



The Corporation of the Pickle Lake
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
Thursday, October 10th, 2023
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance:

Council	Staff	Guest
James Dalzell – Mayor Debbie Chartrand - Councillor Kayla Blakney – Councillor John Millar – Councillor Leslie Moore - Councillor Regrets:	Lynda Colby – Clerk Sharon St-Jean – Admin Assist. /Deputy Clerk Penny Lucas - EDO Regrets: Margaret Kennard – Treasurer Micah Moore - Superintendent	

1. Call to Order: Chaired by Mayor Jim Dalzell

Motion #: 2023.10.10.205

Moved by: Cllr. D. Chartrand

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Millar

Mayor Dalzell calls the Special Meeting of Council to order this 10th day of October 2023 at **6:02** p.m.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest – None Noted

The Chair calls for any declarations of pecuniary interest, and the general nature thereof under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to the agenda for this meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion #: 2023.10.10.206

Moved by: Cllr. J. Millar

Seconded by: Cllr. K. Blakney

THAT, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake does hereby approve the Agenda for the Special Meeting of Council this 10th of October 2023, **as presented**.

AND all directions and/or any recommendations or motions included therein.

Additions:

Items Pulled for Discussion: 8.6 / 8.13 / 8.18 / 8.20 / 8.21

CARRIED

4. Delegations: None

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – None noted

6. Adoption/Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion #: 2023.10.10.207

Moved by: Cllr. D. Chartrand

Seconded by: Cllr. L. Moore

THAT, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake do hereby accept and approve the minutes at the Regular Meeting of Council dated the 10th day of October 2023, as presented.

6.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council – September 11th, 2023

CARRIED

7. Report(s) of Officers

7.1 Mayor & Council

Motion #: 2023.10.10.208

Moved by: Cllr. L. Moore

Seconded by: Cllr. D. Chartrand

THAT, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake do hereby accept the verbal reports as presented on this 10th day of October 2023, chaired by Mayor Dalzell.

- Councillor Chartrand approached Jeff Loon in Mishkeegogamang about using trash compactor for waste collection. Usage of compactor for two days a week would save on the landfill. Lynda to speak to Micah and get in touch with Jeff Loon to ask about costs and perhaps a meeting with Mr. Loon and the new chief, Merle Loon.
- Councillor Blakney updated Council on PACE's Mix & Mingles that take place once a month. Next one is October 18, 2023. Northwestern Health Unit's 75th Anniversary get together at Betty Johnson Clinic, October 19th, 2023 at 2:00.

CARRIED

7.2 General Government

Motion #: 2023.10.10.209

Moved by: Cllr. J. Millar

Seconded by: Cllr. D. Chartrand

THAT, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake do hereby accept the verbal reports as presented at the Regular Meeting of Council on this 10th day of October 2023, chaired by Mayor Dalzell.

- 7.2.1 Clerk's Report
- 7.2.2 EDO Report

- Clerk, Lynda Colby, updated Council on Service Ontario. The computer is set up to launch our first Ontario Health Card. Great support from Denise Evans, IOA. The knowledge learned from shadowing in Thunder Bay was outstanding.
- Emergency Management Plan training and tabletop is scheduled for Friday, October 13, 2023, but may be postponed due to medical. Got great response from community leaders to attend. A full day is planned, with two sessions. First review the plan and afterwards what to do in the event of a forest fire.

- MFOA (Niagara Falls) very informative. Spoke with Justin Scapinello were not compliant in 2022 resulting in the future loss of grants and funding.
- Public Works has actively captured asset data.
- EDO, Penny Lucas updated Council on Water & Sewer Bills. Sixty-nine bills went out with past due notices. They are due November 30th.
- LMIA has been approved making it easier to employ foreign employees in the future.
- Ms. Lucas made it known she wishes to apply to the Board of Management for the District of Kenora Home for the Aged.

CARRIED

Motion #: 2023.10.10.210

Moved by: Cllr. J. Millar

Seconded by: Cllr. D. Chartrand

THAT, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake receive the Clerk's monthly report as presented at the Regular Meeting of Council dated the 10th day of October 2023.

AND FURTHER THAT, Council authorizes the Mayor and Administration to enter into an agreement with Public Sector Digest for the completion of provincially mandated Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Asset Management Plan in the amount of \$ 35,000.00 plus HST to be funded by the reserve account at the Regular Meeting of Council this 10th day of October 2023.

