



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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
Les Jones, Treasurer
Carole Ouellette, Leisure & Cultural Services Manager
Sam St. Amand, Public Works Manager

Guests: 1 – Benjamin Koczowski

Attendees: 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 25, 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 19-292:
A. LAMBRUSCHINI – L. BERNIER

WHEREAS the Members of Council have been presented with an Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 25, 2024;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

Add: Item 7.8 Chapleau Beer Store Update

Carried.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

**4. ASSET MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION
P. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receive the presentation and report on the 2025 Asset Management Plan and thanks Benjamin Koczowski for this presentation.

Carried.

5. PUBLIC MEETING

**RESOLUTION 19-293:
L. BERNIER – C. ANSARA**

Adjourn to Committee of the Whole

THAT the Corporation of the Council of the Township of Chapleau move into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting on Monday, November 25, 2024 at 7:16 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

Pam Morin - Various Topics

1. Pedestrian walk – flashing light, electricity put in 2025.
2. Sound system and scoreboard - 2025
3. Security cameras installed
4. The paving repairs appreciated.
5. Library book bingo – great event. More ideas contact Library Board
6. Accessibility on the main street – AODA Regulations – will check
7. Trades People to our community – Economic Development started
8. Hydro One contest winners – Since meeting Hydro One has published
9. Chapleau merchandise - Yes

Pauline Cloutier

- 1) Green dump trucks – CPKC
- 2) CPR dumping contaminated soil in the Chapleau Dump – Yes, explained process
- 3) Cameras active – yes video only
- 4) Chapleau Airport – not sold
- 5) Chapleau Hydro funds – Council wanted to see Asset Management Plan

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

**RESOLUTION 19-294:
P. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau reconvene to Regular Meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Carried.

5. **COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT** - None

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
RESOLUTION 19-295:
L. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI

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 4, 2024

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 4, 2024,

Carried.

7. **BUSINESS**
RESOLUTION 19-296:
L. BERNIER – P. BERNIER

- 7.1 2024 Budget Variance Report for 3rd Quarter Results

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receive the 2024 Budget Variance Report for the 3rd Quarter Results from Les Jones, Treasurer.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-297:
P. BERNEIR – C. ANSARA

- 7.2 Declaration of Surplus Equipment and Vehicles

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve declaring the Rescue 2 (Ambulance) and the 19 Chairs as surplus on November 25, 2024;

AND THAT Council directs staff to remove the emergency lighting for use on other vehicles and to remove any markings that identify the Ambulance as part of the Township of Chapleau and either sell or scrap the above items.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-298:
C. ANSARA – L. BERNIER

- 7.3 JJAM FM Christmas Message for 2024

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the purchase of the JJAM FM Radio Ads – Christmas Package “A” for \$130.00 plus HST;

AND THAT Council chose to go with message # 3.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-299:

A. LAMBRUSCHINI – C. ANSARA

7.4 Request for Bunker Gear for New Firefighter Recruits

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the request from the Fire Chief Jon McEachren for the purchase of 2 complete kits of bunker gear at the cost of \$8,128.00 plus HST;

Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-300:

L. BERNIER – C. ANSARA

7.5 OCWA Q3 Report – 2024

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receive the third quarter report for 2024 from OCWA.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-301:

L. BERNIER – P. BERNIER

7.6 2025 Schedule of Regular Meetings of Council, Municipal Office Hours & Closings

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the Schedule of Regular Meetings of Council, and the Municipal Office Hours and Closings for 2025 with the following changes:

April 21st - Easter Monday

Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-302:

L. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI

7.7 Solutions for Addressing the Aged Accounts for Utilities (such as Water, Wastewater, Refuse)

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve a penalty for providing water to a residence that has been disconnected due to non-payment of account;

AND THAT Council does approve the penalty of \$1,000.00 for the offence;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT if unpaid, Council further directs to apply the fine to the tax account of the resident who violates this by-law once passed and approved by the Ontario Court of Justice.

Carried.

7.8 Chapleau Beer Store Update

Clerk's Note: The CAO Meyntz provided an update to the Beer Store closing.

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

RESOLUTION 19-303:

P. BERNIER – L. BERNIER

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chapleau does hereby receive for information the Accounts Payable listing in the amount of \$557,015.49 for the period ending November 18, 2024.

Carried.

9. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 19-304:

C. ANSARA – A. LAMBRUSCHINI

9.1 By-law 2024-40, being a By-law to establish Fees and Charges for Services provided by the Township of Chapleau.

THAT By-law Number 2024-40, Being a By-Law to establish Fees and Charges for Services provided by the Township of Chapleau be read a first and second time on this day 25th of November, 2024;

AND FURTHER be Read a third time, passed and properly signed and sealed this 25th day of November, 2024.

Carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 19-305:

P. BERNIER – A. LAMBRUSCHINI

- A. Town of Midland letter to Premier Ford regarding resolution for Sustainable Funding for Small Urban Municipalities dated November 7, 2024.
- B. Township of Horton resolution regarding Sustainable Funding for Small Rural Municipalities dated November 5, 2024.
- C. Municipality of Leamington letter to Premier Ford regarding resolution for OPP Detachment Billing Increases dated November 14, 2024.
- D. King Township letter to Prime Minister and Premier regarding resolution request of Redistribution of Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding dated November 18, 2024.

- E. Township of Terrace Bay letter to Minister of Health regarding resolution for Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues dated November 19, 2024.
- F. Township of Russell resolution regarding request for Redistribution of Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding dated October 28, 2024.
- G. NOMA letter of support for Billy Bishop Airport dated October 7, 2024.
- H. Township of Terrace Bay resolution of support regarding Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program dated November 19, 2024.
- I. Town of Aurora member motion request of Redistribution of Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding dated November 5, 2024.
- J. Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh letter to Premier Ford regarding resolution for Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program dated November 19, 2024.
- K. Township of Essa resolution regarding fair share of Provincial and Federal Government Financial Support dated November 21, 2024.
- L. Municipality of Wawa resolution regarding the Ontario Building Code dated November 19, 2024.

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau receives the Correspondence from the November 25th, 2024 Council Agenda with no items extracted for discussion:

Carried.

Matters Arising from Correspondence

11. IN CAMERA

Adjourn to In Camera Session

RESOLUTION 19-306:

C. ANSARA – P. BERNIER

THAT the Corporation of the Council of the Township of Chapleau move into In Camera Session on Monday, November 25, 2024 at 8:42 p.m. for the following matters:

- 11.1 In Camera Session Meeting Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of November 4, 2024. *
- 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
 - CPUC Retiree Benefits
 - Staff levels for 2025
 - Salary Steps for Fire Chief

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

RESOLUTION 19-307:

C. ANSARA – A. LAMBRUSCHINI

THAT this meeting be reconvened to a Regular Meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Carried.

Matters Arising from In Camera Session

RESOLUTION 19-308:

C. ANSARA – L. BERNIER

11.1 In Camera Session Meeting Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of November 4, 2024.

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby approve the In-Camera Minutes for November 4, 2024 as presented.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-309:

C. ANSARA – L. BERNIER

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

CPUC Retirees Benefits

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby accept the report entitled CPUC Retirees Benefits for information;

AND THAT the Council does hereby approve purchasing these Insurance Benefits on behalf of the Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation retirees;

AND WHEREAS Council agrees to offer the early buy-out option for Life Insurance benefits to all four retirees;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT the funds to pay these Retiree Benefits will come out of the receivables from the closure of the CPUC and the money to be held separately for seven (7 years) by the Township of Chapleau account until such time that the Township of Chapleau will take over the payment burden.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-310:

L. BERNIER – C. ANSARA

11.2a Salary Steps for Fire Chief

THAT the Council of the Township of Chapleau does approve the four steps of salary for the Fire Chief as directed in the Salary Steps for Fire Chief Report in the In Camera meeting;

AND THAT the steps be included on the Salary Grid for non-Union staff.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-311:
P. BERNIER – C. ANSARA

11.2b **THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau is concerned about the resources necessary to maintain equipment based on the Asset Management Plan;

AND WHEREAS Council wants to provide staff with the tools and resources necessary to keep up with the maintenance of the assets of the Township;

AND THEREFORE, THAT Council does hereby approve the addition of one permanent full-time Operator II to be hired to the compliment of staff within the Public Works Department.

Carried.

12. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

RESOLUTION 19-312:
C. ANSARA – P. BERNIER

THAT By-law No. 2024-41, being a confirmatory by-law for the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 25, 2024 be given a First, Second, Third and final reading and is passed as of this date.

Carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 19-313:
C. ANSARA – L. BERNIER

WHEREAS the business of the Meeting has concluded:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:14 p.m. until the Regular Council meeting of Monday, December 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. or the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Ryan Bignucolo Mayor

Judith Meyntz CAO