, and FINALLY passed this 14th day of February, 2022. **CARRIED**

12. By-laws: (con't)

12.3 RESOLUTION NUMBER 18

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Peterson

SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey

THAT Machin Council Approve By-Law 10-2022 - Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of a Meeting.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time, and FINALLY passed this 14th day of February, 2022. **CARRIED**

13. Adjourn:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19

MOVED BY: Councillor R. Kujansuu

THAT Machin Council approve of adjourning @ 4:45 p.m. **CARRIED**

THE CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF MACHIN

Gord Griffiths, Mayor

Tammy Rob, Clerk Treasurer