



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, November 27th, 2023 at 6:30 PM
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Attendance:

Council: Mayor Ryan Bignucolo
Deputy Mayor Lisi Bernier
Councillor Cathy Ansara
Councillor Paul Bernier
Councillor Alex Lambruschini

Staff: Judith Meyntz, CAO
Réjean Raymond Operations Director
Carole Ouellette Assistant LCSD
Kim Jean, Executive Assistant

Guests: 17

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chapleau does hereby call the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 27th, 2023 to order at 6:30 p.m.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Municipality of Chapleau is situated on the ancestral treaty and title lands of the Anishinabe and Cree peoples in the Treaty 9 area, and recognizes the neighbouring First Nations of Brunswick House, Chapleau Cree, Chapleau Ojibwe, Michipicoten and Missanabi Cree.

We acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Metis People in Ontario and show respect to them today.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION 28-308:

A. LAMBRUSCHINI – C. ANSARA

WHEREAS the Members of Council have been presented with an Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 27th, 2023;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Bignucolo requested that any pecuniary interest be declared for the record.
None disclosed.

4. PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLUTION 28-309:

P. BERNIER – L. BERNIER

Adjourn to Public Meeting Session

THAT the Corporation of the Council of the Township of Chapleau move into Public Meeting Session on Monday, November 27th, 2023 at 6:32 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

4.1 Sale of Chapleau Hydro to Hydro One Network Inc.

Summary: Hydro One Network Inc. Representatives addressed questions and concerns regarding rates/rate change dates and current PUC staff.

4.2 Mike Jones – Boosting Economic Development

Summary: Mr. Jones was not in attendance however Clerk presented his recommendations regarding Economic Development strategies. CAO will follow up with Mr. Jones for further discussion.

4.3 Kassandra-Anne Demers – Business Categories for Water/Sewer/Landfill

Summary: Ms. Demers presented her concerns regarding the water rates and business categories. Council recommended further discussion and appointment with Les Jones, Treasurer/Tax Collector. CAO will follow up.

4.4 Pam Morin – Pedestrian Crosswalk, Hall Rentals, Prom Hall Rental, Walkways-clearing and winter maintenance

Summary: Mrs. Morin's concerns regarding safe walking zones on Lisgar Street and Teak Street were discussed by Operations Director with options provided for further consideration. Questions regarding the Community Hall kitchen rental were addressed with follow up discussion to be had with Assistant of Leisure & Cultural Services Director. With respect to hall rentals for proms, etc. recommendation for a flat rate for School functions will be considered for further discussion by council.

Carried.

Adjourn Public Meeting

RESOLUTION 28-310:

L. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau adjourns the Public Meeting at 7:43 pm.
Carried.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

RESOLUTION 28-311:

P. BERNEIR – C. ANSARA

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau reconvene to Regular Meeting at 7:43 pm.

Carried.

5. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 28-312:

A. LAMBRUSCHINI – L. BERNIER

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Chapleau has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of:

6.1 Council and Committee Meeting Minutes

6.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 23, 2023

6.1.2 Special In-Camera Council Meeting for Monday, October 30, 2023

6.1.3 Special In-Camera Council Meeting for Thursday, November 2, 2023

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 23, 2023, and the Special In-Camera Council Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 30, 2023 and Thursday, November 2, 2023.

Carried.

7. BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 28-313:

P. BERNIER – C. ANSARA

7.1 Salaried Employees Policy Manual Updates

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby accepts the revisions to the Salaried Employees Policy Manual as presented.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 28-314:

L. BERNIER – P. BERNIER

7.2 Aged Accounts Update and Aged Accounts Flow Chart

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receive the Aged Accounts Update and Aged Accounts Flow Chart for information.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 28-315:

A. LAMBRUSCHINI – L. BERNIER

7.3 Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board 3rd Quarter Report

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receives the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board 3rd Quarter Report for information.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 28-316:

C. ANSARA – L. BERNIER

7.4 Public Health Sudbury & Districts 2024-2028 Strategic Plan

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receives the Public Health Sudbury & Districts 2024-2028 Strategic Plan for information;

Carried.

RESOLUTION 28-317:

P. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI

7.5 Taste of the North Carnival Report and Budget Request

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the Taste of the North Carnival Report and Budget Request for 2024.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 28-318:

P. BERNIER – C. ANSARA

7.6 Chapleau Ski Club Funding Request

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receive the Chapleau Ski Club Funding Request;

AND THAT the Council does hereby ask the CAO to research the Terrace Hill arrangement and meet with the Chapleau Ski Hill Committee to discuss possible options.

Carried.

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

RESOLUTION 28-319:

P. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receive for information the Accounts Payable listing in the amount of \$823,119.06 for the period ending November 22, 2023.

Carried.

Clerk note: Councillor Lambruschini questioned the payment for the Garbage Truck Rental to which he was informed by Réjean Raymond that the new truck is at the border and should be arriving soon.

9. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 28-320:

L. BERNIER – C. ANSARA

9.1 Miller Paving Limited Authorization to Pay

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve payment for the Miller Paving Limited invoice for cold patch in the amount of \$44,835.00 plus HST.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 28-321:

A. LAMBRUSCHINI – C. ANSARA

9.2 Declaration of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the list of surplus vehicles and equipment.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 28-322:

C. ANSARA – P. BERNIER

9.3 Christmas Radio Message: JJAMFM

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve purchase of the Christmas Package “A” for \$126.00 plus HST as well as the Website Ad for \$50.00 plus HST for a total of 176.00 plus HST;

AND THAT the Council chooses message # 6.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 28-323:

P. BERNIER – L. BERNIER

9.4 Christmas Song Book: Express Newspaper

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve purchase of the Large Sized ad for the Chapleau Express Song Book Publication for \$214.00 plus HST;

AND THAT Staff will ensure that Councillor Alex Lambruschini's name is spelled correctly and that Deputy Mayor Lisi Bernier will be noted correctly in the ad.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 28-324:

P. BERNIER – L. BERNIER

9.5 By-law 2023-60, being a by-law to authorize the execution of the CP Access Agreement for Dufferin Street.

THAT By-law Number 2023-60, being a By-law to authorize the execution of the CP Access Agreement for Dufferin Street testing to be Read a First and Second time this 27th day of November, 2023;

AND FURTHER be Read a third time, passed and properly signed and sealed this 27th day of November, 2023.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 28-325:

C. ANSARA – L. BERNIER

9.6 Fishing Derby Approval of Costs

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the Community Sponsorship of the Ontario 4th Annual 2024 Ice Fishing Challenge in the amount of \$1,000.00 plus HST.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 28-326:

P. BERNIER – C. ANSARA

9.7 Tax Adjustments for 2024

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the Assessment Changes as per the attached form for vacancies during the tax year in the amount of \$25,981.50.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 28-327:

L. BERNIER – P. BERNIER

9.8 Good Roads Conference 2024 – April 21 – 24, 2024

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the following members of Council and Staff to attend the Good Roads Conference on April 21 to 24, 2024;

- Mayor Ryan Bignucolo
- CAO Judith Meyntz

- and Alternate if needed.

Carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 28-328:

L. BERNIER - A. LAMBRUSCHINI

- A. Letter regarding the 2024 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) dated October 20, 2023.
- B. Resolution from Township of Huntsville regarding Floating Accommodations dated October 27, 2023.
- C. Resolution from Township of Wawa regarding Bill C-310 Volunteer Firefighters dated November 7, 2023.
- D. Resolution from the City of Owen Sound regarding the request for a call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006 dated November 10, 2023.
- E. Chapleau General Hospital letter regard 11th Annual Golf Classic Fundraiser dated October 2, 2023.
- F. Municipality of Temagami resolution regarding Long-Term Care Act dated November 13, 2023.
- G. CHADWIC resolution request regarding declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic dated November 14, 2023.
- H. Peel Regional Police slideshow about intimate partner violence dated November 15, 2023.
- I. MECP Letter regarding complaint of acceptance of non-hazardous soil at Landfill.
- J. FONOM request for additional funding to Northern Ontario School of Medicine dated September 10, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau receives the Correspondence from the November 27, 2023 Council Agenda with the following extracted for discussion:

Item C: Supportive of Bill C-310 Volunteer Fire Fighters

Item G: Supportive of CHADWIC request regarding Intimate Partner Violence.

Item I: Was read out loud in council

Carried.

Matters Arising from Correspondence

RESOLUTION 28-329:

A. LAMBRUSCHINI – P. BERNIER

WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and

WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and;

WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands

of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and;

WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders;

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less;
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;
- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chapleau call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Algoma Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Ontario municipalities within our zone.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 28-330:

P. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chapleau recognizes the issue of violence in rural and northern communities as serious to the health and wellness of local families; and

WHEREAS Council of the Township of Chapleau recognizes the rural Renfrew County Inquest as important to all rural communities; and

WHEREAS based on the overwhelming evidence of Intimate Partner Violence in our country, our province and our community;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby declare Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and Violence Against Women (VAW) an epidemic as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County jury recommendations.

Carried.

11. IN CAMERA

RESOLUTION 28-331:

A. LAMBRUSCHINI - P. BERNIER

Adjourn to In Camera Session

THAT the Corporation of the Council of the Township of Chapleau move into In Camera Session on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 8:14 p.m. for the following matters:

- 11.1 In Camera Session Meeting Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of October 23, 2023 and the Special Council Meetings of October 30, 2023 and November 2, 2023.
- 11.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(b)*
 - Human Resources
- 11.3 Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them; pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)h*
 - Update on Legal Matter

Carried.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

RESOLUTION 28-332:

P. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI

THAT this meeting be reconvened to a Regular Meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Matters Arising from In Camera Session

RESOLUTION 28-333:

C. ANSARA – L. BERNIER

- 11.1 In Camera Session Meeting Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of October 23, 2023, the Special Council Meeting of October 30, 2023 and November 2, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the In-Camera Minutes for October 23, 2023, October 30, 2023 and November 2, 2023 as presented.

Carried.

12. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

RESOLUTION 28-334:

C. ANSARA – P. BERNIER

THAT By-law No. 2023-61, being a confirmatory by-law for the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 27, 2023, be given a First, Second, Third and final reading and is passed as of this date.

Carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION 28-335:

P. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI

WHEREAS the business of the Meeting has concluded:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:03 p.m. until the Regular Council meeting of Monday, December 11th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. or the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Ryan Bignucolo Mayor

Judith Meyntz CAO