



The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores
Regular Meeting of Council
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers – 325 Farr Drive

Minutes

1. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we live, work, and gather on the traditional and unceded Territory of the Algonquin People, specifically the Timiskaming First Nation.

We recognize the presence of the Timiskaming First Nation in our community since time immemorial and honour their long history of welcoming many Nations to this beautiful territory and uphold and uplift their voice and values.

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laferriere at 6:00 p.m.

3. Roll Call

Council: Mayor Jeff Laferriere; Councillors Melanie Ducharme (virtual), Jesse Foley, Ian Graydon, Nadia Pelletier-Lavigne, and Danny Whalen (virtual),
Present: Amy Vickery, City Manager
Logan Belanger, Municipal Clerk
Shelly Zubyck, Director of Corporate Services
Mathew Bahm, Director of Recreation
James Franks, Economic Development Officer
Steve Langford, Fire Chief
Brad Hearn, Information Systems & Technology
Steve Burnett, Manager of Environmental Services
Mitch McCrank, Manager of Transportation Services
Stephanie Levielle, Treasurer
Regrets: Councillor Mark Wilson

Media: 2
Delegates: Andre Brock, Temiskaming Shores & Area Chamber of
Commerce
Members of the Public: 6

4. Review of Revisions or Deletions to Agenda

None

5. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-234

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that City Council approves the agenda as printed.

Carried

6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature

None

7. Public Meetings pursuant to the Planning Act, Municipal Act and other Statutes

None

8. Review and Adoption of Council Minutes

Resolution No. 2024-235

Moved by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Seconded by: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that City Council approves the following minutes as printed:

- a) Regular Council Meeting – May 21, 2024; and
- b) Committee of the Whole Meeting – June 4, 2024.

Carried

9. Presentations / Delegations

- a) Andre Brock, Executive Director – Temiskaming Shores & Area Chamber of Commerce

Re: Addressing Vacant Buildings in New Liskeard and Haileybury: An Economic and Social Perspective

Mr. Andre Brock, Executive Director with the Temiskaming Shores & Area Chamber of Commerce (TSACC) provided a presentation to Council, utilizing PowerPoint, to address vacant buildings in the Temiskaming Shores downtown cores, as well as offered proposed actionable solutions. A supporting report including a comprehensive analysis was also distributed to members of Council and staff.

Mr. Brock began by outlining the reason for TSACC tackling this issue were due to concerns received from their membership, public safety and growth, and potential businesses unsure where to go, or what properties are available. City by-laws were reviewed, along with other municipal by-laws and policies. Photographs of vacant buildings in the New Liskeard and Haileybury downtown cores were shown and were mapped to identify their locations, as well as colour coded for level of concern. Mr. Brock provided a high-level overview of the report, including the impact vacant buildings have on communities and identified key stakeholders ranging from business owners to local government and community organizations, while emphasizing the varied concerns regarding homelessness, safety, and the economic and environmental health of the downtown areas. Addressing vacancies has an economic impact such as increased property values, tax revenues, job creation, public safety, along with the stimulation of the local economy.

Solutions/ recommendations were reviewed, including incentivizing the use of vacant buildings, streamlining processes, and reevaluating tax incentives to encourage redevelopment of these properties, while incorporating both short- and long-term strategies. Strategies included review of various municipal policies in comparison to other municipalities that are managing vacant buildings and redevelopment initiatives, and examples were provided. The presentation concluded with renderings on what building could become if the proposed initiatives were implemented.

Mayor Laferriere thanked Mr. Brock for the presentation and advised that the report and presentation materials will be referred to staff for review.

10. Correspondence/ Communications

- a) Township of Harley

Re: Resolution of Support - Asset Retirement Obligations (PS 3280), 2024-05-17

Reference: Received for Information

- b) Timiskaming Health Unit

Re: Report to the Board of Health – Q1 Report – January to March 2024

Reference: Received for Information

- c) Heidi Bredenholler-Prasad, Vice President and Chief Customer Officer – Enbridge Gas Inc.

