

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 18 September, 2024 at 10:35 a.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Wednesday 18 September, 2024 at 10:35 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

The following members of Council were present:

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| Mayor | Anne Giardini |
| Deputy Mayor | Brenda Blimkie |
| Councillor | Gary McAnulty |
| Councillor | John Hoyle |

Absent:
Councillor Bruce Boucher

Also present:
Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk Sherry Batten
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Tammy Whalen

CLOSED SESSION - was moved to the beginning of the Council meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 239 (b and f) of the Municipal Act, c.25 S.O. 2001 as amended as the subject matter being considered is (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED Resolution 172-24

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does now move out of closed session to rise and report.

CARRIED Resolution 173 -24

Rise and Report: Discussions was on solicitor advice and identifiable persons.

II. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor McAnulty declared a pecuniary interest to Unfinished Business Item (a) Resolution Circular Materials – Baggs Road and New Business Item (c) – Chalk River Replacement Signage on Highway 17. He has deemed or indirect conflict of interest 2214521 Ontario Ltd operating as P&G Pumping currently provides recycling service for the Town of Laurentia Hills. He has deemed or indirect conflict of interest as he is the owner of a numbered company 2214521 Ontario Ltd operating as P&G Pumping. He provides services to contractors who work at CNL facilities. However, his participation is permitted pursuant to the Order of Justice Jaye Hooper dated 12 December, 2023.

Mayor Giardini declared a pecuniary interest to New Business item (c) Chalk River Replacement Signage on Highway 17. She has deemed or indirect conflict of interest on the above noted matter as she is a retiree from CNL and receives a pension from CNL and she has a son and daughter employed with CNL. However, her participation is permitted pursuant to the Order of Justice Jaye Hooper dated 12 December, 2023.

Deputy Mayor Blimkie declared a pecuniary interest to New Business item (c) Chalk River Replacement Signage on Highway 17. She has a deemed or indirect conflict of interest on the above noted matter as she is a retiree and former employee of CNL. She receives a pension from CNL and her son-in-law is currently employed a CNL. However, her participation is permitted pursuant to the Order of Justice Jaye Hooper dated 12 December, 2023.

Councillor Hoyle declared a pecuniary interest to New Business item (c) Chalk River Replacement Signage on Highway 17. He has deemed or indirect conflict of interest as he is currently employed at CNL. However, his participation is permitted pursuant to the Order of Justice Jaye Hooper dated 12 December, 2023.

III. **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS** - None

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 17 July, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 174-24

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting of 4 September, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 175-24

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Protection to Persons and Property of 17 July, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 176 -24

(b) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Public Works of 17 July, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 177-24

(c) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Community and Social Services of 17 July, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 178-24

(d) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Finance and Personnel of 17 July, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 179 -24

VI. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

VII. OTHER REPORTS - None

VIII. MAYOR'S UPDATE – The Mayor reported that from August to September she attended the following. August 2 - Groundbreaking ceremony for DRDH's New Long term Care Home. August 12 - OPP Detachment Board Information Session. August 14 - RCHC and Community Services Committee Meeting. August 15 - RC Finance and Administration Committee Meeting August 28 - County Council Meeting. September 5 - National Security and Emergency Preparedness Roundtable hosted by MP Gallant. September 10 - RCHC and Community Services Committee meeting. Ontario East Municipal Conference in Ottawa. September 16 - Finance and Administration Committee Meeting.

IX. BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT By-Law No. 31-24 being a By-Law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Charles Rogerson and Tammie Koradi do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 180-24

X. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

- (a) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council does acknowledge receipt of the unaudited statement of revenues and expenses as compared to budget as of 6 September, 2024.

