



The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores
Regular Meeting of Council
Tuesday, September 17, 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, Ian Graydon, Nadia Pelletier-Lavigne, Mark Wilson (virtual), and Danny Whalen

Present: Logan Belanger, Municipal Clerk
Shelly Zubyck, Director of Corporate Services
Mathew Bahm, Director of Recreation
Sarah Goodyear, Communications and Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
James Franks, Economic Development Coordinator
Steve Langford, Fire Chief
Steve Burnett, Manager of Environmental Services
Mitch McCrank, Manager of Transportation Services
Stephanie Leveille, Treasurer

Regrets: Councillor Jesse Foley
Media: 2
Delegates: Walter Humeniuk, Research, Planning & Policy
Analyst (RPPA) – Timiskaming Health Unit
Members of the Public: 2

4. Review of Revisions or Deletions to Agenda

None

5. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-328

Moved by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

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

- a) Proposed Amendment to the City of Temiskaming Shores Retail Business Holiday Exemption By-law

Re: A public meeting in accordance with Section 4(6) of the Retail Business Holidays Act, to receive comments regarding a proposed amendment to By-Law No. 2005-121, which regulates the opening of retail businesses on certain holidays.

Mayor Laferriere noted that this public meeting is being held in accordance with Section 4(6) of the Retail Business Holidays Act, which states that before passing a by-law to permit retail business establishments in the municipality to be open on holidays, Council shall hold a public meeting in respect of the

proposed by-law. In addition, the meeting was also held in accordance with the municipal procedural by-law.

The public meeting serves two purposes:

1. to present to the public the details and background of the existing by-laws and proposed by-law in relation to the Retail Business Holidays Act; and
2. to permit any person of the public the opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed by-law amendment.

Mayor Laferriere declared the meeting to be open as a public meeting, and requested James Franks, Economic Development Officer to present the proposed by-law amendment.

Mr. Franks provided an overview of the applicable Act, outing the nine holidays retail business establishments must be closed, unless a by-law indicates differently. The City's current by-law permits retail business establishments to be open on Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day. The proposed by-law amendment could allow these businesses the option of opening on all nine of the specified holidays.

The amendment was proposed by the Temiskaming Shores Development Corporation (TSDC) Board. The Board recommended that the municipality should not decide which days businesses should or should not operate, and that these decisions should be made by the businesses based on profitability and their ability to support staffing needs.

A public survey was released to engage the community for their feedback on the proposed amendment, and preliminary survey statistics were reviewed. The survey will close on September 25, 2024.

Mayor Laferriere inquired if there were any questions or comments from members of the public, and from members of Council. No comments or questions were received. An administrative report will be prepared for Council consideration at the November 5, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting. If Council decides to proceed with the draft proposed by-law, it will be considered at the November 19, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Laferriere declared the public meeting regarding the Retail Business Holidays Act closed.

8. Review and Adoption of Council Minutes

Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne noted that a statement regarding her declaration of conflict of interest on Item No. 11. b 2) titled Memo No. 028-2024-CS – 100 Women Who Care – Funding Sponsorship Request, was missing on the September 3, 2024 Committee of the Whole minutes, to provide clarity of the declaration recorded in Section 6 (i.e. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature).

Resolution No. 2024-329

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Graydon

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

- a) Committee of the Whole Meetings – August 13, 2024, and September 3, 2024; and
- b) Regular Council Meeting– August 13, 2024.

Carried

9. Presentations / Delegations

- a) Walter Humeniuk, Research, Planning & Policy Analyst (RPPA) – Timiskaming Health Unit

Re: Reducing the Harms of Alcohol – Opportunities for Municipalities

Mr. Walter Humeniuk, RPPA, with the Timiskaming Health Unit, utilizing PowerPoint, delivered a presentation related to reducing the harms of alcohol, and to provide supplementary information related to Councillor Wilson's Notice of Motion presented under New Business. Mr. Humeniuk outlined the Cost of Alcohol-Related Harms; Health Impacts of Alcohol; Alcohol Harm to Others; Impaired Driving; Youth & Alcohol; Alcohol Paradox & Why We Should Be Concerned; Evidence-Based Policy Domains to Reduce Alcohol Harms; and provided Additional Resources for Municipalities.

No questions were received from members of Council; however, Councillor Whalen noted the statistics will be important moving forward, and that there may be future a correlation between the statistics and insurance costs.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Humeniuk for the presentation.

