

COUNCIL MINUTES

Township of Cockburn Island
5:00 PM, Wednesday, October 27th, 2021
ONLINE BY ZOOM

ZOOM LINK <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/xxxxxxxx4028>

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.

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

Pecuniary interest declarations - none

Delegations – none

Resolution # 21-10-01
Moved: E Papineau
Seconded: S Stewart

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution # 21-10-02
Moved: G Cressman
Seconded: R Brown

That the minutes of the September 29th meeting held by Zoom be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Action Items

Meet with BDO– review Municipal Modernization Program #2 draft report – meet Joe Melisek by Zoom 5 PM Nov 16th

Resolution # 21-10- 03
Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: S Stewart

That we schedule a Zoom meeting at the following date and time with Joe Melisek of BDO LLP (management consultants) to review the draft report they are preparing under the Municipal modernization program (Intake #2). This report is fully funded by the Province.

- We agree to meet with Joe Melisek, of BDO by Zoom Tuesday, 5 PM Nov 16th .

CARRIED

OMERS – review memo and Clerk will explain current situation – possible personnel matter so maybe discuss in Closed Session?

Resolution # 21-10- 04

Moved: G Cressman

Seconded: R Brown

That as it concerns OMERS pensions for part-time and seasonal employees be it hereby resolved that the Clerk's report be received

CARRIED

Land Sale By-Law and Land Sale Policy to authorize the sale of a municipally owned lot at 45C St, N and to adopt a land sale policy for all municipally-owned land sales.

Resolution # 21-10-05

Moved: S Stewart

Seconded: G Cressman

That Be It Resolved that By-law #2021-07 being a by-law to adopt a Municipal Land Sale Policy to guide all sales of municipally owned land be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution # 21-10- 06

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: R Brown

That Be It Resolved that By-law #2021-08 being a by-law to authorize the sale of a Township lot at 45 C St., N, be read a first time.

CARRIED

Old Fire Tanker – dispose

Resolution # 21-10- 07

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: G Cressman

That we agree as follows as it concerns the surplus fire pumper that was recently replaced;

- Accept Huron Timber charge for removing the truck from the island to their site at the Thessalon dock

- No parts to be removed unless the entire truck is purchased
- Get a price for it as scrap steel
- Remove from Huron yard by Jan 31st, 2022
- Advertise sale on website with Jan 31st, 2022 due date with payment upfront.

CARRIED

Financial Report

- Disbursements List since last meeting NCU #724 to #XXX
- Bank Statement Operating Accounts (to Oct 23/21- see below)
- Bank Statement Dock Accounts (to Oct 23/21)
- Bank Statement Heritage accounts to (Oct 23/21)

Northern Credit Union accounts as of October 23rd, 2021

Account	Balance
<u>Dock Account 101</u>	\$12,867.72
<u>Heritage Account 102</u>	\$7,066.06
<u>Operating Account 100</u>	\$197,649.67
<u>1 Year 400 term deposit</u>	\$52,984.59

TOTAL \$270,568.04

Resolution # 21-10-08
 Moved: R Brown
 Seconded: S Stewart

That the Treasurer's report on bank balances and the list of disbursement cheques numbered from #724 to # _____ be hereby received.

CARRIED

Resolution # 21-10- 11
 Moved: S Stewart
 Seconded: E Papineau

That we move into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters.
 Time 6:24PM

CARRIED

Resolution # 21-10- 12
 Moved: G Cressman
 Seconded: E Papineau

That we return to Open Session.
 Time 6:43PM

CARRIED

In Closed Session it was agreed to proceed with an OMERS proposal and discussed a 4-year Clerk-Treasurer transition.

Ministry & General

Council Members' Concerns

- Council member Cressman mentioned the idea of creating Cockburn Island time capsule. (Note - The Township will be 150 years old in 2031. The Clerk mentions in every grant application that we claim to be the oldest municipality in Northern Ontario, incorporated in 1881)
- Council member Papineau reported that the new trauma kit is now in the Island telephone Booth which is heated. He feels another defibrillator should be available. He continues to investigate a generator for the medical building.
- Council member Stewart updated council on the 16 X 16 ft medical building being supported under ICIPCOVID- Infrastructure. He asked about the Heritage Committee's suggested improvements to the Hall.
- Council member Brown expressed concern over certain communications matters
- Mayor Jones passed on Darren's suggestion that the ratepayers be invited to examine the new water truck so as to encourage familiarity with its operation. She mentioned the Hydro pole at Claude Haight's needed attention and that she has inquired about another defibrillator.

Resolution # 21-10-09

Moved: G Cressman

Seconded: E Papineau

That Council member Stewart is authorized to provide plans for the medical Building as discussed with ratepayers and that a firm be engaged to provide building plans. He can proceed if the quote is up to \$5000.

CARRIED

Resolution # 21-10-10

Moved: S Stewart

Seconded: R Brown

That we ask HydroOne to remove or repair a pole at Claude Haight's and another across from Bronicheski's.

CARRIED

Clerk's Report

- a) Update – one inquiry received re: Upgrade Hall Electrical System – consensus was to leave until 2022 including quotations
- b) Municipal Modernization Intake #3 application has been submitted – if approved requires one-quarter township contribution
- c) 12th and 15th short-term bridge financing – Ontario provincial lender “Infrastructure Ontario” might be a better option
- d) Police Services Board proposal (one rep Cockburn, Burpee and Gordon?)

- e) NOHFC Hall grant request in-progress proposed budget, ok?
- f) Joe Weston “thank-you letter has been mailed out.
- g) OMPF 2022 same as 2021 and 2020 at \$118,300
- h) Update on Manitoulin and Northshore internet program – participating municipalities are required to invest – internet not cell (***NOHFC guidelines - Projects that expand cellular coverage along the Trans-Canada and King’s Highways***)
- i) Miscellaneous Items

Adjournment

Resolution # 21-10- 13

Moved: G Cressman

Seconded: R Brown

That this meeting be now adjourned and that we meet again at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 1st , 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 –

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