CARRIED

7.3 Operations Report

Motion #: 2023.10.10.211

Moved by: Cllr. K. Blakney

Seconded by: Cllr. L. Moore

THAT, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake do hereby accept the written reports at the Regular Meeting of Council on this 10th day of October 2023, chaired by Mayor Dalzell.

- 7.3.1 Superintendent/Operations Manager Report
- 7.3.2 Clearford – Written Report

- Clerk, Lynda Colby, updated Council and Superintendent's behalf. 38 Lakeview Crescent, roots damaged the sewer line and work was completed at homeowner's expense. 1 Hooker Lane, water pressure loss with eventually no water coming into the home at all. A whole new service line was installed. 21 Howell, new water service installed due to damage.
- Lift Stations haven't been cleaned out properly. Should take advantage of WMPs while they're here.
- GM Truck is almost done and will have some warranty.
- Signage – new "Emergency Vehicles Only" signs on order to replace old ones for EMS base. Councillor Blakney added that Hwy. 516 to Sioux Lookout needs mile markers. It would be helpful to travelers.

- Dump days/hours have changed – without too much grievance. It was noted that winter hours will change.
- Mayor commented that the area around the arena needs better lighting. Also, people should wear reflective vests at night to be seen.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence

Items Pulled for Discussion:

- 8.6 Town of Fort Frances – Resolution No.: 296-9 – in support of for Sioux Lookout for the Northern Allowance Resolution
- 8.13 ROMA 2024 – Annual Conference Clower to Home – January 21 – 23, 2024 – Sheraton Centre, Toronto, ON
- 8.18 District of Kenora Home for the Aged – Board of Management – Appointment
- 8.20 Norine Van Breda – Rental of Office Space Correspondence
- 8.21 Police Service Board – Discussion and Appointment

Motion #: 2023.10.10.212

Moved by: Cllr. K. Blakney

Seconded by: Cllr. L. Moore

THAT, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake received a resolution from Fort Frances No.: 296-9 in support of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout # CL-042-2023 dated February 15, 2023 as attached and hereto and forming part of this resolution;

AND THAT, Council supports the Municipality of Sioux Lookout in its effort to Lobby the Federal Government to Reinstate the Northern Allowance for the Sioux Lookout Area;

WHEREAS, the federal government provides financial assistance to those Canadians living in one of two "Zones", namely, "the Northern Zone" and the Intermediate Zone" via taxation credits and allowances; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Sioux Lookout and surrounding areas used to be part of the "Intermediate Zone", but, this classification was removed a couple of decades ago, and residents in our community and immediate are no longer qualify for the deductions and allowances; and

WHEREAS, the cost-of-living in the northern, rural communities continues to rise at a significant rate, which, in the last year, has also been compounded by the high rate of inflation, thereby making the cost of living and working in our community even more burdensome;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout directs staff to petition the federal government to designate the Municipality of Sioux Lookout as a Prescribed Intermediate Zone;

AND FURTHER, be it resolved that this correspondence be circulated to the Honorable Eric Melillo, MP, Kenora; the Honorable Sol Mamakwa, MPP, Kiiwetinoong; the Kenora District Municipal Association; the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association; the Township of Pickle Lake; and the Municipality of Red Lake.

CARRIED

Motion #: 2023.10.10.213

Moved by: Cllr. D. Chartrand

Seconded by: Cllr. K. Blakney

THAT, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake receive the correspondence from the District of Kenora Home for the Aged the 10th day of October 2023, as presented.

AND FURTHER THAT, Council supports and authorizes the appointment of Penny Lucas to the Board of Management to the District of Kenora Home for the Aged for the current term of Council.

CARRIED

Motion #: 2023.10.10.214

Moved by: Cllr. K. Blakney

Seconded by: Cllr. L. Moore

THAT, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake accept the Clerk's the report with regards to the vacant seat of the Police Service Board at the Regular Meeting of Council dated the 10th day of October 2023, as presented.

AND FURTHER THAT, Council appoints Deborah Chartrand to fill the vacant Police Service Board seat, effective immediately this 10th day of October 2023.

CARRIED

9. Petitions - None

10. Unfinished Business – None Noted

11. Notice of Motions – None Noted

12. By-Law 2023-29 - Appoint a Deputy Mayor

By-Law 2023-30 – To authorize the Clerk to preform Civil Marriages solemnization services in the Township of Pickle Lake

13. Disbursements

Motion #: 2023.10.10.215

Moved by: Cllr. D. Chartrand

Seconded by: Cllr. K. Blakney

THAT, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake accept and approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll Registry at the Regular Meeting of Council this 10th day of October 2023 as presented.