10. Correspondence/ Communications

- a) Tara Reynolds, Deputy Clerk - Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

Re: Resolution of Support - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign, 2024-08-12

Reference: Received for information

- b) One Light Diversity Centre

Re: Concise Summary Services Access in January to June 2024

Reference: Received for information

- c) Virginia LaTour, Deputy City Clerk – City of Quinte West

Re: Resolution of Support - The Canada Community-Building Fund, 2024-08-15

Reference: Received for information

- d) Sydney Dodson, Deputy Clerk - Township of Stirling-Rawdon

Re: Resolution of Support – Public Sector Salary Disclosure, 2024-08-21

Reference: Received for information

- e) Belinda Ketchabaw, CAO Clerk Treasurer - Township of Nairn and Hyman

Re: Resolution of Support - Concerns with the Transport and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area, 2024-08-21

Reference: Received for Information

- f) David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer - City of Pembroke

Re: Resolution of Support – Enhancement of mental health and addiction services, 2024-08-22

Reference: Received for Information

- g) Barry Phippen - New Liskeard Bikers Reunion/ Rockin' On Canada Day (ROCD) Event

Re: Request for Support for Rockin' On Canada Day 2025, 2024-08-26

Reference: Referred to Staff for a Report to Council

- h) CUPE Ontario Division

Re: Proclamation Request - 24th Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day

Reference: Motion presented under Section 14 – New Business, for Council Consideration.

Resolution No. 2024-330

Moved by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Seconded by: Councillor Whalen

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

Carried

11. Committees of Council – Community and Regional

Resolution No. 2024-331

Moved by: Councillor Ducharme

Seconded by: Councillor Whalen

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

- a) Minutes from the Active Travel Committee meeting on May 13, 2024; and
b) Minutes from the All Age Friendly Community Committee meeting on May 23, 2024.

Carried

12. Reports by Members of Council

- a) Councillor Danny Whalen

Re: Report from the 2024 AMO Conference

- b) Councillor Mark Wilson

Re: Report from the 2024 AMO Conference

- c) Mayor Jeff Laferriere

Re: Verbal Update

Mayor Laferriere provided a verbal update, noting that it is a matter of record that the City of Temiskaming Shores continues to support the Biker's Reunion Committee and their Rockin' On Canada Day Event, and reviewed the Council endorsed support provided to the event including in-kind and financial. Mayor Laferriere commented that the motion related to camping on the vacant parcel on Armstrong Street was defeated due to liability and risk to public safety following consultation with staff and the City's insurer. Mayor Laferriere wished to clarify any misrepresentations or misunderstandings and thanked the volunteers for their hard work, dedication and extended best wishes for future events.

13. Notice of Motions

- a) Councillor Danny Whalen presented and read a Notice of Motion at the meeting and provided a copy to the Clerk.

Re: Rockin' On Canada Day Support Resolution

Whereas Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores recognizes the significant economic and social benefits of the Rockin' on Canada Day event as well as the impact on our Age Friendly Community;

And whereas Council recognizes the continued economic and social benefit of a strong collaboration between the Rock on Canada Day event organizers, city staff and Council.

Therefore be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores agrees to the five requests of the Rock on Canada Day event organizers including

1. Use of the Don Shepherdsen Arena and Associated Parking
2. Use of Fall Fair Grounds
3. Land for RV Parking
4. Small Stage and Fencing
5. Canada Parade Approval

Further be it resolved that Council appoint a Council liaison to work with the Rockin' on Canada Day event organizers to ensure open communication between parties and realizing there may be other requests for Council consideration; and

Further be it resolved that Council announce the return of Canada Day Fireworks, hosted by The City of Temiskaming Shores as part of the 2025 Rockin' on Canada Day Event.

14. New Business

- a) **Provincial decision regarding alcohol sales in convenience stores and locations that sell fuel to drivers, and the development of a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy (Notice of Motion from Councillor Wilson - August 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting)**

Resolution No. 2024-332

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

Whereas excessive consumption of alcohol has a negative impact on many communities because of detrimental health effects, road safety, and other harms; and

Whereas the number of cases of individuals driving under the influence are increasing in Ontario, and the Timiskaming District has recently seen its highest rate ever for impaired driving infractions with 10 in April of 2024; and

Whereas jurisdictions with broader access to alcohol have higher rates of driving under the influence and crashes associated with alcohol; and

Whereas alcohol causes at least seven types of cancer and is a risk factor for, disease, disability and premature death, and is a direct cause of 4,300 deaths and 195,000 emergency department visits per year in Ontario; and

Whereas alcohol related emergency department visits increased 18 percent after the introduction of alcohol sales in grocery stores in Ontario; and

Whereas 35 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have indicated that they consumed alcohol at 13 years or younger; and

Whereas 49 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have been drunk at least once in their life; and

Whereas alcohol related harms cost the Ontario economy 7 billion dollars a year; and

Whereas alcohol is a factor in many domestic, sexual and physical assaults in Ontario; and

Whereas most tax revenue generated by the sale of alcohol goes to the province yet the costs and harms that are alcohol related are borne by the municipalities in the form of policing and social services and public health costs.

