



The Corporation of the  
**TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN**

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**TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN**  
**Regular Meeting of Council**  
**MINUTES**

**DATE:** September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
**TIME:** 5:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Baldwin Township Municipal Hall

**CALL TO ORDER & NOTE MEMBERS PRESENT**

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 5:00 p.m.

**Council members present:**

Mayor Gorham  
Councillor Maltais (present at 5:06 p.m.)  
Councillor McDowell  
Councillor Fairbairn  
Deputy Clerk – Joan Seidel  
Staff – Robert Deschene

Regrets:  
Deputy Mayor Boucher

## **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

Mayor Vern Gorham declared a pecuniary interest with item 5.1 on the council agenda. The general nature thereof is because he owns property on Agnew Lake.

### **AGENDA – CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Resolution # 22-49**

Moved by: B. McDowell

Seconded by: D. Fairbairn

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the following are accepted under the Consent Agenda:

- 1) The agenda for the Regular Council Meeting be accepted as presented.
- 2) The minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of June 13, 2022 and the Special Council meeting of July 26, 2022 are hereby accepted.
- 3) The correspondences are hereby accepted as circulated and/or read.
- 4) Purchase Journal 08/01/2022 to 08/31/2022 in the amount of \$188,159.85 and Payroll Journal 08/01/2022 to 08/31/2022 in the amount of \$16,754.45 be accepted.
- 5) The correspondences are hereby accepted as circulated and/or read.
- 6) Deputy Clerk's Report.

### **CARRIED**

### **DELEGATIONS**

Haven Hinds was present to request assistance to establish a parking area on Agnew Lake. He is requesting that the municipality assist with the completion of a Land Use Permit to be submitted to the Province.

Marc Benoit from A10 Fabrication is seeking assistance from the municipality to consider an exemption from development cost and municipal taxation for a proposed multi unit commercial/industrial park.

Jeff Edwards from Phoenix Emergency Management Logic discussed a proposal for providing Community Emergency Management Coordinator services for the municipality.

**CEMC SERVICES**

**Resolution # 22-50**

Moved by: D. Fairbairn

Seconded by: B. McDowell

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that council agrees to engage Phoenix Emergency Management Logic for contracted CEMC (Community Emergency Management Coordinator) services for the Township of Baldwin as follows:

- 1) For the year 2023, option number 3 at a cost of \$5,000.00.

**CARRIED**

**CEMC RESIGNATION**

**Resolution # 22-51**

Moved by: B. McDowell

Seconded by: D. Fairbairn

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that council accepts the resignation of Wayne Ashton as our Community Emergency Management Coordinator effective immediately with regrets.

**CARRIED**

**QUOTES FOR HYDROGEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT**

**Resolution # 22-52**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that office staff request quotes from environmental consulting firms to provide a Hydrogeological Assessment and a review of effluent criteria assessment for the municipal septage site.

**CARRIED**

**NEW COUNCIL ORIENTATION**

**Resolution # 22-53**

Moved by: D. Fairbairn

Seconded by: B. McDowell

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that council agrees to attend and share the costs with the Town of Espanola and other invited municipalities for a new council orientation session to be held in Espanola on December 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MORE HOMES FOR EVERYONE ACT**

**Resolution # 22-54**

Moved by: R. Maltais

Seconded by: D. Fairbairn

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that council supports the motion adopted by the Township of Puslinch, dated July 13, 2022 regarding the summary and implications of Provincial Bill 109, More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022.

**CARRIED**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND COERCIVE CONTROL**

**Resolution # 22-55**

Moved by: R. Maltais

Seconded by: B. McDowell

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that council supports the motion adopted by the Town of Aurora, dated May 24, 2022 requesting the House of Commons to support the Member of Parliament Anju Dhillon's Private Member's Bill C-233, that will raise the level of education on domestic violence and coercive control for federally appointed judges.

**CARRIED**

**MUNICIPAL COUNCILLOR REMOVAL UNDER PRESCRIBE CIRCUMSTANCES**

**Resolution # 22-56**

Moved by: R. Maltais

Seconded by: D. Fairbairn

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that council supports the motion adopted by the City of Owen Sound, dated May 30, 2022 regarding the removal of municipal councillors under prescribed circumstances.

