

COUNCIL MINUTES

The Municipal Corporation of the
Township of Cockburn Island
Incorporated 1881

Regular Meeting Thursday March 14th, 2019
Zion UC, Main St, Thessalon

PRESENT:	Mayor:	Brenda Jones
	Councilors:	Robert Brown
		Glen Cressman
		Evan Papineau
	Clerk-Treasurer:	Brent St. Denis
	Regrets:	Scott Stewart (away)

Time 6:59 PM

Call-to-Order by Mayor Jones. A quorum of the Council was present.

Pecuniary interest declarations - none

Delegations – none

Resolution # 19-03-01

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: R Brown

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution # 19-03-02

Moved: R Brown

Seconded: E Papineau

That the minutes of the February 20th regular Council meeting held at Thessalon UC in Thessalon be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Action Items

Budget 2019 current draft as of March 10 - absorb education reduction, if any?

Resolution # 19-03-03

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: R Brown

That the 2019 township budget take into consideration the possible drop in the 2019 levy Education rate in the calculation of the proposed overall 3% increase.

CARRIED

Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services/OPP Emergency Planning – consider initial conference call with ministry and/or OPP representatives

Resolution # 19-03-04

Moved: R Brown

Seconded: E Papineau

That a teleconference call be arranged with the representatives of the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and/or the OPP to discuss questions Council has with the Province's new Community Safety and Well-Being initiative. Council expressed its concerns in Resolution #2019-02-03 namely;

- Our island municipality is considered remote (42 km over the Lake Huron North Channel from Thessalon and 15 km by water from Meldrum Bay, Manitoulin Island) and can only be accessed by boat or snow-machine depending upon the season
- Even though Cockburn Island Township is a fully functional municipality the official population according to Statistics Canada is zero – our ratepayers live elsewhere since depopulation occurred after the provincial ferry service was cancelled in the early 1960s – ratepayers totaling about 160 in number, can only reside on the island on a part-time and seasonal basis
- There are no schools or other public places such as nursing homes, daycare centers etc
- The police presence has been very modest to nil over the last five (5) years
- There is no Fire Department but equipment and personnel are supplied on a volunteer basis
- There is no local presence by Social Services, Public Health, hospital etc.
- There is a First Nation reserve on the island but no permanent local indigenous population - the community lives on Manitoulin Island (Zhiibaahaasing First Nation)

CARRIED

2019 DRAFT Newsletter –review updated version since Feb 20th meeting

Resolution # 19-03-05

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: R Brown

That the draft 2019 Newsletter be further amended to include;

- Timing on parking lot (due to planned implement shed construction this summer)

CARRIED

Zoning By-Law Updating – review current Zoning map received from Planning Board which records recent amendment for Huron sale to NCC. This is the map we will need to review this year for any updates.

Resolution # 19-03-06

Moved: G Cressman

Seconded: R Brown

That updates to the Township's Zoning By-law, when drafted, should include, but are not limited to;

1. Remove reference to Agricultural zoning because there is no longer any prime agricultural land (note- development in Rural zone is generally less restrictive than in an Agricultural zone)
2. All NCC parcels to be zoned as Conservation
3. Include minor changes recommended by the Planning Board such as;
 - a) remove a small area of Shoreline Residential being the small peninsula off the SE shore, remove one in the bay at the south end and remove one over by Wagosh Lake
 - b) add the gravel pit on Lot 46-17 Con IX and VIII is now designated Pit and Quarry to conform to the Official Plan that designated as Aggregate Resource Area (this is the result of a recent sale by Huron to NCC which Council has already approved)

CARRIED

Code of Conduct By-Law - required by the Province as of March 1, 2019

Resolution # 19-03-07
 Moved: E Papineau
 Seconded: G Cressman

That Be It Resolved that BY-LAW # 2019-05 BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COCKBURN ISLAND COUNCIL be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

Marina Credit Card Processing – ON HOLD pending point-of-sale information from Global Payments.

