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## **TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN**

### **Regular Meeting of Council**

# **MINUTES**

**DATE:**                    May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**TIME:**                    5:08 pm  
**PLACE:**                  Baldwin Township Municipal Hall

**CALL TO ORDER & NOTE MEMBERS PRESENT**

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 5:08 p.m.

**Council members present:**

- Mayor Vern Gorham
- Deputy Mayor Jason Cote
- Councilor Marc Lepine
- Councilor Bert McDowell
- Councilor Ray Maltais

**Staff present:**

- Clerk Holly Zahorodny

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:**

Mayor Gorham declared a pecuniary interest with item 12.1 on the council agenda. The general nature thereof is because he is in close relation with the identifiable individual.

**MEETING OPEN**

**Resolution # 23-81**

Moved by: J. Cote

Seconded by: B. McDowell

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council meeting is now open at 5:08 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**AGENDA**

**Resolution # 23-82**

Moved by: J. Cote

Seconded by: R. Maltais

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The council accepts the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 agenda as presented, section 3.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Resolution #23-83**

Moved by: M. Lepine

Seconded by: J. Cote

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The council accepts the meeting minutes as presented, section 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS**

1) Jeff Lapierre – By-law amendment recommendations

**Resolution #23-84**

Moved by: M. Lepine

Seconded by: J. Cote

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council agrees to the proposed changes presented by the Chief Building Official in regards to permit fee price increases and fines.

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS**

**Resolution #23-85**

Moved by: R. Maltais

Seconded by: B. McDowell

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Council accepts the May 8<sup>th</sup> , 2023 Clerks report as presented, section 6.a.ii.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resolution # 23-86**

Moved by: J. Cote

Second by: R. Maltais

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Council accepts the correspondence as presented, section 7.

**CARRIED**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**Resolution # 23- 87**

Moved by: J. Cote

Second by: M. Lepine

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Statement of Account 8.1 and 8.2 on the May 8<sup>th</sup> , 2023 Council Agenda be hereby approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution # 23-88**

Moved by: B. McDowell

Seconded by: M. Lepine

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council supports Resolution # 138-23 passed by the Municipality of Shuniah, retaining surplus proceeds from tax sales.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution # 23-89**

Moved by: M. Lepine

Second by: R. Maltais

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council supports Resolution #2023-112 passed by the Township of Perry, stopping harassment and abuse by local leaders.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution # 23-90**

Moved by: B. McDowell

Seconded by: M. Lepine

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council supports Resolution Bail Reform passed by the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

**WHEREAS:** *the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Federal Government make these Legislative changes.*

1. *Create a Designation of a chronic persistent offender.*
2. *Allow community impact statements at bail and at bail hearings.*
3. *Creating reverse onus in bail for all firearms offences.*
4. *All bail-related gun charges go to the superior court for bail release*

**CARRIED**

**Resolution # 23-91**

Moved by: R. Maltais

Seconded by: J. Cote

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council supports Resolution #23-058 passed by The corporation of the township of the Archipelago.

**WHEREAS:** *invasive Phragmites has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** *that Council for the Township of The Archipelago requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive Phragmites annually on all its highways.*

**CARRIED**

**Resolution # 23-92**

Moved by: B. McDowell

Second by: R. Maltais

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of the proceedings of council, the conduct of its members and the calling of its meetings for the corporation of the township of Baldwin be read a first, second and third and finally adopted in open council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023 and its number shall be 2023-010. This by-law shall rescind By-Law No. 750.

**DEFERRED**

**Resolution # 23-93**

Moved by: J. Cote

Second by: M.Lepine

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Being a bylaw to authorize participation in the Omer's primary pension plan and the retirement compensation arrangement for the OMERS primary pension plan, each as amended from time to time of the employees of the corporation of the Township of Baldwin be read a first, second and third and finally adopted in open council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023 and its number shall be 2023-011.

**DEFERRED**

**OTHER BUSINESS – CEMC TRAINING/TABLE TOP EXERCISE**

**Resolution # 23-94**

Moved by: M. Lepine

Seconded by: J. Cote

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council agrees to attend Emergency Management Committee meeting and training exercise supplied by Jeff Edwards on this 18<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2023 at TBA PM.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution # 23-95**

Moved by: B. McDowell

Second by: R. Maltais

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council go into closed session at 6:15PM for the purpose of discussing personal matters regarding an identifiable individual.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution # 23-96**

Moved by: M.Lepine

Seconded by: R. Maltais

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council return to the open meeting at 6:52PM and report on the general discussions held in closed session.

**CARRIED**

**REPORT**

**Resolution # 23-97**

Moved by: B. McDowell

Second by: R. Maltais

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The clerk move forward with direction from council on matters discussed on the identifiable individual in the in-camera meeting.

**CARRIED**

**MEETING CLOSED**

**Resolution # 23-98**

Moved by: B. McDowell

Second by: M. Lepine

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The May 8<sup>th</sup> , 2023 Council meeting is now adjourned at 6:57 PM.

**CARRIED**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk**