

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PICKLE LAKE

MINUTES

Of the Regular Meeting of Council held

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Office

PRESENT

Karl Hopf, Mayor
 Richard Dunbabin, Councilor
 Debbie Chartrand, Councilor
 William Mackechnie, Councilor
 John White, Councilor
 Manuela Batovanja, Clerk-Treasurer
 James Brown, Operations Manager
 Eric Dalzell, Fire Chief

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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Andrew Seaton
 Graham Vaughan
 Jeremy Millar
 Ralph Makela
 Linda Makela

	ACTION REQUIRED	DATE COMPLETED
1. <u>CALL MEETING TO ORDER</u> 1.1. Resolution: 15-1 Moved By: William Mackechnie Seconded By: Debbie Chartrand BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:32 p.m. this Regular Meeting of Council for The Corporation of The Township of Pickle Lake is called to order by Mayor Karl Hopf. <p align="center">CARRIED</p>		
2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST</u> 2.1. NONE.		
3. <u>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</u> 3.1. NONE		

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<p>4. <u>ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</u> 4.1. Resolution: 15-2 Moved By: Richard Dunbabin Seconded By: Debbie Chartrand BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of The Township of Pickle Lake hereby agree(s) that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, December 22, 2014 be adopted as circulated.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TABLED</p>		
<p>5. <u>DELEGATIONS</u> 5.1. NONE.</p>		
<p>6. <u>REPORTS</u> 6.1. <u>Mayor & Council</u> 6.1.1. Councilor Mackechnie requested to put forward a motion to reduce Council remuneration for special meetings. Mayor Hopf felt the subject needed further discussion. Councilor Dunbabin was in favour of the reduction. Councilor White felt it should be dealt with out of camera at the Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Mayor Hopf requested a copy of previous By-Laws pertaining to Council remuneration. 6.1.2. Councilor Mackechnie enquired about the internet lines which run house to house, were these lines that were buried in the past and would they get buried again in the spring. 6.1.3. Councilor Dunbabin stated that he had been researching the plow truck and Costs related to it. 6.1.4. Councilor White had nothing to report on. 6.1.5. Councilor Chartrand had nothing to report on.</p> <p>6.2. <u>Clerk Treasurer</u> 6.2.1. The Clerk Treasurer reviewed her report with Council. 6.2.2. Mayor Hopf commented on the upcoming Annual KDMA Meeting to be held in Ignace as well as on the OGRA/Roma Combined Conference to be held in Toronto. Mayor Hopf stated that he would like to see the first Administration Review Committee held prior to February 4th. 6.2.3. Mayor Hopf had questions related to the 2012 audited financial statements. 6.2.4. Mayor Hopf and all Councillors except for Councillor White confirmed that they would be attending the KDMA Annual Meeting.</p>		

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<p>6.2.5. Mayor Hopf and Councillor Mackechnie would be attending the New Council training offered by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.</p> <p>6.2.6. The Clerk Treasurer reviewed information pertaining to the Bell fiber optic internet service being provided by Bell to Crolancia School.</p> <p>6.2.7. Mr. Jeremy Millar of the audience commented that the service was available to anyone at a fee of \$1,700 per month with a five year commitment.</p> <p>6.2.8. Mayor Hopf stated that a committee for the internet needs to be formed in order to address the problems with the town's current system.</p> <p>6.2.9. The cost analysis pertaining to the plow/sander unit was reviewed. The Operations Manager stated that there were \$6,000-\$7,000 in deficiencies which would be deducted from the final Northern Power Train invoice in regards to the purchase and installation of the plow and the inspection of the truck. A new block heater was ordered and we now have a spare. It was felt that the annual insurance was \$1,200. Council was informed that there is a daily log book for the truck. And the approximate annual cost of the Validation tag is \$1,750. There was a request to confirm the rate and time period in which the CVOR needed to be renewed.</p> <p>6.2.10. The Clerk was asked to investigate the following additional costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sand - Storage - Sigfusson invoice to pull the truck out of the ditch <p>6.2.11. The Clerk Treasurer informed Council that she would be away February 20 & 21st as she would be attending the P.A.C.E. meeting in Dryden, she further informed Council that this was not a cost to the Township as she was not paid by the Town for attending but rather did so on her own time.</p>		
<p>6.1. <u>Operations Manager</u></p> <p>6.1.1. The Operations Manager reviewed his report with Council.</p> <p>6.1.2. The Operations Manager indicated that we are waiting for the propane tank to be installed for the new furnace and hot water on demand system.</p> <p>6.1.3. A new contract price for propane was secured at a cost of \$0.5075/liter. Council requested a comparison of the cost of propane and the cost of heating oil.</p> <p>6.1.4. Discussion ensued regarding the large pile of snow close to the community hall, Councilor Chartrand confirmed that the larger amount was put there by the contractor for the Northern Store. Councillor Dunbabin stated a concern with the snow piled up across from the Pickle Lake Hotel and requested that the Northern Store be contacted and ask that the piles be removed or reduced.</p>		