- 13.1 Accounts Payable
- 13.2 Payroll

CARRIED

14. New Business – None noted

15. Adjournment to Closed Meeting Session of the Regular Meeting of Council

Motion #: 2023.10.10.216

Moved by: Cllr. L. Moore

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Millar

THAT, Council convenes into the Closed Session of this Regular Meeting of Council this 10th of October 2023, chaired by Mayor Dalzell, at 7:20 p.m. to discuss the following items:

Closed Session Matters

Pursuant to Section 239(2) (a), (b), (i), (j) of the Municipal Act:

- a) the security of the property of the municipality of local board;**
 - Township Properties
- b) personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees**
 - Human Resources
- i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial, or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to significantly prejudice the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;**
 - Housing Update
 - Environmental Assessment
 - Recreation Facility Renovations
- j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board has monetary value or potential monetary value; or**
 - Financial

16. Reconvene into the Regular Meeting of Council

Motion #: 2023.10.10.217

Moved by: Cllr. K. Blakney

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Millar

THAT, Council reconvenes to the Regular Meeting of Council this 10th day of October, chaired by Mayor Dalzell at 8:47 p.m.

CARRIED

17. Business Arising from Closed Meeting Session

Motion #: 2023.10.10.218

Moved by: Cllr. D. Chartrand

Seconded by: Cllr. L. Moore

THAT, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake receive the Clerk's report at the Closed Session of the Regular Meeting of the Council dated the 10th day of October 2023, as presented.

AND FURTHER THAT, Council authorizes the Mayor and Administration to enter into an agreement with Pinchin for the Environmental Assessment Phase II and Geotechnical Study in the amount of \$ 55,000.00 plus HST to be funded from the reserve account in preparation of the land and development of 8 Claude Street.

CARRIED

Motion #: 2023.10.10.219

Moved by: Cllr. K. Blakney

Seconded by: Cllr. L. Moore

THAT, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake receive the Clerk's report and correspondence at the Closed Session of the Regular Meeting of Council dated the 10th day of October 2023, as presented.

AND FURTHER THAT, Council authorizes a pay increase of .98 cents per hour to meet the requirements of the Provincial minimum pay scale for the Public Works/OIT position as per the LMIA guidelines.

AND FURTHER THAT, Council approves the attendance of the mandatory Entry Level Course (ELC), for the upgrading of the OIT license to Class 1 in the amount of up to \$ 1,940.00 plus travel, accommodation, and meals.

CARRIED

Motion #: 2023.10.10.220

Moved by: Cllr. J. Millar

Seconded by: Cllr. D. Chartrand

THAT, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake authorizes Administration to set up a new reserve account with RBC for the landfill revenues.

CARRIED

Motion #: 2023.10.10.221

Moved by: Cllr. K. Blakney

Seconded by: Cllr. D. Chartrand

THAT, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake receive the quote from Moore Construction for the Pickle Lake Arena/Curling Rink renovations in the amount of \$ 93,330.00 plus HST at the Closed session of the Closed session of the Regular Meeting of Council dated 10th day of October 2023, as presented.

AND FURTHER THAT, Council direct and authorizes Administration to proceed with the recommended renovation funded through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC).

CARRIED

18. Confirmatory By-Law

Motion #: 2023.10.10.222

Moved by: Cllr. K. Blakney

Seconded by: Cllr. L. Moore

THAT, By-Law # **2023-31**, Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake Regular Meeting dated the 10th of October 2023, be read a First, Second, and a Third Time and Passed.

CARRIED

19. Adjournment

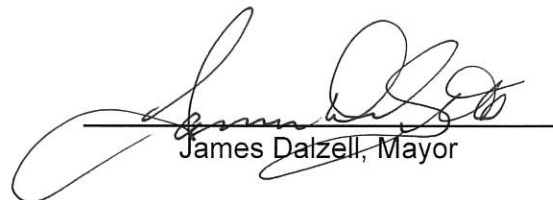
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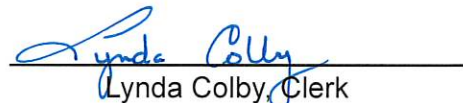
Moved by: Cllr. D. Chartrand

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Millar

THAT, the Regular Meeting of the Council this 10th day of October 2023, be adjourned at **8:52** p.m.

CARRIED


James Daizell, Mayor


Lynda Colby, Clerk