Re: Update - Keeping Energy Costs Down Act, May 2024

Reference: Received for Information

- d) Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

Re: Letter of Support - Keeping Energy Costs Down Act, 2024-05-22

Reference: Received for Information

- e) Amberly Spilman, Deputy Clerk - Town of Kirkland Lake

Re: Resolution of Support – Shared Resources, 2024-05-21

Reference: Received for information

- f) District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB)

Re: DTSSAB Quarterly Report, Q1 2024 January 1st to March 31st and Ending Chronic Homelessness in Ontario

Reference: Received for information

g) Alice Mercier, Clerk - Town of Cochrane

Re: Resolution of Support – Operational Budget Funding, 2024-05-24

Reference: Received for information

h) Alice Mercier, Clerk - Town of Cochrane

Re: Resolution of Support – Increase Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, 2024-05-24

Reference: Received for information

i) Hugo Rivet, Committee Member – North on Tap

Re: Request for Funding Support for the North on Tap Family Night, 2024-05-31

Reference: Referred to staff for Report to Council

j) Timiskaming Health Unit

Re: Porcupine Health Unit (PHU) and the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) Merger Community Update, 2024-06-03

Reference: Received for Information

k) Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority (ETRAA)

Re: Financials April 2024

Reference: Received for information

l) Dr. Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer - Timiskaming Health Unit

Re: Smoke- and Vape-Free Fall Fair Event, 2024-06-12

Reference: Received for information

Resolution No. 2024-236

Moved by: Councillor Foley

Seconded by: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores agrees to deal with Communications Items 10 a) through l) in accordance with agenda references.

Carried

11. Committees of Council – Community and Regional

Resolution No. 2024-237

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Foley

Be it resolved that the following minutes be accepted for information:

- a) Minutes from the Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority (ETRAA); and
- b) Minutes from the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health meeting held on April 3, 2024.

Carried

12. Reports by Members of Council

None

13. Notice of Motions

None

14. New Business

a) Prince Edward County - Resolution of Support - A call to action to meet the deadline of an Accessible Ontario by 2025 (Correspondence from the May 21, 2024 Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 2024-238

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Whereas Council for the County of Prince Edward adopted a resolution regarding a call to action to meet the deadline of an Accessible Ontario by 2025, at their regular meeting on March 26, 2024; and

Whereas the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) is groundbreaking legislation, created to help people with disabilities fully participate in society, bring them to the table in crafting regulations, and build mechanisms to enforce standards; and

Whereas Rich Donovan, an expert in accessibility, was appointed as the Independent Reviewer of the Act in 2022, and in his 2023 legislative review declared a crisis as a necessary catalyst to get Ontario back on track for accessibility; and

Whereas at least 2.9 million Ontarians currently live with a disability, representing at least 22% of the consumer base and the workforce, but due to barriers, Ontarians with disabilities are too often falling short of their full potential; and

Whereas the AODA aims to develop, implement and enforce standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings before Jan. 1, 2025, and municipalities, as the level of government closest to the people are at the front lines, developing, implementing and enforcing these standards without meaningful guidance on its implementation and/or enforcement by the Province; and

Whereas people with disabilities and advocates note the slow pace of current and previous Ontario governments in implementing the AODA, and there are growing concerns there will be no renewed push to keep accessibility issues at the forefront after 2025.

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores supports Prince Edward County on their call to action on the part of the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) create a "Municipal Accessibility Fund" for municipalities to develop, implement and enforce AODA standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings. Such a fund could be

modeled after the Canada Community-Building Fund or the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund on a per household basis; and

- b) to commit to working with municipalities to implement the Donovan Review immediate crisis recommendations; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Prince Edward County.

Carried

b) Memo No. 015-2024-RS – Recreation Operations Update

Resolution No. 2024-239

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 015-2024-RS, regarding the Recreation Operations Update for the month of June for information purposes.

Carried

c) Administrative Report No. PPP-006-2024 – Appointment of Junior Firefighter

Resolution No. 2024-240

Moved by: Councillor Foley

Seconded by: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report No. PPP-006-2024; and

That Council hereby appoints Tanner Phaneuf a Junior Firefighter to the Temiskaming Shores Fire Department in accordance with the Recruitment and Retention Program.