**CARRIED**

**STRONG MAYORS, BUILDING HOMES ACT**

**Resolution # 22-57**

Moved by: B. McDowell

Seconded by: D. Fairbairn

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that council supports the motion adopted by the Town of Kingsville, dated August 29, 2022 concerning opposition to Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022.

**CARRIED**

## **ONTARIO ONE CALL**

### **Resolution # 22-58**

Moved by: B. McDowell

Seconded by: D. Fairbairn

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that council supports the concerns raised by the Town of Kapuskasing correspondence dated July 19, 2022 expressing concerns about the excessive wait times for locates by Ontario One Call and the impact it has on municipalities and development.

**CARRIED**

## **PHYSICIAN SHORTAGES IN ONTARIO**

### **Resolution # 22-59**

Moved by: D. Fairbairn

Seconded by: B. McDowell

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that council supports the motion adopted by the Town of South Bruce Peninsula, dated July 19, 2022 regarding concerns about the physician shortages in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

## **AMBER ALERT SYSTEM**

### **Resolution # 22-60**

Moved by: D. Fairbairn

Seconded by: B. McDowell

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that council supports the motion adopted by the Town of Mattawa, dated July 25, 2022 requesting necessary changes to the Amber Alert System.

**CARRIED**

## **CHANGES TO ELECTORAL RIDINGS IN NORTHERN ONTARIO**

### **Resolution # 22-61**

Moved by: D. Fairbairn

Seconded by: B. McDowell

WHEREAS, the Electoral Boundary Commission has proposed to remove one of the electoral ridings from Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to diminish Northern Ontario's voice in Parliament will have a detrimental effect on participatory democracy and regional development as the issues in Northern Ontario are significantly different than the issues facing the urban south; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Boundary Commission proposal to cut representation in the north is contrary to the 2017 electoral boundary changes for Ontario that recognized the need to add two seats to ensure fair participation for northern residents; and

(Resolution # 22-61 continued)

WHEREAS, many of the existing ridings in Northern Ontario are already larger than many European countries, a situation that will only be worsened by the addition of massively new regions to service; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new super ridings will force municipalities to compete for a limited amount of riding funding which will further exacerbate inequities in the north; and

WHEREAS, Northern Ontario's population per riding is already much higher than many other rural and isolated regions in Canada's north; and

WHEREAS, the courts have ruled that representation in Canada's democracy is not based merely on population but on regions of interest and the right of citizens to engage with their elected representatives; and

WHEREAS, any changes to electoral boundaries should be based on the principles of maintaining communities of interest within boundaries that are equitable in terms of population and geography

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council calls on the Electoral Boundary Commission to maintain the electoral representation of Northern Ontario and ensure that any boundary changes are done in a manner that responds to regional and local need.

**CARRIED**

### **COUNCIL REMUNERATION BY-LAW**

#### **Resolution # 22-62**

Moved by: R. Maltais

Seconded by: B. McDowell

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that "Being a by-law to provide for paying remuneration to members of council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin" be read a first, second and third time and finally passed in open council and its number shall be 2022-F-003.

**CARRIED**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **Resolution # 22-63**

Moved by: B. McDowell

Seconded by: D. Fairbairn

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that council go into closed session at 7:15 p.m. to review applications received for the Clerk-Administrator/Treasurer position.

**CARRIED**

**RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL**

**Resolution # 22-64**

Moved by: R. Maltais

Seconded by: D. Fairbairn

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that council return to open council at 7:57 p.m. and report on the general discussions held in closed session.

**CARRIED**

Council reviewed the applications received for the Clerk-Administrator/Treasurer position and will interview three applicants.

**SNOOPY'S LANDING**

**Resolution # 22-65**

Moved by: R. Maltais

Seconded by: B. McDowell

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that effective September 12, 2022 the hours of operation for the park located at Snoopy's Landing be open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily.

**CARRIED**

**MUNICIPAL ROAD SUPERINTENDENT**

The position of Municipal Road Superintendent will be advertised locally.

**CLOSED MEETING**

Bert McDowell adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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MAYOR

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DEPUTY CLERK