

COUNCIL MINUTES

Township of Cockburn Island

5:00 PM, Wednesday, July 28th, 2021

ONLINE BY ZOOM

ZOOM LINK <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89294609059>

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

Call-to-Order by Mayor Jones at 5:00 PM

A quorum of the Council was present.
Several ratepayers attended by Zoom

Pecuniary interest declarations - none

Delegations – none

Resolution # 21-07-01
Moved: G Cressman
Seconded: E Papineau

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution # 21-07-02
Moved: S Stewart
Seconded: E Papineau

That the minutes of the June 28th regular meeting held online by Zoom be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Action Items

Dog Control – update after Clerk’s discussion with the lawyer (Mia Carella) on July 23rd

Resolution # 21-07-03
Moved: G Cressman
Seconded: E Papineau

That based upon the report of the Clerk concerning his discussion with our lawyer about measures which could help the township deal with dogs unrestrained by their owners while the owners are on the island;

- That we develop a letter in cooperation with our lawyer (Mia Carella) asking for dog owners' cooperation as it concerns their dogs on the island

CARRIED

Sale of Red Trailer, Air Compressor and Zero Steer Mower

Resolution # 21-07-04

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: S Stewart

That whereas a number of bids have been received for the sale of the following surplus items; red dozer trailer, air compressor and zero-steer lawnmower

And whereas the bid due date is July 31st.

Now therefore it be resolved that at an appropriate time on that day or as soon as possible thereafter the Clerk will share the bid information with the Mayor and they shall compile and email the results to all bidders as well as Council members and whomever else is interested

CARRIED

\$40,000 Grant approved for Achieving Efficiencies – Municipal Modernization Program (MMP)

Resolution # 21-07-05

Moved: G Cressman

Seconded: R Brown

That the Council accepts with appreciation the offer of a \$40,000 grant from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for a third-party review of Township services so that efficiencies may be found. The program is called the Municipal Modernization Program (MMP). The funding is 100%. The Clerk is recommending that the management consulting wing of the Township's financial audit firm BDO LLP of Sault Ste. Marie be asked if they would do this work. The firm has been the Township auditors of record for many years so will have that background to assist with their study and recommendations. Additionally, the report must be completed by November 30, 2021

Now therefore be it resolved that BDO LLP be contracted to perform the MMP study and provide recommendations.

CARRIED

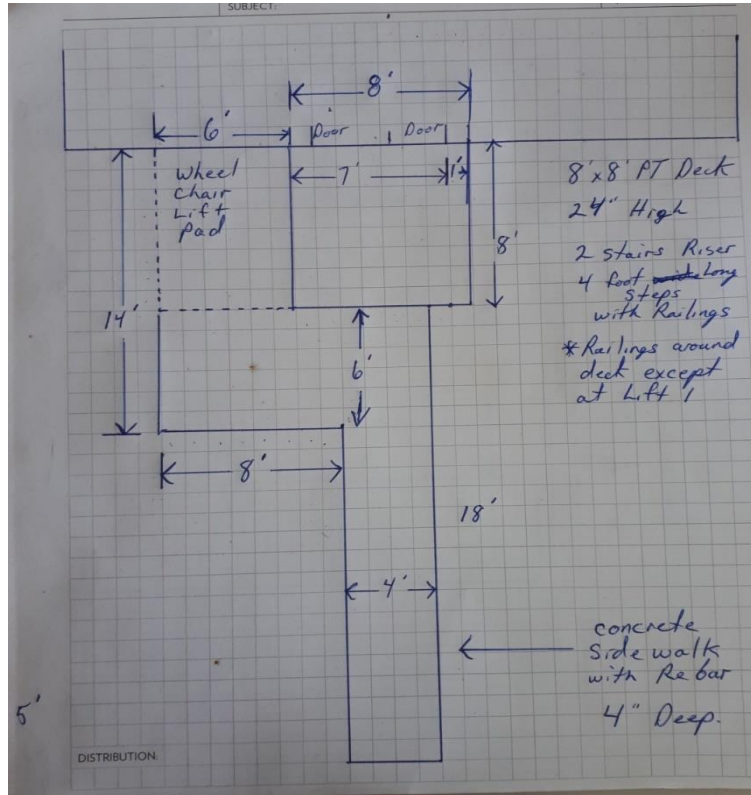
Call for Quotes – Hall sidewalk, disability lift pad and landing deck

Resolution # 21-07-06

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: S Stewart

That a Call for Quotes be advertised on the website, telephone booth and Facebook Friends calling contractors for the installation at the Hall of a section of sidewalk and a concrete pad to support an outdoor chair lift including the construction of a landing deck to suit. A drawing of the requirements is available and shown below. Quotes due July 31st with completion by August 9th.