Therefore be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores requests the Government of Ontario reverse their decision to allow alcohol to be sold in more locations and implement the following recommendations:

1. Permit municipalities to opt out of retail alcohol expansion;
2. Grant municipalities the powers to use zoning to determine where new alcohol retail locations are acceptable;
3. Not permit alcohol sales within 150 m of schools, daycares, or substance use facilities;
4. Prohibit the sale of Alcohol at gas stations;
5. Require health warning labels on all alcohol containers;
6. Dedicate a portion of provincial alcohol revenue to addressing alcohol related harms; and
7. Develop and implement a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy, in partnership with municipalities, that prioritizes health and safety and considers the costs associated with alcohol consumption.

Further that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming Cochrane; AMO; FONOM; ROMA; Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA); Timiskaming Health Unit (Planet Youth Timiskaming); Temiskaming Shores OPP Detachment Board; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

b) Resolution of Support - Municipality of East Ferris, Regulations for Lithium-ion Batteries (Correspondence Item from the August 13, 2024 Meeting)

Resolution No. 2024-333

Moved by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Whereas Council for the Municipality of East Ferris adopted a resolution regarding regulations for lithium ion batteries per a letter received by the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan with supporting information, at their regular meeting on July 9, 2024.

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby supports the call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Anthony Rota, MP for Nipissing—Timiskaming; John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming Cochrane; and the Municipality of East Ferris.

Carried

c) Resolution of Support - Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, Support a Set-Aside for Northern Ontario within the OINP (Correspondence Item from the August 13, 2024 Meeting)

Resolution No. 2024-334

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Whereas employers across Northern Ontario are experiencing a critical shortage of skilled workers, contributing to a shrinking labour market with an estimated 50,000 newcomers needed by 2041 to sustain current Northern Ontario population levels; and

Whereas the labour shortage is causing significant economic hardship for Northern Ontario communities, including reduced productivity and business closures; and

Whereas population and migration trends to 2021 suggest that Northern Ontario needs 100,000 newcomers by 2041 to sustain current population; and

Whereas the success of the federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) demonstrates the effectiveness of allocating nomination spots to address regional labour shortages in attracting newcomers to Northern Ontario; and

Whereas the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program has been expanded from 9,750 nominees in 2022 to a goal of 21,500 nominees in 2024.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores urges the Government of Ontario to address the critical market shortage of skilled labour in Northern Ontario by allocating 3,000 Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program spots to support the region's economic growth and development; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development; the Honourable Anthony Rota, MP for Nipissing—Timiskaming; John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming Cochrane; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Carried

d) Proclamation for 24th Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day (Correspondence Item No. 10 h.)

Resolution No. 2024-335

Moved by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Seconded by: Councillor Graydon

Whereas years of research confirms the benefits of high-quality early learning and child care for young children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development and later life outcomes; and

Whereas child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of families and the broader community by supporting quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the economic and social life of their community; and

Whereas trained and knowledgeable Registered Early Childhood Educators are the key to quality in early years and child care programs - in licensed child care, Early ON programs, child life programs, and full-day kindergarten; and

Whereas Registered Early Childhood Educators and child care workers will be vital to the success of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care system.

Therefore be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby proclaims October 24, 2024 be designated as Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, in the City of Temiskaming Shores in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

Carried

e) **Memo No. 032-2024-CS – Deeming By-law for 78 Market Street, PLAN M29NB LOT 80 PCL 13767SST and PLAN M29NB LOT 79 PCL 12296SST**

Resolution No. 2024-336

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Whereas the owner of 78 Market Street in New Liskeard would like to merge lots on title through the adoption of a deeming by-law in compliance with the Planning Act, to create one property with one roll number; and

Whereas the owners have acknowledged that registration of the pending deeming by-law on title will be at their expense.

