



The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores
Regular Meeting of Council
Tuesday, November 19, 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 Dan Dawson (virtual), Melanie Ducharme, Nadia Pelletier-Lavigne, Mark Wilson, and Danny Whalen

Present: Sandra Lee, City Manager
Logan Belanger, Municipal Clerk
Shelly Zubyck, Director of Corporate Services
Mathew Bahm, Director of Recreation
Steve Langford, Fire Chief
Steve Burnett, Manager of Environmental Services
Mitch McCrank, Manager of Transportation Services

Regrets: Councillor Ian Graydon

Media: 1

Delegates: Faye Johnson, Jeff Barton, Mark Stevens, and Craig Yeates -
Temagami Forest Management Corporation
Bill Ramsay, President of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario
Sno Travellers

Members of
the Public: 3

4. Review of Revisions or Deletions to Agenda

The Clerk received two items beyond the deadline for agenda submissions, that were deemed to be time sensitive for Council consideration:

Resolution No. 2024-400

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Whereas Section 36.6 (b) of Procedural By-law No. 2023-022, states should an item deemed to be time sensitive need to be added to the Agenda without advance public notice such as during the “Review of Revisions or Deletions to the Agenda”, Council shall vote to allow such item(s) to be added to the Agenda, and shall require a majority vote of the members present and voting.

Now therefore Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores in accordance with Section 36.6 (b) hereby allows the addition of:

- Section 9 – Presentations – Item b) Bill Ramsay, President of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Sno Travellers

Re: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Prescribed Snowmobile Trail Land Use Permission; and

- Section 14 – New Business, Item d) Mathew Bahm, Director of Recreation – Verbal Update from Miller Paving Limited regarding the Pete’s Dam Repair Project

to be added to the Agenda.

Carried

5. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-401

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

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

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. 2024-402

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

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

- a) Regular Council Meeting– October 15, 2024;
- b) Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 5, 2024; and
- c) Special Council Meeting – October 29, 2024.

Carried

9. Presentations / Delegations

- a) Temagami Forest Management Corporation - Faye Johnson, Board Chair; Jeff Barton, Board Member; and Mark Stevens, General Manager

Re: Temagami Forest Management Corporation Background and Representation

Jeff Barton, Board member on the Temagami Forest Management Corporation (TFMC), utilizing PowerPoint, began the presentation with introductions of those in attendance at the meeting. Faye Johnston, TFMC Board Chair continued by providing a brief history of the forest tenure in Ontario, and the creation of local forest management corporations. Mark Stevens, TFMC General Manager completed the presentation by outlining management practices, such as planning of harvest and renewal operations and interactions with stakeholders, along with and economic development initiatives and opportunities, such as scholarships & workforce development, events & sponsorships, partnerships, and a board initiatives program, which are currently in development.

Mayor Laferriere thanked each representative from the Temagami Forest Management Corporation for their presentation.

- b) Bill Ramsay, President of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Sno Travellers

Re: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Prescribed Snowmobile Trail Land Use Permission

Bill Ramsay, President of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Sno Travellers presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for land use permissions for prescribed snowmobile trails in the City. The document outlined the term of the agreement, \$15 million of liability insurance, provisions for signage, etc., related to use of the land. Mr. Ramsay requested Council consider entering into the updated MOU prior to December 1, 2024, as the previous agreements were with the former municipalities (pre-amalgamation), and is required prior to the City's trails being displayed on the trail network map, with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs.

Mayor Laferriere thanked Bill Ramsay for the presentation.

Resolution No. 2024-403

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council of the City of Temiskaming Shores delegates authority to the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Temiskaming Shores and the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Sno Travellers, authorizing land use for prescribed snowmobile trails for a 10 year term, effective November 1, 2024 to April 30, 2035; and

Further that Council directs Staff to prepare the necessary by-law to confirm the MOU at the December 17, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

Carried

10. Correspondence/ Communications

- a) The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

Re: Resolution of Support - Ontario's Forest Industry in the 2025 Ontario Budget, 2024-10-16

Reference: Received for information

- b) Derek Mundle, Chair - District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board

Re: District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board 2024 Refund

Reference: Received for information

- c) The Town of the Blue Mountains

Re: Resolution of Support - Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, 2024-10-21

Reference: Received for information

Note: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne requested this item be returned for Council consideration

- d) Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority

Re: Financials – September 2024

Reference: Received for Information

- e) The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister – Ministry of Energy and Electrification

Re: Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power, 2024-10-23

Reference: Received for information

- f) Tom Mrakas, Mayor - Town of Aurora

Re: Resolution of Support – Fair Share – Sustainable and Predictable Funding for Municipal Infrastructure, 2024-10-29

Reference: Received for Information

- g) Timiskaming Health Unit

Re: Municipal Appointees for New Board of Health, 2024-11-07

Reference: Motion presented under Section 14 - New Business

- h) Danielle Manton, City Clerk - City of Cambridge

Re: Resolution of Support – Homelessness, Mental Health, Safety and Addiction Crisis, 2024-11-08

Reference: Received for Information

- i) Derek Mundle, Reeve – Township of Ewanturel

Re: Replacement of Highway Signs – Provincial and Secondary Highways – Northeastern Ontario, 2024-11-12

Reference: Received for Information

- j) Township of Horton

Re: Resolution of Support - Sustainable funding for Ontario Provincial Police, 2024-11-13

Reference: Received for Information

Resolution No. 2024-404

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

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

Carried

11. Committees of Council – Community and Regional

Resolution No. 2024-405

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

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

- a) Minutes from the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board meetings held on July 17, 2024; September 18, 2024; and October 16, 2024;
- b) Minutes from the Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority (ETRAA) meeting held on September 19, 2024; and
- c) Minutes from the Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board meeting held on September 25, 2024.