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<p>It was discovered that there is an additional water leak on the crescent in the same general area as the leak that was repaired this past summer. The Operations Manager informed Council that the water has been diverted away from the road, Sigfusson’s have been contacted as well as LTL for the HydroVac truck, locate requests were put in with ON1Call. In regards to the vac truck the Operations Manager is attempting to co-ordinate a trip with the mine north of us in order to reduce costs. Mayor Hopf asked which side of the curb stop was leaking Mr. Brown indicated that it was the roadside. Mayor Hopf asked if it could be shut off, Mr. Brown felt that it could be.</p> <p>6.2. <u>Chief Building Official</u></p> <p>6.2.1. The Chief Building Official’s report was read out by Mayor Hopf.</p> <p>6.2.2. The Clerk Treasurer explained the assessment term “economic obsolescence”.</p> <p>6.2.3. Mayor Hopf reminded everyone that reports need to be signed.and asked that an email be sent to the Chief Building Official.</p> <p>6.3. <u>Fire Chief</u></p> <p>6.3.1. The Fire Chief reviewed his report with Council.</p> <p>6.3.2. Discussion ensued regarding the trucks; Pumper 2 has outstanding issues, however, we have not received a detailed list of what needs to be done to address the deficiencies that resulted in a failed inspection.</p> <p>6.3.3. Pumper 1 passed inspection and testing.</p> <p>6.3.4. Mayor Hopf asked if these were pressure tests. Chief Dalzell indicated that they were. Pumper 2 pumps water but not the way that is should and is therefore used as a backup. They can use it to pump water from a hydrant but not from a lake or river.</p> <p>6.3.5. The third truck is not in operation. It passed the safety but not the drive clean emissions testing. There is a significant amount of labour involved in correcting the emissions system.</p> <p>6.3.6. Chief Dalzell indicated that Mr. James Zacher of the MNR is requesting a delegation with Mayor and Council. Chief Dalzell would contact Mr. Zacher in regards to attending the February 10th Council meeting.</p> <p>6.3.7. Chief Dalzell indicated to Council that the Municipal Agreement was signed last year however, he was anticipating amendments to area sizes.</p> <p>6.3.8. Mayor Hopf indicated that in the second year of the current term of Council he would like to look into the possibility of purchasing a proper fire truck</p> <p>6.3.9. Councillor White asked in the tanker was for Central Patricia and remote locations and asked if it needed a new engine.</p>		

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<p>6.3.10. Chief Dalzell indicated that the understanding was that the costs was in the labour not in the parts. 6.3.11. Mayor Hopf asked if the tanker was driven to Pickle Lake. 6.3.12. Chief Dalzell indicated that it was and the problem is with the emissions.</p> <p>6.4.</p> <p>6.4.1. Resolution: 15-3 Moved By: Richard Dunbabin Seconded By: John White BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for The Corporation of The Township of Pickle Lake hereby agree(s) to accept the following reports as presented: 1. Mayor and Council 2. Clerk Treasurer 3. Operations Manager 4. Chief Building Official 5. Fire Chief</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>6.4.2. Resolution: 15-4 Moved By: William Mackechnie Seconded By: Debbie Chartrand BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for The Corporation of The Township of Pickle Lake hereby agree(s) to authorize the following individuals to attend a meeting in Sioux Lookout regarding landfill expansion. Expenses to be paid as per township bylaws: James Brown Karl Hopf</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Councillor Dunbabin enquired as to the nature of this meeting, the Operations Manager, Mr. Brown indicated that it was in regards to the landfill expansion. Councillor Dunbabin stated that this was an Operational meeting, Mr. Brown agreed. Mayor Hopf explained that while at the meeting he hoped he would have an opportunity to speak with Mr. Adam Clark regarding fish netting.</p>		

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<p>6.4.3. Resolution: 15-5 Moved By: Debbie Chartrand Secoded By: William Mackechnie BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for The Corporation of The Township of Pickle Lake hereby agree(s) to authorize Mayor Hopf to travel to Thunder Bay in order to participate in the OPP Interview process for the position of Staff Sergeant for the Pickle Lake Detachment, expenses to be paid as per township bylaws</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>6.4.4. Mayor Hopf requested that a date be set for the first Ad Hoc Committee known as the Administration Review Committee be set prior to January 26, 2015 and indicated that they will be very long meetings. Councilor White indicated that he would be away from January 14th until February. Councillor Chartrand asked if Councillor White could attend by phone.</p> <p>6.4.5. The meeting was set for Sunday January 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.</p> <p>6.4.6. Mr. Jeremy Millar of the audience asked what the meeting was regarding. Councillor Dunbabin indicated that it was in regards to general administration.</p> <p>6.4.7. Mayor Hopf asked Councilor White if he would be interested in the Recreation committee as part of his portfolio. Councillor White stated that he would be interested in the Recreation Committee.</p>		
<p>7. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> 7.1. Council reviewed correspondence.</p>		
<p>8. <u>PETITIONS</u> 8.1. NONE</p>		
<p>9. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u> 9.1. NONE.</p>		