Financial report

The Clerk-Treasurer's report on the following financial information

- a) Disbursements List since last meeting NCU from #282 to #287
- b) Bank Statement Operating Accounts (to March 10th - see below, listing in package)
- c) Bank Statement Dock Accounts (to March 10th - see below)
- d) Bank Statement Heritage accounts (to March 10th - see below)

Northern Credit Union accounts as of March 10th

Account		Balance
<u>Dock Account 101</u>		\$23,566.74
<u>Heritage Account 102</u>		\$54,602.32
<u>Operating Account 100</u>		\$24,021.74
GIC		\$50,000
Total all accounts and GIC		\$ \$152,190.80

Resolution # 19-03-08
 Moved: R Brown
 Seconded: G Cressman

That the Treasurer's report on bank balances and the list of disbursement cheques numbered from #282 to # 287 be hereby received.

CARRIED

Ministry & General Correspondence - if any

Councillors' Concerns

- a) Council Member Cressman mentioned the Community Hall parking lot and whether we could use our own backhoe to construct it. And summer parking at the marina with the shed construction project. What are the qualifications for a municipal Integrity Commissioner?
- b) Council Member Brown reported that he had discussed the shed construction project with one possible contractor – he has a crew of 5 workers lined up if he is the successful bidder – thought it would take about 18 skids of Reddi Mix concrete for the footings versus bringing over by barge a “dry” concrete truck – he will check the rental shop in Espanola for a heavy compactor and one yard mixer – he could deliver to the Thessalon barge dock.
- c) Council Member Papineau asked if the land we might acquire by donation had any gravel on it? How large was it? (Note – Clerk indicates the Tax Roll does not give lot dimensions)
- d) Mayor Jones – mentioned NCC asked to rent McLeod House for 9 days in August – conditional in it not conflicting with workers on the island building the Township’s new shed - \$50 donation to Sault Alzheimer’s to recognize passing of Bill Adolph.

Clerk's Report

- a) Tender Call for Implement Shed Construction (Labour & Tools Only) – ads out starting this week, any update?
- b) Other By-laws in the pipeline – Sale & Acquisition of Land, Council Procedure, Procurement, Integrity Commissioner
- c) Property Tax Registration – update – 5 properties apprx. \$8000 of arrears - Wishart Law, Sault Ste. Marie, to commence tax registration procedures against a number of properties as per the Clerk's
- d) Ontario recycling program wind-ups
- e) Sawchyn land donation issue – update
- f) 2019 OCIF \$50,000 – has not arrived yet- delayed until March
- g) New Ontario Infrastructure Program – Township has received approval by Province for 12th & 15th funding – they will now recommend funding by the federal government with April 15th deadline
- h) Summer workers – Darren expected to start Monday before the May Long Weekend (May 13) and Simon is scheduled to start the Tuesday right after the May Long Weekend (May 21)
- i) The Clerk explained that if full disclosure is made by members of Council and the appropriate declarations of conflict are made then members of Council can compete for township non-employment work such as construction contracts, the supply of goods etc.
- j) The Clerk reported his recommendations for modernizing the Council member honoraria which he felt were too low given the work done by members and the compensation paid to elected officials by other small municipalities. He is recommending an annual rate of \$1500 for the Mayor and \$1335 for Councillors plus a per meeting rate of \$90 and a global mileage payment per regular meeting for all ordinary travel to/from meetings in Thessalon, Cockburn Island (which includes incidental minor travel to pick up supplies) at 100 km times two (2) at the township travel rate (.54/km) regardless of place of residence (\$108). Substantial extra travel for approved assignments would be compensated separately as per the rates by-law.
- k) Miscellaneous Items

Resolution # 19-03-09

Moved: G Cressman

Seconded: E Papineau

That this meeting be now adjourned and that Council meet again at approx. 1:00 PM (after 10:00 AM Deer Management meeting and lunch), Thursday, April 11th, 2019 at Thessalon Curling Club, Main St., Thessalon or at the call of the Mayor. **(Note** – Mary Bray to act as Clerk for the Council meeting due to Brent St. Denis being away.)

Carried

Brenda Jones, Mayor

Brent St. Denis, Clerk

Time – 8:24 PM