

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANITOUWADGE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020 AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor John MacEachern
Councillor Dave Arola
Councillor Kathy Hudson – via Teleconference
Councillor Jim Moffat
Councillor Mike Scapinello

ABSENT: 0

STAFF: Owen Cranney, Acting CAO/Fire Chief/CBCO
Joleen Keough, Acting Clerk
Chris Townes, Acting Treasurer

PUBLIC: 0

01 CALL TO ORDER

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-72

Moved by: Councillor Arola

Seconded by: Councillor Moffat

RESOLVED THAT: the Special Meeting commence at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Council acknowledges that we are meeting in the Robinson-Superior Treaty area on lands that have been traditionally used by several Indigenous nations, but, we would like to pay special recognition to our closest Indigenous neighbours, the communities of Biigtigon Nishnaabeg and Pic Moberg First Nations.

We wish to recognize the long history of the First Nations and Métis peoples in our region, specifically, and show respect to them today.

Recorded Vote	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor David Arola	√	
Councillor Kathy Hudson	√	
Councillor Jim Moffat	√	
Councillor Mike Scapinello	√	
Mayor John MacEachern	√	

CARRIED

02 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

03 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-73

Moved by: Councillor Moffat

Seconded by: Councillor Arola

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda be approved as circulated.

Recorded Vote	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor David Arola	√	
Councillor Kathy Hudson	√	
Councillor Jim Moffat	√	
Councillor Mike Scapinello	√	
Mayor John MacEachern	√	

CARRIED

04 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

05 BUSINESS

- 01** Verbal update from Owen Cranney, Acting CAO/Emergency Management Coordinator regarding COVID-19.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-74

Moved by: Councillor Moffat

Seconded by: Councillor Scapinello

RESOLVED THAT: the verbal update provided by Owen Cranney, Acting CAO/Emergency Management Coordinator regarding COVID-19, be accepted as received.

Recorded Vote	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor David Arola	√	
Councillor Kathy Hudson	√	
Councillor Jim Moffat	√	
Councillor Mike Scapinello	√	
Mayor John MacEachern	√	

CARRIED

- 02** Administration Report TR2020-04 submitted by Chris Townes, Acting Treasurer regarding Deferral of increase to water/sewer rates per user fee By-law 2020-02, dated April 1, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-75

Moved by: Councillor Arola

Seconded by: Councillor Moffat

RESOLVED THAT: Council is in receipt of Administration Report TR2020-04 submitted by Chris Townes, Acting Treasurer regarding Deferral of increase to water/sewer rates per user fee By-law 2020-02.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: upon conclusion of Council's review and consideration, direct staff as follows:

- 01** Council approves the deferral of the water/sewer rate increase until the third quarter utility billing (open to further review as this time approaches) to assist with relieving financial hardship during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Recorded Vote	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor David Arola	√	
Councillor Kathy Hudson	√	
Councillor Jim Moffat	√	
Councillor Mike Scapinello	√	
Mayor John MacEachern	√	

CARRIED

- 03** Administration Report TR2020-05 submitted by Chris Townes, Acting Treasurer regarding Extended financial authority to municipal councils, dated April 1, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-76

Moved by: Councillor Moffat

Seconded by: Councillor Scapinello

RESOLVED THAT: Council is in receipt of Administration Report TR2020-05 submitted by Chris Townes, Acting Treasurer regarding Extended financial authority to municipal councils.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: upon conclusion of Council's review and consideration, direct staff as follows:

- 01** Council approves the deferral of the 09-Apr-2020 tax sale until 21 days after the provincial state of emergency is lifted and that our tax/utility billing and collection policies be reviewed at the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled on 22-Apr-2020.

Recorded Vote	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor David Arola	√	
Councillor Kathy Hudson	√	
Councillor Jim Moffat	√	
Councillor Mike Scapinello	√	
Mayor John MacEachern	√	

CARRIED

- 04** Administration Report EDO2020-03 submitted by Florence MacLean, Economic Development Officer regarding Community Revitalization Planning Study and Municipal Branding Project, dated April 1, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-77

Moved by: Councillor Moffat

Seconded by: Councillor Arola

RESOLVED THAT: Council is in receipt of Administration Report EDO2020-03 submitted by Florence MacLean, Economic Development Officer regarding Community Revitalization Planning Study and Municipal Branding Project.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: upon conclusion of Council's review and consideration, direct staff as follows:

- 01** Council approves the use of social media and alternative delivery methods to gather public input for the Community Revitalization Planning Study; and

Further that, Council approve the use of online meeting options for Committees of Council in order for their meetings to continue.

Recorded Vote	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor David Arola	√	
Councillor Kathy Hudson	√	
Councillor Jim Moffat	√	
Councillor Mike Scapinello	√	
Mayor John MacEachern	√	

CARRIED

06 CLOSED SESSIONS

- 01** Section 239(2)(a): the security of the property of the municipality or local board.
 - Municipal Infrastructure
- 02** Section 239(2)(d): labour relations or employee negotiations.
 - Operations Plan

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-78

Moved by: Councillor Moffat

Seconded by: Councillor Scapinello

WHEREAS Section 239(4) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 provides that before holding a meeting or part of a meeting that is to be closed to the public, a municipality or local board or committee of either of them, shall state by resolution the fact of holding of the closed meeting and the general nature of the matter to be considered at the closed meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: this meeting is hereby closed to the public as the subject matter being discussed falls under the following section:

- 01** Section 239(2)(a): the security of the property of the municipality of local board.
 - Municipal Infrastructure
- 02** Section 239(2)(d): labour relations or employee negotiations.
 - Operations Plan

Recorded Vote	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor David Arola	√	
Councillor Kathy Hudson	√	
Councillor Jim Moffat	√	
Councillor Mike Scapinello	√	
Mayor John MacEachern	√	

CARRIED

*Note: Councillor Hudson left the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-79

Moved by: Councillor Arola

Seconded by: Councillor Moffat

RESOLVED THAT: the meeting is hereby declared to be open to the public at 8:20 p.m.

Recorded Vote	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor David Arola	√	
Councillor Kathy Hudson		
Councillor Jim Moffat	√	
Councillor Mike Scapinello	√	
Mayor John MacEachern	√	

CARRIED

07 BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

08 ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-80

Moved by: Councillor Scapinello

Seconded by: Councillor Moffat

RESOLVED THAT: the Special Meeting adjourn at the hour of 8:22 p.m.

Recorded Vote	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor David Arola	√	
Councillor Kathy Hudson		
Councillor Jim Moffat	√	
Councillor Mike Scapinello	√	
Mayor John MacEachern	√	

CARRIED

Original Signed By:

John MacEachern

 Mayor John MacEachern

Joleen Keough

 Joleen Keough, Acting Clerk