

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### **SPECIAL MEETING TOWNSHIP OF COCKBURN ISLAND COUNCIL 5:00 PM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Meeting On-line by ZOOM**

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Mayor: Brenda Jones  
Councillors: Lee Chappell  
Jeff House  
Simon Lacombe  
Scott Stewart  
Clerk: Brent St. Denis  
Absent: Nil

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5:00 PM

#### **SPECIAL MEETING WITH BDO LLP (AUDITOR) REPRESENTATIVES;**

- Nathan Dool, CPA
- Kathleen Hodgson, CPA

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

#### **Call to Order**

**Declarations** of any conflicts of interest

#### **Adopt Agenda**

Resolution # 2025-02-01a

Moved: J House

Seconded: L Chappell

That the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Special Council meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

#### **2023 Audit Discussion**

Resolution # 2025-02-02a

Moved: S Lacombe

Seconded: S Stewart

That we extend our appreciation to Nathan Dool, CPA and Kathleen Hodgson, CPA of BDO for their presentation today.

CARRIED

## 2025 Budget Discussion

### NOTES-

In discussion with the auditors the following items were raised;

- Overall, there were no notable concerns with the 2023 audit. The year ended with a modest surplus.
- For the long-term the auditor pointed out the need to plan for major future costs in particular for the landfill closure, expansion or relocation which will be costly. (NOTE - In the budget discussions held later in the meeting Council decided to start the targeted and regular saving of funds for the landfill during the estimated remaining 15 years before serious capital investment action would be needed).
- The auditor will send the landfill report prepared many years ago. (NOTE- the Colin Trivers report of 2002 has since been provided.)
- Tax Arrears mostly comprise properties in the process of Tax Registration with a few now at the Wishart Law firm in Sault Ste. Marie.

Resolution # 2025-02-03a

Moved: J House

Seconded: L Chappell

That the following changes to the draft budget be incorporated by the Clerk-Treasurer;

- Cancel all but one subscription of the Sentinel weekly paper. (Clerk's copy)
- Add totes to the old township records consolidation project for a total of \$1000
- Street lights project, \$30,000
- Dock rehabilitation project, \$50,000
- If the projected deficit comes to pass then cover from Dock (Savings) Account
- Establish a Landfill Savings Account for eventual landfill closure, expansion or relocation. Deposit an initial \$10,000 in 2025 with a plan to add funds every year.

CARRIED

### Adjournment

Resolution # 2025-02-04a

Moved: J House

Seconded: S Lacombe

That this meeting be adjourned and that Council meet again at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 by Zoom or at the call of the Mayor

CARRIED

Time – 7:01 PM