Carried

12. Reports by Members of Council

- a) Councillor Whalen – Verbal Update

Councillor Whalen provided an update that the City is working with the Rockin' On Canada Day Committee to schedule a meeting to discuss an agreement between the parties, and to provide notice that Ms. Ida Hilson, long-time resident and Transit advocate has moved out of the City to be closer to family.

13. Notice of Motions

None

14. New Business

a) Resolution of Support - Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury - Ontario Deposit Return Program (Correspondence item from the October 15, 2024 Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 2024-406

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Whereas Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury discussed Ontario's Deposit Return program; and

Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages, which presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Be it resolved that Council of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby supports the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's endorsement for the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers, to enhance environmental stewardship and to foster a culture of sustainability; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic; John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming- Cochrane, and the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Carried

b) Resolution of Support - Township of Springwater - AMO and OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign (Correspondence item from the October 15, 2024 Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 2024-407

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Whereas Council of the Township of Springwater adopted a resolution regarding the AMO and OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign, at their regular meeting on October 2, 2024; and

Whereas the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.5 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

Whereas it has become increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

Whereas Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine; and

Whereas the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77% in 2008 to 65% in 2022; and

Whereas per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada; and

Whereas a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the Province; and

Whereas these cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level; and

Whereas in response, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) are working collaboratively to advocate for a better healthcare system for Ontario residents and communities.

Be it resolved that Council of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby supports the Township of Springwater's call on the Province of Ontario to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health; John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane; the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and the Township of Springwater.

Carried

c) Amendment to By-law No. 2022-167 - Council Committees and Council Representatives to Boards & Committees for the November 15, 2022 to November 14, 2026 Term of Council

Resolution No. 2024-408

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to amend By-law No. 2022-167, for the appointment Council Representatives to Boards & Committees for the November 15, 2022 to November 14, 2026 Term of Council, to update the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health to the Board of Health for Northeastern Health Unit (effective January 1, 2025), and to remove the appointment of former Councillor Jesse Foley with the appointment of Councillor Dan Dawson on the Age Friendly Committee, the Climate Change Committee, and the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board, effective immediately:

Boards/Committees	Council Member(s) Appointed
Board of Health for Northeastern Health Unit / Conseil de santé de la circonscription sanitaire du Nord-Est	Jeff Laferriere Mark Wilson
Age Friendly Committee	Ian Graydon Dan Dawson
Climate Change Committee	Nadia Pelletier-Lavigne Dan Dawson Ian Graydon
District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board	Jeff Laferriere Dan Dawson

Carried

d) Pete’s Dam Repair Project – Verbal Update from the Director of Recreation, Mathew Bahm

Resolution No. 2024-409

Moved by: Councillor Ducharme

Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby accepts the Pete’s Dam Repair Project verbal update for information purposes.

Carried

15. By-Laws

Resolution No. 2024-410

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that:

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| By-law No. 2024-130 | Being a by-law to appoint Sandra Lee as City Manager for the City of Temiskaming Shores |
| By-law No. 2024-131 | Being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official – Francis Rivard |
| By-law No. 2024-132 | Being a by-law to amend By-Law 2019-103 to enter into an Agreement with Phippen Waste Management Limited for the Collection, Removal and Disposal of Refuse, Recyclable Materials; for the operation and maintenance of the currently operated Municipal Landfill Site and for the operation and maintenance of the Municipal Spoke Transfer Station Operations |
| By-law No. 2024-133 | Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Phippen Waste Management for the lease of the property located at 547 Barr Drive (Spoke Transfer Station) |
| By-law No. 2024-134 | Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2006-022, as amended being a by-law to appoint a Drainage Superintendent pursuant to the Drainage Act, RSO, 1990 – Remuneration Increase |
| By-law No. 2024-135 | Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Minister of Solicitor General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police for the provision of Primary Public Safety Answering Point Services for the City of Temiskaming Shores |
| By-law No. 2024-136 | Being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Site Plan Control Agreement with 2844371 Ontario Inc. - Abdul Khaliq |
| By-law No. 2024-137 | Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2022-167 to appoint a Deputy Mayor, Council Committees and Council Representatives to Boards & Committees for the November 15, 2022 to November 14, 2026 Term of Council (Board of Health, Age Friendly, Climate Change and DTSSAB) |

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 – December 3, 2024 starting at 3:00 p.m.
- b) Regular Council Meeting – December 17, 2024 starting at 6:00 p.m.

17. Question and Answer Period

None

18. Closed Session

None

19. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2024-411

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that By-law No. 2024-138 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores for the Special Meeting held on October 29, 2024; for the Committee of the Whole Meeting on November 5, 2024; and for the Regular meeting on November 19, 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. 2024-412

Moved by: Councillor Dawson

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns its meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk