



**Corporation of the
Township of Manitouwadge**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
7:00 PM in the Council Chambers

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANITOUWADGE**

PRESENT: Mayor John MacEachern
Councillor David Arola
Councillor Jim Moffat
Councillor Mike Scapinello

ABSENT: Councillor Kathy Hudson

STAFF: Owen Cranney, Acting CAO
Joleen Keough, Clerk
Florence MacLean, Economic Development Officer

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01 CALL TO ORDER

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-79

Moved by: Councillor Arola

Seconded by: Councillor Moffat

RESOLVED THAT: the Regular 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 Biigtigong Nishnaabeg and Pic Mobert 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.

CARRIED

02 ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

**03 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE
THEREOF**

04 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-80

Moved by: Councillor Moffat

Seconded by: Councillor Arola

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

05 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

06 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 01** Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 24, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-81

Moved by: Councillor Moffat

Seconded by: Councillor Scapinello

RESOLVED THAT: the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 24, 2021 are adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

07 PETITIONS

08 CORRESPONDENCE

- 01** Request to Support the Township of Lake of Bays Resolution regarding Capacity Limits for Restaurants in Stage 2 under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020, dated March 2, 2021.
- 02** Correspondence from Steve Clarke, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program, dated March 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-82

Moved by: Councillor Moffat

Seconded by: Councillor Arola

RESOLVED THAT: correspondence item 08-01 to 08-02 be received and filed.

CARRIED

09 REPORTS AND COMMITTEES

- 01** Minutes of Meetings: Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board held January 14, 2021 Inaugural Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-83

Moved by: Councillor Scapinello

Seconded by: Councillor Moffat

RESOLVED THAT: the Minutes of Meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board held January 14, 2021, Inaugural Board Meeting, be accepted as received.

CARRIED

- 02** Minutes of Meetings: Thunder Bay District Board of Health held January 20, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-84

Moved by: Councillor Arola

Seconded by: Councillor Scapinello

RESOLVED THAT: the Minutes of Meeting of the Thunder Bay District Board of Health held January 20, 2021, be accepted as received.

CARRIED

10 VERBAL UPDATE BY MAYOR

11 VERBAL UPDATE BY ACTING CAO

- 01** Verbal update provided by Acting CAO.

12 BY-LAWS

- 01 Being a By-law to** Establish the Community Revitalization Advisory Committee, an Ad Hoc Committee of Council.

Administration Report EDO2021-02 submitted by Florence MacLean, Economic Development Officer, regarding Revisions to By-law 2019-25, Establishment of the Community Revitalization Advisory Committee, a Committee of Council, dated March 10, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-85

Moved by: Councillor Scapinello

Seconded by: Councillor Moffat

Being a By-law to Establish the Community Revitalization Advisory Committee, an Ad Hoc Committee of Council, **be read a first and second time.**

And Furthermore, be read a third time, passed and numbered as **By-law No. 2021-09.**

CARRIED

13 BUSINESS

- 01** Request to support Resolution 051/21 regarding District Communities being exempt from COVID Lockdown Order for the City of Thunder Bay, from the Council of the Town of Marathon, dated March 1, 2021.

Response letter from Santé Manitouwadge Health, Board of Directors regarding the request for support from the Council of the Town of Marathon, dated March 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-86

Moved by: Councillor Arola

Seconded by: Councillor Scapinello

WHEREAS: Council is in receipt of a request for support from the Corporation of the Town of Marathon regarding the Province of Ontario and Thunder Bay District Health Unit ending the lockdown for the district communities located in the Thunder Bay District;

AND WHEREAS: the Board of Directors for Santé Manitouwadge Health endorse bringing awareness to how vast the geographical area is and that the district communities do not have the cases to warrant a lockdown at this time; and further, hope that the Province of Ontario and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit takes into consideration all the facts and the distances between areas when closing entire Regions in the Northwest;

AND WHEREAS: the Thunder Bay District has entered into its third COVID-19 pandemic lockdown in the last eleven months with no stated end date;

AND WHEREAS: as of March 10th, 2021, 1734 of the 1931 total COVID-19 cases in the Thunder Bay District are directly attributable to the City of Thunder Bay and only 92 cases are attributable to district communities;

AND WHEREAS: these ongoing lockdowns are having mental health and wellbeing impacts, as well as creating extreme financial difficulties for local businesses and local economies including municipal facilities and budgets;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Corporation of the Township of Manitouwadge supports the request for the Province of Ontario and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit to end the lockdown for the district communities located in the Thunder Bay District based on the public health indicators for the district communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the district communities be put into the appropriate code in the provincial COVID-19 Response Framework based on the active case count, epidemiology, and public health indicators for the district communities in the Thunder Bay District, exclusive of the City of Thunder Bay, on or before March 15, 2021;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams; Thunder Bay District Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Janet DeMille; Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay – Superior North, Michael Gravelle; district communities in the Thunder Bay District; the City of Thunder Bay; and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

CARRIED

- 02** Attendance at the 2021 Virtual Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Annual Conference and AGM being held April 28th to April 30th, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-87

Moved by: Councillor Scapinello

Seconded by: Councillor Arola

RESOLVED THAT: the 2021 Virtual Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Annual Conference and AGM is scheduled to be held on April 28th to April 30th, 2021;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: upon conclusion of Council's review, the following Council and/or Staff members will attend:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mayor John MacEachern | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Councillor Jim Moffat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Councillor Dave Arola | <input type="checkbox"/> | Councillor Mike Scapinello |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Councillor Kathy Hudson | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | CAO | | |

CARRIED

- 03** Administration Report TR2021-06 submitted by Chris Townes, Treasurer regarding Joint Health and Safety Committee Vacancy, dated March 2, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-88

Moved by: Councillor Moffat

Seconded by: Councillor Scapinello

RESOLVED THAT: Council is in receipt of Administration Report TR2021-06 submitted by Chris Townes, Treasurer regarding Health and Safety Committee Vacancy;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: upon conclusion of Council's review and consideration:

- 01** Council appoints the following to the Health and Safety Committee:
- Chris Townes as the Management Representative.

CARRIED

- 04** Administration Report EDO2021-03 submitted by Florence MacLean, Economic Development Officer, regarding Rec Centre Deficiency Repairs, dated March 10, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-89

Moved by: Councillor Scapinello

Seconded by: Councillor Arola

RESOLVED THAT: Council is in receipt of Administration Report EDO2021-03 submitted by Florence MacLean, Economic Development Officer regarding Rec Centre Deficiency Repairs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: upon conclusion of Council's review and consideration:

- 01** Council approves the replacement of the Sprinkler System components, as described in the quote from VIPOND dated February 18, 2021, in the amount of \$23,510 plus taxes; and further

That Council authorizes the pre-budget approval of \$23,510 plus taxes in the 2021 Recreation Centre operating budget for the emergency replacement of the Sprinkler System components.

CARRIED

14 MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

15 CLOSED SESSIONS

16 BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

17 ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-90

Moved by: Councillor Moffat

Seconded by: Councillor Scapinello

RESOLVED THAT: the Regular Meeting adjourn at the hour of 7:16 p.m.

CARRIED

Original Signed By:

John MacEachern
Mayor John MacEachern

Joleen Keough
Joleen Keough, Clerk