



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 (via Conference Call)  
Councillor Alex Lambruschini

**Staff:** Judith Meyntz, CAO  
Réjean Raymond Operations Director  
Les Jones Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

**Guests:** none

**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, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 29-336:**  
**C. ANSARA – L. BERNIER**

**WHEREAS** the Members of Council have been presented with an Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

- Councillor A. Lambruschini declared Conflict of Interest with Business Item 7.6 on the Agenda.

**4. DELEGATIONS - None**

**5. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - None**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION 29-337:**

**A. LAMBRUSCHINI – P. 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, November 27, 2023

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 27, 2023.

**Carried.**

**Matters Arising from Consent Agenda**

**RESOLUTION 29-338:**

**C. ANSARA – L. BERNIER**

1. **THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the change of classification for Kassandra-Anne Demers, Piano Academy to now fall under the Chiropractors Office category and will be updated as of January 1, 2024.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 29-339:**

**C. ANSARA – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

2. **THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve suggestions of Pam Morin for the movement of the signs and flashing lights at the Pedestrian bridge street crossing and using the trackless to move snow for the children to walk to school during winter months.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 29-340:**

**C. ANSARA – P. BERNIER**

3. **THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve a subsidy to the Chapleau Ski hill in the amount of \$14,000.00.

**Carried.**

4. Update to Garbage Truck – A verbal update on the delivery was provided.

**7. BUSINESS**

7.1 Service Award Presentation – Micheal Fortin, Firefighter – 25 Year Service

Clerk’s Note: Firefighter Fortin was awarded a certificate, pin and metal in recognition of 25 years of service. Coffee and treats were served after the close of Council business.

**RESOLUTION 29-341:**  
**L. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

7.2 2024 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings and Municipal Office Closings

**THAT** the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the 2024 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings and the Municipal Office Closings as amended.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 29-342:**  
**C. ANSARA - A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

7.3 **FONOM Conference Attendance** and Good Roads Conference Attendance

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the following members of Council and Staff to attend the FONOM Conference on May 6, 7, and 8, 2024;  
Ryan Bignucolo  
Judith Meyntz  
Réjean Raymond

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 29-343:**  
**L. BERNIER - C. ANSARA**

7.3a FONOM Conference Attendance and **Good Roads Conference Attendance**

**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;  
Ryan Bignucolo  
Judith Meyntz  
Réjean Raymond

**Carried.**

7.4 New Year News Release and Quarterly Newsletter

**Clerk note:** All residents will receive a newsletter via Canada Post to update and share all the changes that are happening within our community. A Year in Review will be the subject in the first issue.

**RESOLUTION 29-344:**

**L. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

7.5 OCWA Water and Wastewater Operational Report – July 1 to Sept. 30, 2023

**THAT** the Township of Chapleau does hereby accept the OCWA Water and Wastewater Operational Report – July 1 to Sept. 30, 2023 for information.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 29-345:**

**C. ANSARA - P. BERNIER**

7.6 Donation to Church for the use of linens

**THAT** the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve a donation to the Sacred Heart Parish in the amount of \$100.00 for the use of linens for our Christmas Party.

**Carried.**

**Note:** Councillor A. Lambruschini declared Conflict of Interest.

**RESOLUTION 29-346:**

**L. BERNIER – P. BERNIER**

7.7 Chapleau General Hospital donation request for Handi Transit Services

**THAT** the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the donation to the Chapleau General Hospital for the use of the Handi Transit Bus Services for a Christmas Lights tour on December 21, 2023 at approximately 7:30 pm.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 29-347:**

**A. LAMBRUSCHINI – L. BERNIER**

7.8 Request for Purchase of New Truck

**THAT** the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the purchase of a new 2023 Ford F150 truck from Northern Lights Ford Wawa and that funding for the new truck come from funding from the Capital Reserve;

**AND THAT** the Township approve the disposal of the 2008 Chevrolet VIN#1GCEC14X08Z293383 to either sell for parts or scrap the vehicle.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 29-348:**

**P. BERNIER – C. ANSARA**

7.9 Controller for Arena

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the acceptance of the proposal for the Chapleau Recreation Centre IQ Controller as per the Cimco Quote No. PMC220134 in the amount of \$108,000.00 plus HST;

**AND THAT** this represents an increase of \$2,000.00 for the Township over the amount placed in the 2023 budget of \$36,000.00.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 29-349:**

**L. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

7.10 2024 Insurance Renewal

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the renewal of insurance with our current vendor of in the amount of \$200,067.00 which represents an increase of \$2776.00 over 2023 premiums.

**Carried.**

8. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - None**

9. **RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 29-350:**

**C. ANSARA – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

9.1 By-law 2023-62, Being a By-law to provide for imposing upon owners or occupants of land a final 2024 Refuse Collection Rate.

**THAT** By-law Number 2023-62, being a By-law to provide for imposing upon owners or occupants of land a final 2024 Refuse Collection Rate representing a 0% increase be Read a First and Second time this 11th day of December, 2023;

**AND FURTHER** be Read a third time, passed and properly signed and sealed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 29-351:**

**P. BERNIER – L. BERNIER**

9.2 By-law 2023-63, Being a By-law to provide for the management, maintenance and regulations of the waterworks system and to fix the final 2024 rates for the use

**THAT** By-law Number 2023-63, being a By-law to provide for the management, maintenance and regulations of the waterworks system and to fix the final 2024 rates for the use representing a 0% increase and to add Item 27 on the By-Law to include :

*“No person, being an owner, tenant, occupant, or resident of any apartment, commercial or residential building supplied with water from the Municipal Water System, shall without consent of the Public Works Superintendent, lend, sell, or dispose of water, give water away, permit water to be taken or carried away, use or apply water to the use or benefit of another, or to any use and benefit other than the person’s own, or increase the supply of water. This shall include furnishing of water from one building connected to the Municipal Water System to another building.”*

be Read a First and Second time this 11th day of December, 2023;

**AND FURTHER** be Read a third time, passed and properly signed and sealed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 29-352:**

**A. LAMBRUSCHINI – P. BERNIER**

9.3 By-law 2023-64, Being a By-law to provide for imposing the final 2024 Sewage Service Rate upon owners or occupants of land who use sewage works

**THAT** By-law Number 2023-64, being a By-law to provide for imposing the final 2024 Sewage Service Rate upon owners or occupants of land who use sewage works representing a 0% increase be Read a First and Second time this 11th day of December, 2023;

**AND FURTHER** be Read a third time, passed and properly signed and sealed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 29-353:**

**C. ANSARA – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

9.4 By-law 2023-65, being a By-law to Establish Remuneration Rates for Members of Council

**THAT** By-law 2023-65, being a By-law to Establish Remuneration Rates for Members of Council be Read a First and Second time this 11th day of December, 2023;

**AND THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the recommendation to bring Council remuneration more in line with others in the AMCTO Zone 7 district;

**AND THAT** Council wishes to encourage others in the community to volunteer of their time to help lead the Township, and feels that an increase in the remuneration may encourage others to get involved;

**AND THAT** Council recognizes the increased revenue that has been generated in 2023 from various Council initiatives ensures that the conditions for the reduction in Council pay are no longer necessary to carry a balanced budget;

**AND THAT** Council recommends the adjustment of honourarium be backdated to October 1, 2023 when this item was first presented to Council for further review;

**AND FURTHERMORE, THAT** Council recommends the following monthly salaries for the positions detailed below:

Mayor	\$1,277.63
Deputy Mayor	\$879.67
Councillor	\$763.00

**AND FURTHER** be Read a third time, passed and properly signed and sealed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**Declined**

**Clerk note:** Further discussion regarding this By-Law will be brought forward to In-Camera discussion in January, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 29-354:**  
**L. BERNIER – C. ANSARA**

9.5 By-law 2023-66, being a By-law to Establish Fees and Charges for services provided by the Township of Chapleau.

**THAT** By-law Number 2023-66, being a By-law to Establish Fees and Charges for services provided by the Township of Chapleau be Read a First and Second time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023;

**AND FURTHER** be Read a third time, passed and properly signed and sealed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 29-355:**  
**P. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

9.6 Scope Change for Generator Projects at the Civic Centre and at the Recreation Arena

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the scope change form in the amount of \$16,000 plus HST for the Generator Projects at the Civic Centre and at the Recreation Arena to ensure that a site visit by the engineers is included in the design phase of the project;

**AND THAT** the review of shop drawings and commissioning will also be completed during the construction phase.

**Carried**

**Carried.**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**RESOLUTION 29-356:**

**C. ANSARA - A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

- A. Sault Area Hospitals email notifying of a new Radiation Therapy treatment equipment coming in the New Year dated November 28, 2023.
- B. FONOM Media Release dated December 4, 2023.
- C. FONOM Learning Opportunity for Municipal Elected Officials: Approaches to Homelessness and Encampments dated December 4, 2023.
- D. Chapleau General Hospital Foundation letter regarding donation dated November 25, 2023.

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau receives the Correspondence from the December 11, 2023 Council Agenda with no items extracted for discussion.

**Carried.**

**11. IN CAMERA – No Items**

**12. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**RESOLUTION 29-357:**

**L. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

**THAT** By-law No. 2023-67, being a confirmatory by-law for the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 11, 2023, be given a First, Second, Third and final reading and is passed as of this date.

**Carried.**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION 29-358:**

**C. ANSARA - P. BERNIER**

**WHEREAS** the business of the Meeting has concluded:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting be adjourned at 7:21 p.m. until the Regular Council meeting of Monday, January 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. or the call of the Chair.

**Carried.**

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Ryan Bignucolo                      Mayor

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Judith Meyntz                      CAO