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to deem 78 Market Street, Lots 79 and 80 on Plan M29NB, to no longer be Lots on a Plan of Subdivision; and

Further that Council hereby directs staff to prepare the necessary Deeming By-law for consideration at the September 17, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

Carried

f) **Memo No. 033-2024-CS – Provincial Offences French Language Services One-Time Funding Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA)**

Resolution No. 2024-337

Moved by: Councillor Ducharme

Seconded by: Councillor Whalen

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 033-2024-CS; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to authorize the execution of the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the implementation of measures pursuant to the French Language Services Act, between His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Attorney General, and The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores, for consideration at the September 17, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

g) Administrative Report No. CS-032-2024 – Request for Proposal Award – Mount Pleasant Cemetery Columbarium Foundation

Resolution No. 2024-338

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report CS-032-2024; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Pedersen Construction (2013) Inc. to level the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Columbarium foundation in the amount of \$13,480, plus applicable taxes, for consideration at the September 17, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

Carried

h) Administrative Report No. PW-024-2024 – Rental Agreement – Graders for Winter Operations

Resolution No. 2024-339

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report No. PW-024-2024; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Elvaan Equipment Solutions (Formerly Jade Equipment) for supply and delivery of three (3) Rental Graders for the City's Winter Operations (2024-2025), for a total upset limit of \$126,900 plus applicable taxes, for consideration at the September 17, 2024, Regular Council meeting.

Carried

15. By-Laws

Resolution No. 2024-340

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that:

By-law No. 2024-102

Being a by-law to adopt a Vision Zero Policy for the City of Temiskaming Shores

- By-law No. 2024-103 Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2023-092, to enter into a Lease Agreement with Josee and Marc Dupuis for the operation of the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena Concession (September 1, 2023 to August 30, 2028) – Rent
- By-law No. 2024-104 Being a by-law to enter into an Agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) in partnership with NISKA Leadership Centre, for the redevelopment of the greenspace south of City Hall on Farr Drive, Haileybury
- By-law No. 2024-105 Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Services Flo Inc. for the supply of three (3) Level 2 EV chargers
- By-law No. 2024-106 Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Demora Construction Services Inc. for paving services at Shaver Park Outdoor Rink
- By-law No. 2024-107 Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2012-157, being a by-law for the adoption of a Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Assets Policy
- By-law No. 2024-108 Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2024-097 to Regulate and Licence Vehicles for Hire
- By-law No. 2024-109 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 at the 2025 Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Convention, held in Toronto from March 2 – 5, 2025, and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy & Petroleum (CIM) Convention, held in Montreal from May 4 – 7, 2025 (Project No. 852-515369)
- By-law No. 2024-110 Being a by-law to designate any plan of subdivision, or part thereof, that has been registered for eight years or more, which shall be deemed as not a registered plan of subdivision: 78 Market Street
- By-law No. 2024-111 Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Pedersen Construction (2013) Inc. to level the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Columbarium Foundation

By-law No. 2024-112 Being a by-law to enter into a Rental Agreement with Elvaan Equipment Solutions (Formerly Jade Equipment Company Ltd.) for the supply and delivery of three (3) Rental Graders

By-law No. 2024-113 A by-law to authorize the execution of the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for implementation of measures pursuant to the French Language Services Act, between His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Attorney General, and The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores

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 Meeting – October 1, 2024 starting at 3:00 p.m.
- b) Regular Council Meeting – October 15, 2024 starting at 6:00 p.m.

17. Question and Answer Period

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024-341

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that Council agrees to convene in Closed Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Adoption of the August 13, 2024 Closed Session Minutes;
- b) Under Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Labour relations / employee negotiations – City Manager Recruitment Process Update; and
- c) Under Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Personal matter (identifiable individual) – New Liskeard Business Improvement Area Board of Management Applications for Seat Vacancy.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-342

Moved by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Seconded by: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that Council agrees to rise with report from Closed Session at 7:21 p.m.

Carried

Matters from Closed Session

Adoption of the August 13, 2024 Closed Session Minutes

Resolution No. 2024-343

Moved by: Councillor Ducharme

Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

Be it resolved that Council approves the following as printed:

- a) Closed Session Minutes from the August 13, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

Carried

Under Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Labour relations / employee negotiations – City Manager Recruitment Process Update

Mayor Laferriere provided Council with an update.

Under Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Personal matter (identifiable individual) – New Liskeard Business Improvement Area Board of Management Applications for Seat Vacancy

Resolution No. 2024-344

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Whalen

Be it resolved that Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to appoint Mark Lavallee to the New Liskeard Business Improvement Area Board of Management for consideration at the October 15, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

19. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2024-345

Moved by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Seconded by: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that By-law No. **2024-114** 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 September 3, 2024, and for its Regular meeting held on September 17, 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. 2024-346

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

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

Carried

Mayor

Clerk