

COUNCIL MINUTES

Township of Cockburn Island

5:00 PM, Thursday, January 14th, 2021

ONLINE BY ZOOM

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84888650237>

PRESENT:

Mayor: Brenda Jones
Councilors: Robert Brown
Glen Cressman
Evan Papineau (by Zoom)
Scott Stewart
Clerk: Brent St. Denis
Regrets: nil

Call-to-Order by Mayor Jones.

A quorum of the Council was present.

Pecuniary interest declarations - none

Delegations - none

Resolution # 21-01-01

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: G Cressman

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution # 21-01-02

Moved:

Seconded:

That the minutes of the November 26th regular meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Action Items

2019 Audit by BDO

Resolution # 21-01-03

Moved: R Brown

Seconded: E Papineau

That we accept and adopt with thanks the 2019 municipal audit and financial statement prepared by BDO LLP

Carried

Budget 2021 Initial

Resolution # 21-01- 04

Moved:

Seconded:

That Council approves the following initial items and ideas as preparations are made for the 2021 municipal budget;

- Increase tax rate by 2%
- Think of Covid19 relief projects

Carried

Various 2021 Fees, Honoraria, Contracts (Seasonal Lead Hand and Office Administration) and Charges (Machinery, Docking fees etc)

Resolution # 21-01-05

Moved:

Seconded:

That Council approves a 2021 inflationary increase of 2% to be applied the various rates , honoraria, charges, Lead Hand Contract, Administration Contract and other customary obligations such as Community Fire Officer rate, Fire Marshal Assistant, use of personal phone (PW and Dock), Helipad maintenance etc

- And that the Public Works helper be paid \$19/hr and that casual workers be paid up to \$19 per hour based upon skills
- Keep calcium bag sale price at \$16 per bag.

Carried

By-law #2021-01 re: Borrowing

Resolution # 21-01-06

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: G Cressman

That Be It Resolved that By-law #2021-01 being a by-law to authorize borrowing from time-to-time to meet current needs be read a first, second, third and final time, be adopted, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, be sealed with the corporation's seal, be numbered 2021-01 and be filed in the by-law book.

Carried

There was a discussion about amending meeting days to better accommodate Council member Rob Brown’s travel to the Planning Board meetings held in Gore Bay. This will be brought back to the February meeting.

Financial Report

- a) Disbursements List since last meeting NCU #588 to #603
- b) Bank Statement Operating Accounts (to Jan 10/21- see below)
- c) Bank Statement Dock Accounts (to Jan 10/21)
- d) Bank Statement Heritage accounts to (Jan 10/21)

Northern Credit Union accounts as of January 10th, 2021

Account	Balance
<u>Dock Account 101</u>	\$10,815.39
<u>Heritage Account 102</u>	\$6,986.06
<u>Operating Account 100</u>	\$70,882.79
<u>1 Year 400</u>	\$52,201.57

TOTAL \$140,885.81

Resolution # 21-01-07
Moved: R Brown
Seconded: G Cressman

That the Treasurer’s report on bank balances and the list of disbursement cheques numbered from #588 to # 603 be hereby received.

CARRIED

Ministry & General Correspondence

Council Members’ Concerns

- Council Member Stewart raised the following points – the Province’s economic development program, backhoe training for staff, replacement siding boards at church, Jeff House culvert, raised platform at concrete dock power supply, 2019 Newsletter notice regarding parking during 12th and 15th project and Tulloch boat fees at marina.
- Council Member Cressman – the 12th and 15th project update should be end of January
- Council Member Papineau confirmed the farm implements were on the barge at Thessalon. Mr. Fremlin of North Shore Tractor would need them delivered to his place of business for evaluation. Ask Scott Richards to bring them to him?
- Council Member Brown mentioned the surprise ORNGE helicopter inspection visit to Cockburn Island. He asked if Covid19 further delays the 12th and 15th project Do we have time to complete the project? (The Clerk reported he had amended the project timelines with the Ministry to allow completion by fall 2023 so we should be okay.) He

asked about the dock parking lot window stickers. He asked if anyone had received negative comments about the dump. The placing of clean brush and wood waste at the Huron pit was a good idea he thought. Quotes are coming for laptops and Zoom equipment for Council meetings.

- Mayor Jones will check Internet speeds at the Zion UC for online (Zoom) Council meetings. She reported that Arlene Coventry had passed away. A donation in her memory will be made. The Mayor asked about the scrap tires at the Huron dock – are they still there?

It was agreed to install a culvert at the Jeff House property to allow for proper water drainage in the area

It was agreed that due to the need for Zoom calls for Council meetings this year and last that an allowance of \$125 per year be allocated to each Council member for each of 2020 and 2021 to assist with paper, ink and printing at home.

It was agreed to establish a Covid19 position using some of the Resilience funding to ensure visitors and ratepayers were appropriately informed about Covid19 measures and that boater traffic was monitored.

New Business – none

Clerk's Report

- a) Tanker Truck at Huron Shores Twp – no response re: pump being sold with truck – no action taken
- b) Tulloch Water St. Survey update – report by end January expected
- c) Website Development and Maintenance –
- d) NCC and Schramm cottage update from – Clerk explained history to Kaitlin at NCC – if they pursue the matter they will contact MNR and/or Vern Martin directly
- e) \$100,000 grant application for Covid initiatives has been submitted (Medical Building upgrades)
- f) Zoom equipment and account – any update? Share 50% of \$20 monthly cost with Clerk? Clerk to find high quality microphone since audio is the main problem at the moment? Better equipment for all members once final info is available.
- g) Covid Safe Start Phase Two \$21K – Clerk signed acceptance – discuss spending
- h) Xplornet and VOIP phone during winter – we need to keep the regular internet service so the 705-842-3739 will work for message - these are emailed to Darren and Brent. We have cut Xplornet from about \$90 to under \$60/mo and phone from nearly \$180 to about \$30 per mo but we can't reduce service further for winter.
- i) Miscellaneous Items

Resolution # 21-01- 08

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: S Stewart

That this meeting be now adjourned and that Council meet again at 5:00 PM Thursday, February 11th, 2021 at Zion UC, Main St., Thessalon or by Zoom depending upon Covid19 pandemic circumstances or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

6:32 PM