



SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.  
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE BOARDROOM

**Attendance:**

**Council:** Mayor Ryan Bignucolo

Councillor Cathy Ansara  
Councillor Paul Bernier  
Councillor Alex Lambruschini

**Excused Absence:** Deputy Mayor L. Bernier

**Staff:** Judith Meyntz, CAO  
Les Jones, Treasurer  
Rejean Raymond, Operations Director  
Sam St. Amand, Public Works Manager  
Carole Ouellette, Leisure & Cultural Services Manager

**Guests:** Antoinette Blunt, Ironside Consulting  
John Hart, Ritchie Ketcheson Hart & Biggart LLP

**Attendees:** 12

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chapleau does hereby call the Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 18, 2025 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 03-43:  
P. BERNIER - C. ANSARA**

WHEREAS the Members of Council have been presented with an Agenda for the Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 18, 2025;

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 and none was declared.

4. **RESOLUTION**  
**RESOLUTION 03-44:**  
**P. BERNIER, A. LAMBRUSCHINI**

THAT Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby appoint Mayor Ryan Bignucolo to work with staff on the upcoming budget preparations, including providing recommendations for actions for consideration by Council.

Carried.

5. **TRAINING SESSION FOR COUNCIL AND STAFF**

4.1 Introduction to Presenters: Antoinette Blunt, Integrity Commissioner and John Hart, Ritchie Ketcheson Hart & Biggart LLP

John Hart:

- Role of Council
- Role of Mayor
- Role of Staff
- What is Conflict of Interest
- Who declares a Conflict of Interest?
- How to Avoid COI in Bidding Processes
- What about sub-contractors

Antoinette Blunt

- How does Council provide direction to staff?

4.2 Questions from Staff and/or Council related to training session items  
**Clerk's Note:** Mayor Bignucolo also permitted questions from the public

12. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**  
**RESOLUTION 03-45:**  
**A. LAMBRUSCHINI - P. BERNIER**

THAT By-law No. 2025-12, being a confirmatory by-law for the Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 18, 2025, be given a First, Second, Third and final reading and is passed as of this date.

Carried

13. **ADJOURNMENT**  
**RESOLUTION 03-46:**  
**C. ANSARA – P. BERNIER**

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting be adjourned at 8:01 p.m. until the Regular Council meeting of Monday, February 24, 2025 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