

COUNCIL MINUTES

The Municipal Corporation of the
Township of Cockburn Island
Incorporated 1881

Regular Meeting Thursday September 18th, 2019
Zion UC, Main St, Thessalon

PRESENT:

Mayor: Brenda Jones
Councilors: Robert Brown
Evan Papineau
Scott Stewart
Clerk: Brent St. Denis
Regrets: Glen Cressman

Time 7:05 PM

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

Pecuniary interest declarations - none

Delegations – if any

Resolution # 19-09-01

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: R Brown

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution # 19-09-02

Moved: R Brown

Seconded: E Papineau

That the minutes of the August 3rd regular Council meeting held at the Hall on Cockburn Island be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Action Items

Infrastructure Funding Approval – update by Clerk-Treasurer

Resolution # 19-09-03

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: R Brown

That we acknowledge with appreciation the Federal and Provincial approval of grant funds to rehabilitate the 12th and 15th intersection and that the following be completed as required and appropriate

- Undertake First Nation consultations with Zhiibaahaasing
- Submit benchmark dates for project completion in 2020
- Confirm current status of project at Tulloch Engineering and advise them of project approval and that they will be asked, among other things, to prepare tender documents and supply some on-site supervision
- Negotiate bridge financing with the Northern Credit Union to cover possible cash requirements between expenditure date and reimbursement as the project progresses
- Sign the usual funding agreement when received from the federal and provincial governments and adopt the approval by-law
- Invite Chris Kirby, Tulloch Engineering to a Council meeting to discuss the project (November or December)?

Carried

Town Hall Foundation – review Call for Quotation – review any quotes received – decide next steps – status of flooring project

Resolution # 19-09-04

Moved: R Brown

Seconded: E Papineau

That whereas invitations were made seeking quotations for foundation repair at the Town Hall on Cockburn Island and that the following were received

- Warren Weber only

Now therefore be it resolved that

- The quote from Mr. Weber be accepted at \$20,000 for labour and tools, \$5,000 material

And that the following items be included

- Arrange with Mr. Weber which materials the township should get and what he will bring and that the project be completed by October 31st or earlier

Carried

Previous meeting Follow-up

- i. snow blade for backhoe
- ii. emergency docks funding request – no apparent programs, Clerk to check
- iii. gazebo at dock
- iv. hall cement pad
- v. gravel progress
- vi. equipment repairs – Scott reported
- vii. look for replacement fire truck – Clerk to research
- viii. medical supply review several times yearly – spring and fall, seal and heat medical trailer
- ix. notice to ratepayers about one vehicle per camp – 2020 newsletter

- x. fire breaks progress – almost done

Huron Timber Equipment Rental Proposal - to rent Ford tractor with Brush Hog and the Grader with Council employee

- i. Ford Tractor and Brush Hog \$ 130.00 Per Hour
- ii. Grader \$ 145.00 Per Hour

Resolution # 19-09-05

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: R Brown

That we confirm rental arrangements with Huron Timber for the rental of the following township equipment to Huron as follows;

- 1) Ford Tractor and Brush Hog \$ 130.00 Per Hour with our operator
- 2) Grader \$ 145.00 Per Hour with our operator

Carried

Judith Jones – donate use of McLeod House for phragmites work?

Resolution # 19-09-06

Moved:

Seconded:

That whereas Judith Jones filed the following report on behalf of the Manitoulin Phragmites Project – *“With the help of a great crew of volunteers, we cut two huge patches of Phrag out of Mud Bay. My team also did follow-up on the Phrag at Ricketts Harbour (I’d say about 25% of what was there before!). I’m very hopeful next year there will be next to nothing at Ricketts and a great reduction at Mud Bay. I always tell myself: Don’t get discouraged, just get it started. It really seems to work.*

“Anyways— I’m planning another trip to Cockburn September 2-5 to conduct genetic sampling of Phragmites at several sites around the Island. I also have monitoring and phrag work for a day at Wagosh Bay. It will be just me and one assistant.”

Now therefore be it resolved as it concerns the use of the McLeod House Sept 2-5 by Judith and a helper

- It be rented at a 50% discount (\$100 per night)
- And we thank her for the work done

Carried

OCIF Formula Grant (\$50,000) – plan for 2020? – we did gravelling and fire breaks in 2019

Resolution # 19-09-07

Moved: S Stewart

Seconded: R Brown

That whereas the 2019 plan for the use of OCIF Formula funds were for gravel and fire break work (...continue resurfacing additional kilometers out of the 80km inventory of roads plus opening some existing road allowances...)

Now therefore be it resolved that the funds for 2020 be expended on roads as follows;

- That we continue with road re-surfacing where needed

Carried

Financial report

The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the following financial information

- a) Disbursements List since last meeting NCU from [#365 to #389](#)
- b) Bank Statement Operating Accounts (to Sept 14th - see below, listing in package)
- c) Bank Statement Dock Accounts (to Sept 14th - see below)
- d) Bank Statement Heritage accounts (to Sept 14th - see below)

Northern Credit Union accounts as of September 15th

Account	Balance
Dock Account 101	\$7,170.22
Heritage Account 102	\$4,742.48
Operating Account 100	\$198,841.01

NOTE - No GICs - all excess funds to Operating Account at 1.95% interest including \$20,000 of Dock funds transferred to the Operating for better interest. Heritage funds were transferred some months ago.

Resolution # 19-09-08

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: S Stewart

That the Treasurer's report on bank balances and the list of disbursement cheques numbered from [#365 to # 389](#) be hereby received.

CARRIED

Ministry & General Correspondence - if any

Council Members' Concerns

- Council member Papineau raised the need for better communications with staff
- Council member Brown reviewed the medical supply updating and emphasized the need to keep the supplies from freezing. A warm, secure and dry place is required to store the supplies – insulate trailer or move to McLeod House for the winter. Any information on the blue boat seemingly abandoned at the marina
- Council member Stewart outlined the following – gravel placed beside shed, Bill Williamson has some large hemlock which might be useful at the dock, “No Shooting” in village area sign needed grader gearbox and brakes need repair

Resolution # 19-09-09

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: R Brown

That at least a quorum of Council meet with Darren Rogers this fall to review work plans and progress and the working relationship,
And further, in the meantime, the following member of Council to act as a liaison between Council and staff

- Scott Stewart

Carried

Clerk's Report

- a) Larry Peterson land donation file – update – close file? – proceed to Tax Registration? - YES
- b) AMP 2.0 – KPMG had been in contact with Clerk for a visit to the “office” in Spanish on July 16th – the meeting took place but no update yet from KPMG
- c) Community Safety & Well Being (CSWB) update - conferences offered but otherwise little – Clerk to monitor
- d) POA – we still don't have a POA rep
- e) Zoning By-Law Updates - see below Planning Board Secretary notes – no further information since we received the following message – new ZB due by October 2021

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that she had met with five of the eight Municipalities to discuss the updating of their Zoning By-laws as required by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) which is to be completed by October 2021, and to review the text and mapping of their current Zoning By-laws. The Planning Board office will provide the new/revised mapping for the updated Municipal By-laws. It is anticipated that a consultant will be hired to draft the text of the individual By-laws in 2020.

- f) Miscellaneous Items

Resolution # 19-09-10

Moved: S Stewart

Seconded: E Papineau

That this meeting be now adjourned and that Council meet again on Monday, October 28th at 7:00 PM at Zion UC in Thessalon or at the Call of the Mayor.

Carried

Brenda Jones, Mayor

Brent St. Denis, Clerk

Time – 8:55 PM