Carried

15. By-LawsResolution No. 2024-241

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that:

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| By-law No. 2024-063 | Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Miller Maintenance for the supply and installation of street light projects in the City of Temiskaming Shores |
| By-law No. 2024-064 | Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Continental Carbon Group Inc. for the Haileybury Water Treatment Plant Filter No. 3 Rehabilitation |
| By-law No. 2024-065 | Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Miller Paving Limited for the Dymond Industrial Road Rehabilitation – Phase 1 |
| By-law No. 2024-066 | Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2012-039, a by-law to adopt Schedules of Departmental User Fees and Services for the City of Temiskaming Shores (Corporate Services – Administration Fees) |
| By-law No. 2024-067 | Being a by-law to enact a Zoning by-law Amendment to rezone the subject land from General Commercial – Haileybury (C1A) to General Commercial – Haileybury Exception (C1A-1) to allow for a self storage facility as a permitted use: 468 Georgina Avenue |
| By-law No. 2024-068 | Being a by-law to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Temiskaming Shores and the Timiskaming Health Unit for the purpose of implementing the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan |
| By-law No. 2024-069 | Being a by-law to Stop up and Close a Highway – Lane between eight and ninth streets and north of Lakeview Avenue, described as Part 1 on Plan 54R-6423 |
| By-law No. 2024-070 | Being a by-law to Stop up and Close a Highway – All of Ninth Street North of Lakeview Avenue, described as Part 2 on Plan 54R-6423 |

- By-law No. 2024-071 Being a by-law to authorize the Sale of Land for the Lane between eight and ninth streets and north of Lakeview Avenue, described as Part 1 on Plan 54R-6423 to Matthew Krul and Nerissa Doy
- By-law No. 2024-072 Being a by-law to authorize the Sale of Land for all of Ninth Street North of Lakeview Avenue, described as Part 2 on Plan 54R-6423 to Matthew Krul and Nerissa Doy
- By-law No. 2024-073 Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Services and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario, for the Northern Ontario Mining Showcase (NOMS) at the MinExpo International – September 25-27, 2024 (Project No. 852-515336)
- By-law No. 2024-074 Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Township of Coleman for the acceptance and disposal of Household Hazardous Waste at the City of Temiskaming Shores annual Collection event
- By-law No. 2024-075 Being a by-law to appoint a Building Inspector – Gabriel Tasse

be hereby introduced and given first, second and third and final reading, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the corporate seal affixed thereto.

Carried

16. Schedule of Council Meetings

- a) Committee of the Whole – July 9, 2024 starting at 3:00 p.m.
- b) Regular Council Meeting – July 9, 2024 starting immediately after Committee of the Whole Meeting

17. Question and Answer Period

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024-242

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Foley

Be it resolved that Council agrees to convene in Closed Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Adoption of the May 21, 2024 and June 4, 2024 Closed Session Minutes; and
- b) Under Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Personal matter (identifiable individual) – Staffing Update.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-243

Moved by: Councillor Foley

Seconded by: Councillor Whalen

Be it resolved that Council agrees to rise with report from Closed Session at 7:22 p.m.

Carried

Matters from Closed Session

Adoption of the May 21, 2024 and June 4, 2024 Closed Session Minutes

Resolution No. 2024-244

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council approves the following as printed:

- a) Closed Session Minutes from the May 21, 2024 Regular Council meeting, and the Closed Session Minutes from the June 4, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried

Under Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Personal matter (identifiable individual) – Staffing Update

Staff provided Council with an update, and Council provided Staff with direction.

19. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2024-245

Moved by: Councillor Foley
Seconded by: Councillor Whalen

Be it resolved that By-law No. **2024-076** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores for its Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 4, 2024, and for its Regular meeting held on June 18, 2024, be hereby introduced and given first, second, third and final reading; and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2024-246

Moved by: Councillor Foley
Seconded by: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns its meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk