



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY, April 15, 2024 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  
Alvin Brown, By-Law Officer  
Kim Jean, Executive Assistant

**Guests:** Chris Ciarrocca, OCWA (phone in)

**Attendees:** 11

**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, April 15, 2024 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 05-75:  
**C. ANSARA – L. BERNIER****

**WHEREAS** the Members of Council have been presented with an Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 15, 2024;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended.

Add: 11.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(b)*

- CAO Performance Review

11.4 A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(c)*

- HONI Sale

**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 Item 7.5 on the agenda.
- Councillor C. Ansara declared Conflict of Interest with Item 7.5 on the agenda.

### **4. DELEGATIONS**

4.1 Voluntary Public Health Mergers – Natalie Tessier

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby thank Natalie Tessier for her presentation and accepts the presentation for information.

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

#### **RESOLUTION 05-76:**

P. BERNIER – C. ANSARA

#### **Adjourn to Public Meeting Session**

**THAT** the Corporation of the Council of the Township of Chapleau move into Public Meeting Session on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:52 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

#### **Pam Morin - Various Topics**

**Summary:** Mrs. Morin requested updates pertaining to items that were brought forward at the last public meeting that was held in November, 2023. Follow up to items regarding crosswalk, security cameras, arena sound system, signs, etc. were acknowledged and timeline's were provided. New items with respect to a "safe area" for exchange of items being bought and sold on virtual sites and housing plans were addressed and mention of the new Chapleau Economic Development & Housing Corporation and their roll of assistance with such matters was discussed. Discussion was also had regarding Fire Permits and burn times. Further inquiry for daytime burn permits will be had with follow up in place. Lastly, Mrs. Morin was wondering what council's stand was on the "Northern Ontario Civilian Audits" that have taken place to which the Mayor responded that the individual conducting the audit could be more friendly and respectful.

**Gretchen Theakston – Various Topics**

**Summary:** Ms. Theakston asked if there was a plan in place to improve the towns infrastructure. The Operation Director informed her of the work that will be taking place on Dufferin, Elm, Maple and Teak Street. No work is schedule for the downtown area, at this time, as it’s too costly for the town even with grant assistance. **3.** Brief explanation on waterfront properties was provided. Follow up information will be emailed with link to MPAC. **4/5.** Advised that Mr. Brown was both the By-Law Officer and the Animal Control Officer. **6.** Questions regarding the cost of the new generators and the awarding of the contract were answered, advising the following: Back up power to the Township Office would be for emergency operations and the Community Centre would be providing emergency space and warming station. Two grants were obtained and 25% is township portion. The Contract was awarded to Maki Construction. **7.** Clean up day – All council will participate.

**Adjourn Public Meeting**

**Reconvene to Regular Meeting**

**RESOLUTION 05-77:**

**C. ANSARA – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau reconvene to Regular Meeting at 7:22 p.m.

**Carried.**

**5. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - None**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION 05-78:**

**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, March 18, 2024
  - 6.1.2 Regular Committee of Adjustment Minutes for Monday, March 18, 2024
  - 6.1.3 Regular Library Board Minutes for Wednesday, December 13, 2023
  - 6.1.4 Regular Library Board Minutes for Wednesday, February 14, 2024

**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, the Regular Committee of Adjustment Minutes for Monday, March 18, 2024, the Regular Library Board Minutes for Wednesday December 13, 2023 and Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

**Carried.**

7. **BUSINESS**  
**RESOLUTION 05-79:**  
**L. BERNIER – C. ANSARA**

7.1 OCWA’s Review of the 2024 Capital Budget

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby accept the report and presentation by OCWA on the 2024 Capital Budget items.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 05-80:**  
**A. LAMBRUSCHINI – P. BERNIER**

7.2 Street Signage – Cherry and Grey Streets

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receive the report on street signage for Cherry and Grey Streets by By-law Enforcement Officer Brown;

**AND THAT** the Council does adopt the proposed signage changes and ask direct staff to put the proposed signage in place.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 05-81:**  
**P. BERNIER – L. BERNIER**

7.3 Street Signage – Corner KwikMart

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receive the report on the Corner of the KwikMart by By-law Enforcement Officer Brown;

**AND THAT** the Council does adopt the proposed signage changes and ask direct staff to put the proposed signage in place.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 05-82:**  
**P. BERNIER – C. ANSARA**

7.4 Canada Day Budget Revision due to additional funding

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receive the report by Carole Ouellette, Leisure & Cultural Services Manager;

**AND THAT** the Council does approve the revised budget for a Municipal Contribution of \$6,825.00 which includes a purchase of \$7,500.00 for security fencing for the Beer Garden.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 05-83:**  
**L. BERNIER – P. BERNIER**

7.5 The Royal Canadian Legion request for Temporary Extension to Outdoor Patio Bar

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the request by The Royal Canadian Legion Harry Searle Branch #5 to operate a patio liquor license during the period of May 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024;

**AND FURTHERMORE, THAT** the Royal Canadian Legion will notify the Alcohol and Gaming Corporation of Ontario (AGCO) of the patio extension approval.

**Carried.**

Note: Councillors C. Ansara and A. Lambruschini both declared conflict

**RESOLUTION 05-84:**  
**C. ANSARA – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

7.6 École Secondaire Catholique Trillium – Grade 8 & 12 Bursary Request

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the request from École Secondaire Catholique Trillium for the following bursary:

Grade 12      \$100.00

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 05-85:**  
**P. BERNIER – C. ANSARA**

7.7 2023 OCWA Annual Report – Chapleau Lagoon

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receives the 2023 OCWA Annual Report – Chapleau Lagoon report for information.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 05-86:**  
**L. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

7.8 Aged Accounts Payable Update

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receives the Aged Accounts Payable Update from the Treasurer for information.

**Carried.**

**8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**RESOLUTION 05-87:**  
**P. BERNIER – C. ANSARA**

**THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receive for information the Accounts Payable listing in the amount of \$974,167.62 for the period ending April 4, 2024.

**Carried.**

**9. RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 05-88:**

**L. BERNIER – P. BERNIER**

- 9.1 By-law No. 2024-11, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO to execute a Provincial Gas Tax Transit Funding Agreement with respect to the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

**THAT** By-law Number 2024-11, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO to a Provincial Gas Tax Transit Funding Agreement with respect to the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program be Read a First and Second time this 15th day of April, 2024;

**AND FURTHER** be Read a third time, passed and properly signed and sealed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 05-89:**

**A. LAMBRUSCHINI – C. ANSARA**

- 9.2 law No. 2024-12, being a by-law to adopt a policy for procurement of goods and services for the Township of Chapleau.

**THAT** By-law Number 2024-12, being a by-law to adopt a policy for procurement of goods and services for the Township of Chapleau be Read a First and Second time this 15th day of April, 2024;

**AND FURTHER** be Read a third time, passed and properly signed and sealed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 05-90:**

**P. BERNIER – C. ANSARA**

- 9.3 By-law No. 2024-13 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO to execute a lease agreement between the Corporation and Hydro One.

**THAT** By-law Number 2024-13, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO to execute a lease agreement between the Corporation and Hydro One for the Chapleau Airport be Read a First and Second time this 15th day of April, 2024;

**AND FURTHER** be Read a third time, passed and properly signed and sealed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

**Carried.**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**RESOLUTION 05-91:**

**P. BERNIER – L. BERNIER**

- A. Inspection of the 2024-2025 Annual Work Schedule for Pineland Forest
- B. Inspection of the 2024-2025 Annual Work Schedule for Spanish Forest
- C. Inspection of the 2024-2025 Annual Work Schedule for White River, Nagagami and Missinaibi Forests
- D. City of St. Catharines resolution regarding increased funding for Museums and Libraries dated April 3, 2024.
- E. Town of Shelburne resolution to eradicate all forms of racism especially Islamophobia and antisemitism dated March 25, 2024.
- F. Township of Terrace Bay resolution regarding development of a Municipal Equipment Operator Training Course dated April 2, 2024.
- G. Township of Terrace Bay resolution supporting the Township of Amaranth to treat all municipalities fairly regarding operational budget funding dated April 2, 2024.
- H. Town of Lincoln resolution regarding the extension of Bill 23 Timelines regarding Heritage Registry Lists dated April 3, 2024.
- I. Town of Goderich resolution regarding improving Code of Conduct dated April 8, 2024.
- J. Town of Goderich resolution regarding review of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program dated April 10, 2024.
- K. Treasury Board Secretariat letter regarding the Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan.

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau receives the Correspondence from the April 15, 2024 Council Agenda with the Item K extracted for discussion:

- K. Treasury Board Secretariat letter regarding the Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan.

Clerk's Note: Staff are currently considering projects for this funding opportunity.

**Carried.**

**Matters Arising from Correspondence**

**11. IN CAMERA**

**RESOLUTION 05-92:**

**L. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

**Adjourn to In Camera Session**

**THAT** the Corporation of the Council of the Township of Chapleau move into In Camera Session on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7:43 p.m. for the following matters:

- 11.1 In Camera Session Meeting Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of March 18, 2024.
- 11.2 A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(k)*
  - 1 Item
- 11.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(b)*
  - CAO Performance Review
- 11.4 A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(c)*
  - HONI Sale

### **Reconvene to Regular Meeting**

**RESOLUTION 05-93:**  
**P. BERNIER – C. ANSARA**

**THAT** this meeting be reconvened to a Regular Meeting at 8:29 p.m.

**Carried.**

### **Matters Arising from In Camera Session**

**RESOLUTION 05-94:**  
**C. ANSARA – L. BERNIER**

- 11.1 In Camera Session Meeting Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of March 18, 2024.

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the In-Camera Minutes for March 18, 2024 as presented.

**Carried.**

**RESOLUTION 05-95:**  
**A. LAMBRUSCHINI – C. ANSARA**

- 11.2 A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(k)*
  - Chapleau Cree FN – Transmission Line Discussion & Wahbun Tribal Council

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby support the letter presented by Mayor Ryan Bignucolo regarding support for the Transmission Line



linking the Porcupine to Wawa, with the stipulation that the First Nations listed below are included with equal representation:

- Chapleau Cree First Nation
- Brunswick House First Nation
- Chapleau Ojibwe First Nation
- Missanabi Cree First Nation
- Michipicoten First Nation

**RESOLUTION 05-96:**

**P. BERNIER – L. BERNIER**

11.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(b)*

- CAO Performance Review

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve a step increase in salary for the CAO Meyntz based on the completion of the nine-month performance review as of the current pay period.

**Carried.**

**12. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**RESOLUTION 05-97:**

**C. ANSARA – L. BERNIER**

**THAT** By-law No. 2024-14, being a confirmatory by-law for the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 15, 2024 be given a First, Second, Third and final reading and is passed as of this date.

**Carried.**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION 05-98:**

**P. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting be adjourned at 8:39 p.m. until the Regular Council meeting of Monday, April 29, 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