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<p>10. <u>BY-LAWS</u></p> <p>10.1. Resolution: 15-6 Moved By: Richard Dunbabin Seconded By: John White BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake hereby agree(s) to accept By-Law no. 2015-01 being a By-Law to provide for interim Tax levies.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>10.2. Resolution: 15-7 Moved By: William Mackechnie Seconded By: John White BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake hereby agree(s) to accept By-Law no. 2015-02 being a By-Law to enter into an agreement with the North Western Health Unit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>10.3. Resolution: 15-8 Moved By: Richard Dunbabin Seconded By: John White BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake hereby agree(s) to accept By-Law no. 2015-03 being a By-Law to enter into a Service Ontario Issuing Services Addendum No. 2 to extend the agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Government and Consumer Services.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>11. <u>MOTIONS</u></p> <p>11.1 NONE</p>		
<p>12. <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u></p> <p>12.1. Payroll Disbursements</p> <p>Resolution: 15-9 Moved By: Richard Dunbabin Seconded By: William Mackechnie BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake hereby approve the expenditures being Payroll on <i>Disbursement Sheets 2015-1 (B), page 2</i>, for the total sum of \$16,328.02.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>		

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<p>12.2. Accounts Payable Disbursements Resolution: 15-10 Moved By: William Mackechnie Seconded By: Richard Dunbabin BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake hereby approve the expenditures being Accounts Payable on <i>Disbursement Sheets 2015-1 (A), page 1</i>, for the total sum of \$83,247.88.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>		
<p>13. NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>13.1. Suggested policy for the recording of Council meetings was reviewed and some of the recommendations were made including the use of a document indicating that there is permission to record with a signed statement indicating that the document was received, read and understood.</p> <p>13.2. Discussion ensued regarding office hours and lunch time closure of the office. Both Councillors Dunbabin and White stated that the previous Council had implemented staggered lunches so that people who worked would have access to the Municipal off ice during their lunch hours in order to pay their taxes, utility bills, etc. After further discussion the Clerk Treasurer was instructed to post a notice stating that effective February 1, 2015 the office would be closed for lunch from Noon to 1:00 p.m. Councillor White stated that he didn't understand why the hours were being changed.</p> <p>13.3. Resolution: 15-11 Moved By: Debbie Chartrand Seconded By: John White BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake hereby agree(s) to authorize the following individuals to attend the 2015 OGRA/ROMA Combined Conference to be held in Toronto, Ontario February 22-25, 2015, expenses to be paid as per Township By-Law: Manuela Batovanja Karl Hopf</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>It was determined that while at the OGRA/ROMA Conference Pickle Lake would request a delegation with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services regarding the inadequate stipend for the Service Ontario office.</p>		

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<p>13.4. Resolution: 15-12 Moved By: Richard Dunbabin Secoded By: John White BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake hereby agree(s) to support the Township of Sioux Lookout Motion No. CL313-14 requesting Pickle Lake to support the nomination of Councillor Yolanie Kirlew, from the Municipality of Sioux Lookout, as the Area Representative for Ignace/Pickle Lake/Sioux Lookout to the Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>		
<p>14. IN CAMERA</p> <p>14.1. Resolution: 15-13 Moved By: Debbie Chartrand Secoded By: John White BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:55 p.m. this Regular Meeting of Council is adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting in order to address a matter pertaining to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>Resolution: 15-14 Moved By: William Mackechnie Secoded By: Richard Dunbabin BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 10:30 p.m. and the business on the agenda is not yet complete; pursuant to Section 16 of By-Law 2002-37, Council approves the extension of the 10:30 p.m. curfew.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>		

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<p>15. OPEN</p> <p>15.1. Resolution: 15-15 Moved By: William Mackechnie Seconded By: Debbie Chartrand BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake hereby reconvene the Regular Meeting of Council out of Camera at 11:40 p.m. <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p><p>Mayor and Council agreed to grant a six month leave of absence for Mr. Richard Sweat.</p><p>The Clerk Treasurer was instructed to post a six month Temporary Full Time employment opportunity in order to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Sweat’s leave of absence and to repost for the seasonal position as the required information for the previous posting was not received within the allotted time.</p><p>Janitorial duties to be divided up among the current staff until the vacancy is filled.</p></p>		

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<p>16. <u>ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING</u> 16.1. Resolution: 15-16 Moved By: Debbie Chartrand Seconded By: John White BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for The Corporation of The Township of Pickle Lake adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at the hour of <u>11:41 p.m.</u> CARRIED</p>		

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

No. _____ THIS 27th DAY OF January, 2014

Mayor
Karl Hopf

Clerk Treasurer
Manuela Batovanja