CARRIED

Financial Report

- a) Disbursements List since last meeting NCU #655 to 684 in package)
- b) Bank Statement Operating Accounts (to July 23/21- see below)
- c) Bank Statement Dock Accounts (to July 23/21)
- d) Bank Statement Heritage accounts to (July 23/21)

Northern Credit Union accounts as of July 23, 2021

Account	Balance
<u>Dock Account 101</u>	\$10,815.39
<u>Heritage Account 102</u>	\$6,986.06
<u>Operating Account 100</u>	\$189,438.36
<u>1 Year 400</u>	\$52,984.59

TOTAL \$260,224.40

Resolution # 21-07-07
Moved: E Papineau
Seconded: R Brown

That the Treasurer's report on bank balances and the list of disbursement cheques numbered from #655 to #684 be hereby received.

CARRIED

Ministry & General

Council Members' Concerns

- Council Member Cressman inquired about the replacement backhoe bucket and the pole saw (Note- both have been acquired) and mentioned the ABS light is "on" in the new-to-us water truck
- Council Member Papineau mentioned some road sections that were rocky and rutted (Block Hill), asked about EMS training and whether we should keep EPI pens available for emergencies. He also inquired about the emergency "grab bags" and about the defibrillator (now housed at Darren Rogers' home and available for pickup at any time). Signage should be posted.

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It was agreed to include in the 2022 Newsletter the location and availability of the current defibrillator.

- Council Member Brown asked about plans for plumbing the tanks on the water truck and said we should get the old fire pumper off the island as soon as possible. He inquired as to the status of the new tables and chairs for the Hall. The deadline for adopting a draft new Zoning bylaw is the end of October. In view of the "conservation" aspects the Clerk will ask the NCC for input. The Cockburn Island Zoning Bylaw will look different than the typical Manitoulin Zoning Bylaw.

It was agreed to remove the old fire pumper off-island

Council Member Stewart mentioned a tender was needed for wood to repair the dock and that 5 more loads of gravel were needed for the cemetery road. The Public Works crew are using a personal lawnmower to cut grass such as at the cross on Block hill. He felt the township should acquire one. He expressed appreciation to Rudy Letkemann for cleaning the steel trailer. He received several responses to the new medical building sketch that he circulated to some ratepayers. The suggestions received included an ultraviolet bug light, electric start generator, LED lights, that the building be airtight and that non-skid flooring be installed.

It was agreed to lay 5 more loads of gravel on the cemetery road.

- Mayor Jones provide an update on the new tables and chairs for the Hall. There are options for disposing of the old tables and chairs including giving them away or having a silent

auction for them. It was suggested that some go to the Schoolhouse. She informed council that Doris Crockford passed away at 94 years of age. A donation to the heritage committee would be made in her name.

Resolution # 21-07- 08

Moved: S Stewart

Seconded: G Cressman

That we issue a tender for wood for the dock.

CARRIED

Resolution # 21-07- 09

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: R Brown

That we issue a tender to upgrade the electrical system at the Hall

CARRIED

Resolution # 21-07-10

Moved: G Cressman

Seconded: E Papineau

That Council has no objection to activities taking place on municipal property at this time subject to all relevant covid19 rules as established by the province. Event organizers are responsible for ensuring compliance.

CARRIED

Clerk's Report

- 1) FedNor project application – update on breakwall funding application
- 2) Starlink Internet at medical building?
- 3) FedNor application for breakwall has been submitted.
- 4) Zoning By-law – review options – message from the Planning Board Secretary (Theresa Carlisle says – *The Planning Board will be providing the mapping for the project. Planning Board staff will be involved to a certain extent, as we would like to have similar By-laws. If you can provide a summary of what you need re: Jake then this could be considered. I would think we would need a Planning Board motion.*)
- 5) Medical Building Covid Infrastructure grant – no Agreement yet for By-law from Province yet
- 6) Water truck update
- 7) Quattra update re cell service
- 8) 12th and 15th Project–update
- 9) Cemetery inquiries -standing headstones (2007 bylaw attached)
- 10) eTracks Tire Recycling – update
- 11) Miscellaneous Items

Adjournment

Resolution # 21-07-11

Moved: G Cressman
Seconded: E Papineau

That this meeting be now adjourned and that we meet again at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, August 25th, 2021 at Zion UC, Main St., Thessalon or by Zoom online depending upon Covid19 restrictions, if any, or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Time-6:51 PM

2021 Meeting dates adopted	May 26	September 29
Feb 11, 2021	June 29 June 30 *	October 27
March 24 or 31	Wed. July 28 by Zoom or Sat July 31 on Cockburn Island	November 24 or December 1
April 28	August 25 or Sept 1	