

COUNCIL MINUTES

Township of Cockburn Island
6:00 PM, Wednesday, February 16th, 2022
ONLINE BY ZOOM

ZOOM LINK <https://us02web.zoom.us/XXXXX5187997>

PRESENT:

Mayor: Brenda Jones
Councilors: Robert Brown
Glen Cressman
Evan Papineau
Scott Stewart (6:35 PM)
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 # 22-02-01
Moved: E Papineau
Seconded: G Cressman

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution # 22-02-02
Moved: R Brown
Seconded: G Cressman

That the minutes of the January 12th, 2022 meeting held by Zoom be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Action Items

Budget 2022 Initial Considerations – first rough draft for review

Resolution # 22-02 03
Moved: E Papineau
Seconded: G Cressman

That the Treasurer’s first draft of the 2022 Budget be amended as follows;
None for now.

CARRIED

By-law #2022-02 re: authorize borrowing from crown agency (Infrastructure Ontario) for 12th and 15th short term financing while township awaits federal and provincial grant reimbursement during project.

Resolution # 22-02-04

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: R Brown

That By-law #2022-02 being a BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO ONTARIO INFRASTRUCTURE AND LANDS CORPORATION ("OILC") FOR FINANCING OF CERTAIN ONGOING CAPITAL WORK(S) OF **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COCKBURN ISLAND** (THE "MUNICIPALITY"); TO AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY BORROWING FROM OILC TO MEET EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH CAPITAL WORK(S); AND TO AUTHORIZE LONG-TERM BORROWING FOR SUCH CAPITAL WORK(S) THROUGH THE ISSUE OF DEBENTURES TO OILC 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 2022-02 and be filed in the by-law book.

CARRIED

By-law #2022-03 - authorize an agreement with the Province for the \$53,426.29 per year for 5 years under NORDS

Resolution # 22-02-05

Moved: G Cressman

Seconded: E Papineau

That By-law #2022-03 Being a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign a TRANSFER PAYMENT AGREEMENT FOR the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund 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 2022-03 and be filed in the by-law book.

CARRIED

NOHFC Hall grant application now at Stage Two

Resolution # 22-02-06

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: R Brown

That whereas NOHFC has advanced Cockburn Island Township's application for funding to assist with Hall renovations to Stage Two
Now therefore be it resolved that Council confirms the following;

- That the township council supports the application to NOHFC for the “Cockburn Island Hall 1881” project
- That the township council will contribute \$7,430 dollars to the \$74,300 project
- That the township council will commit to covering any cost overruns if any are incurred

CARRIED

Volunteer Recognition – Ontario volunteer award program

Resolution # 22-02-07

Moved: R Brown

Seconded: G Cressman

That the following person(s) be nominated to the Province for a volunteer award
As per the Mayor’s instructions.

CARRIED

Council’s Opinion requested on attached proposal re: DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD APPORTIONMENT ALTERNATE MODEL FOR THE TREATMENT OF POWER DAM GRANT REVENUE – Espanola wants to lower its DSAB share by excluding power dam revenue from the calculation of its share of DSAB social services costs. The DSAB board is against the proposal. Espanola going to court.

Resolution # 22-02- 08

Moved: R Brown

Seconded: E Papineau

That as it concerns a proposed **DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD APPORTIONMENT ALTERNATE MODEL FOR THE TREATMENT OF POWER DAM GRANT REVENUE** Cockburn Island Council takes the following position
Leave the formula “as is”

CARRIED

Confirm Fall 2022 Municipal Election – mail-in balloting, budget, some issues to plan for and helper for Clerk

Resolution # 22-02- 09

Moved: E Papineau

Seconded: G Cressman

That as it concerns planning for the fall 2022 Ontario Municipal elections Council authorizes the following for Cockburn Island Township;

- Voting shall be exclusively by mail-in balloting using a process previously approved and managed by the Clerk as our Returning Officer,
- An allocation will be made in the 2022 budget for usual expenses including an election assistant, supplies, advertising and other relevant costs

