

COUNCIL MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF COCKBURN ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING

5:00 PM, Wednesday, August 31st, 2022

IN PERSON MEETING at Zion UC, Main St., Thessalon

ZOOM LINK for observers <https://us02web.zoom.us/XXXXX17979818>

PRESENT: Mayor: Brenda Jones
Councilors: Robert Brown
Glen Cressman
Evan Papineau
Scott Stewart
Clerk: Brent St. Denis
Absent: none

5:00 PM

Call-to-Order by Mayor Jones.
A quorum of the Council was present.
Several ratepayers attended by Zoom
Pecuniary interest declarations – none

Resolution # 22-08-01
Moved: R Brown
Seconded: E Papineau

That the August 31st agenda be adopted as presented

CARRIED

Resolution # 22-08-02
Moved: E Papineau
Seconded: R Brown

That the following minutes of be adopted as presented

- July 30th – regular annual on island
- August 16th – Borrowing By-law

CARRIED

Action Items

12th and 15th (incl breakwall)

Resolution # 22-08-03
Moved: R Brown
Seconded: E Papineau

That the update on the 12th and 15th road project be received and that the following highlights be noted

- The project is close to the intended schedule
- Work in the month of July has been paid for
- The debenture with Infrastructure Ontario is in-process. The timing of the municipal audit completion is a factor.
- The cash-flow timing will be tight partially due the delays in receiving reimbursement for expenditures against the federal-provincial grant
- The contractor has confirmed his intention to return next summer to do the breakwall work
- Gravel inventory will be very close to forecast

CARRIED

Dockmaster Vacancy – update – one inquiry for 2023 – UPDATE ONLY

Procedural Bylaw and Zoom Participation

Resolution # 22-08-04

Moved: G Cressman

Seconded: S Stewart

That whereas 3 of 7 Councillor candidates are non-local in terms of being readily able to attend in-person council meetings throughout the year.

And whereas this means there is a possibility that one or more non-local candidates could be elected to Council

Now therefore the Clerk is authorized to prepare suitable amendments to the Procedural By-law for Council's consideration that would permit any member of Council to attend a Council meeting by Zoom which would include,

- Full participation in Council discussions
- The ability to vote

And which would exclude payment of the meeting travel honorarium,

It is understood that participation of Councillors by Zoom is subject to the availability of a suitable internet connection and functioning technology.

CARRIED

Financial Report

- a) Disbursements since last meeting NCU #857 to #873) – list at meeting
- b) Bank Statement Operating Accounts (to Aug 27/22)
- c) Bank Statement Dock Accounts (to Aug 27/22)
- d) Bank Statement Heritage accounts (to Aug 27/22)

Northern Credit Union accounts as of August 27th, 2022

Account	Balance
<u>Dock Account 101</u>	\$16,591.32

<u>Heritage Account 102</u>	\$11,334.18
<u>Operating Account 100</u>	\$228,929.59
Interest rate= 2.7%	Total \$256,855.09

Resolution # 2022-08-05
 Moved: S Stewart
 Seconded: G Cressman

That the Treasurer's report on bank balances and the list of disbursement cheques numbered from #857 to #873 be hereby received.

CARRIED

Ministry & General - nil

Council Members' Concerns

- Mayor Jones asked about a number of items including the delivery to the island of dock repair material (supply of rough lumber from Huron Timber still pending), status of McLeod door (6-inch depth back ordered), countertop (back ordered), possibly arrange PW crew First Aid training in the spring along with WHMIS (available on-line), chainsaw (are they using the available safety equipment), bins for water truck (by Sept - Oct), metal to create lid top for scrap metal trailer? Compressed air line for garage (3/4-inch line, Rob to order), Hall electrical work (Scott is expecting a tender from a contractor), minutes on website (Clerk waits for a few months and after minutes approved). And John Jones passed away (a donation will be made in his memory).
- Council member Papineau mentioned the top frame of the garage door is cracked, are the PW radios being used? (safety issue), keep defibrillator in the telephone building?
- Council member Cressman indicated that his questions about the Procedural By-law, ditching and gravel had been answered
- Council member Brown asked about the helipad windsock reported on the broadband webinar and the Ontario Natural Heritage System (NHS)
- Council member Stewart reported on the dock upgrades and asked about ratepayers who do not pay for the calcium they acquire from the township for the road in front of their property. The matter of payment for bagged calcium is to be returned to an upcoming meeting.

It was agreed to purchase the steel and arrange the labour to install a steel lid for the scrap trailer. The repair should include a lock kit for the back gate of the trailer.

It was agreed to continue with the proposed dock modifications including concrete anchors.

It was agreed to repair the old walk-behind snowblower then sell it.

Clerk's Report

- a) Helipad Maintenance Vacancy - (a November to April position) – posted on the

- website by September
- b) Election logistics update
- c) Senior of the Year – unresolved
- d) Miscellaneous items

Adjournment

Resolution # 22-08-06
 Moved: G Cressman
 Seconded: S Stewart

That this meeting be now adjourned and that Council meet again at 5 PM, Wednesday, September 28th, 2022 at the Zion United Church Hall in Thessalon or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Time – 6:00 PM

2022 Meeting dates–Jan 12	May 11, 25 or June 1 ??	September 28
Feb 16	June 8, June 22 or June 29	October 26
March 16	July 27 or Sat July 30 on Cockburn	November 23 or Nov 30 or?
April 27	Aug 31	December 7 ? (new Council swearing in?)