CARRIED

Township House rental policy

Resolution # 22-02- 10

Moved: S Stewart

Seconded: E Papineau

That the current McLeod House rental policy as currently administered by the Clerk which is understood to be as follows be confirmed or amended

- it's first-come-first served basis unless a township priority arises
- Not for vacations
- bookings are allowed for ratepayer weddings and special occasions, approved researcher visits, tradespeople and off-island workers needed by the township, DFO sea lamprey technicians, Hydro workers, MNRF Conservation Officers, cell/internet technicians, biology researchers, removal of invasive species and the like
- Bookings are made in advance to suit the circumstances
- Daily rate only - no weekly rate

CARRIED

Financial Report

- a) Disbursements List since last meeting NCU #754 to # 764
- b) Bank Statement Operating Accounts (to Feb 4th /22)
- c) Bank Statement Dock Accounts (to Feb 4th /22)
- d) Bank Statement Heritage accounts (to Feb 4th /22)

Northern Credit Union accounts as of February 4th, 2022

Account	Balance
<u>Dock Account 101</u>	\$13,294.07
<u>Heritage Account 102</u>	\$7,916.06
<u>Operating Account 100</u>	\$141,361.20
<u>1 Year 400</u>	\$52,984.59

TOTAL \$215,555.92

Resolution # 2022-02-11

Moved: R Brown

Seconded: G Cressman

That the Treasurer's report on bank balances and the list of disbursement cheques numbered from #754 to # 764 be hereby received.

CARRIED

Ministry & General

Council Members' Concerns

- Council Member Cressman asked about the tendering schedule for the 12th and 15th project, when T-4s would be out (Clerk indicated very soon) and about the future of

Zoom meetings for ratepayer involvement, delegations and presentations.

- Council Member Brown asked about a Tulloch Engineering update re: 12th and 15th, the planned 16 ft by 16 ft new medical building,
- Council Member Stewart mentioned the list of work ideas submitted by Darren and Alex, dock repairs, outhouse improvement, Public Works use of Air Table software and requesting Huron Timber to quote on a barge dock in the village area marine basin,
- Mayor Jones mentioned ratepayers that had passed away (Jack Luhta, Esme Rintala, son of Joseph Beauchamp and Lorraine Hnatchuk. She also updated on plans for the late March emergency training in Espanola (Council member Brown was assisting with local arrangements for accommodation, food and meeting space). It was agreed to provide motel rooms on Friday night for participants travelling from a distance.

Clerk's Report

- a) Draft Zoning Bylaw – update (maps by Jake at MPB and JL Richards quote requested)
- b) Barge dock in village area – update -see Alex's depth soundings sketch in package.
- c) Building Broadband Faster Act Guideline and Regulations – update and John Fitzsimmons asked...
Does the township own any property on the hill on the island? If so, can you provide GPS coordinates or survey of some sort. I'm looking to get you the best internet possible with the most coverage. Also, I finally have pricing on antennas for the 700MHz cell repeater. I had to go direct to the manufacturer. Asking suppliers was like pulling teeth for some reason..... they still haven't got back to me. I should have pricing for the upgraded cell repeater for you very soon
- d) QuickBooks Accounting and Taxation software recommended by BDO - update NOTE - *QuickBooks Desktop used to offer a "one-time" purchase license option (the license included customer support for three years, but you could continue to use the software after that). Now, there is no longer license pricing for QuickBooks Desktop. You have to purchase a yearly subscription to use QuickBooks Desktop.*
- e) 12th and 15th
- f) Darren and Alex suggestions Feb 8, 2022
- g) Miscellaneous Items

Adjournment

Resolution # 22-02-12

Moved: S Stewart

Seconded: E Papineau

<p>That this meeting be now adjourned and that we meet again at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 16th, 2022 at Zion UC, Main St., Thessalon or by Zoom online depending upon Covid19 restrictions, if any, or at the call of the Mayor.</p>

CARRIED

TIME- 7:36 PM