CARRIED Resolution 181-24

XI. PETITIONS - None

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

ACTION ITEMS

- (a) Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the resolution from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding the implementation of a province wide long-service medals for paramedics and police modelled after the existing Ontario Fire Services Long Service Medal be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 182-24

- (b) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the resolution from the Township of Schreiber regarding the Federal and Provincial Governments providing much needed financial assistance to assist with their mandated regulations and required upgrades to accommodate such regulations be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 183-24

- (c) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the resolution from the Renfrew County and District Health Unit regarding the continuation of cross-provincial infectious disease wastewater surveillance and modernized case and contact management software be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 184 -24

- (d) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the resolution from the Municipality of Callander, Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, and Municipality of Mattawan requesting the Premier to immediately resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 185-24

- (e) Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the resolution from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution campaign on physician shortages be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 186-24

- (f) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the resolution from the Township of Limerick, Lake of Bays and Puslinch requesting for royal assent of Administrative monetary penalty system in the Ontario Building Code Act be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 187-24

- (g) Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the resolution from West Nipissing Ouest regarding seeking support for the Champlain Bridge rehabilitation be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 188-24

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

- (h) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the resolution from the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley for the Federal Government to roll back and review emission standards for emergency vehicles be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 189-24

- (i) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the resolution from the Township of Bonnechere Valley requesting the Federal and Provincial governments to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 190-24

- (j) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the resolution from the City of Stratford and the County of Prince Edward requesting the Provincial Government to create and enforce AODA standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and building be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 191-24

- (k) Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the resolution from the Township of Stirling Rawdon requesting the Provincial Government to update the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996 to reflect the inflation rates since the inception of the Act be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 192-24

- (l) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the resolution from the City of Toronto, Town of Fort Erie and the City of Orillia requesting the Provincial Government to pay fair wages to family physicians and lessen the undue administrative burden the provincial government imposes on family doctors be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 193-24

- (m) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the resolution from the Town of Rainy River calling for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to update the Municipal Elections Act (MEA) ahead of the 2026 municipal elections in accordance with the priority recommendations outlined by the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and to continue to review and rewrite the MEA with the AMCTO's longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 194-24

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT all items of correspondence be filed.

CARRIED Resolution 195-24

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (a) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

WHEREAS the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) directed the transition of the Blue Box Program to full producer responsibility and issued new Blue Box regulations to implement full producer responsibility.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Cont'd)

AND WHEREAS Regulation 391/21 Blue Box under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 makes producers that supply packaging and paper to Ontario consumers financially and operationally responsible for their products and packaging at the end of life.

AND WHEREAS under the new regulatory framework municipalities transferred responsibility of their Blue Box programs to producers on July 1, 2023 and by December 31, 2025, producers will be fully responsible for providing Blue Box services provincewide.

AND WHEREAS the Town of Laurentian Hills will be transitioning to the full producer responsibility program for curb side pick-up for eligible sources on July 15, 2025.

AND WHEREAS the new program does not include funding for the collection, hauling and processing of recycling materials from the convenience depot located at the Baggs Road landfill.

NOW THEREFORE be it hereby resolved that this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills recommends that with the transitioning to the new program that recycling materials no longer be accepted at the Baggs Road landfill and that Town staff work with the Town of Deep River to implement the closure of and advertising of the discontinuance of the convenience depot.

CARRIED Resolution 196-24

- (b) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills approves the request of the Renfrew County ATV Club to install trail ID signage on the Town owned portion of Wylie Road to the intersection of the Bronson Road and on the Town owned portion of the Bronson Road subject to the Public Works Superintendent approving the location of all the signage.

CARRIED Resolution 197-24

- (c) Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills directs that all requests to purchase Town property be held in abeyance until such time that the Town develops and adopts a transparent and comprehensive policy for the Sale and Disposition of lands that are not deemed to be road allowances.

CARRIED Resolution 198-24

- (d) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills authorizes the closure of the municipal office at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday September 26, 2024 to allow staff to attend the County of Renfrew Municipal Day information session from 3-5 p.m.

CARRIED Resolution 199-24

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills having been provided with correspondence and communications between the Chalk River Legion, St. Anthony's Catholic School and the OPP, indicating no objections to the relocation of a No ATV sign does approve Public Works relocating the sign to the west side of the Legion property entranceway as soon as possible.

CARRIED Resolution 200-24

- (b) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hill does approve sponsorship and participation in the 17th Annual Victim Services Golf Tournament.

DEFEATED Resolution 201-24

NEW BUSINESS Cont'd)

- (c) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT this Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills accepts a donation of two highway signs from CNL to replace the aged Welcome to Chalk River signs and directs staff to collaborate on the replacements.

CARRIED Resolution 202-24

- (d) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the correspondence from Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility regarding nominations for the Ontario Senior Achievement Award be received.

CARRIED Resolution 203-24

- (e) Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills directs staff to work with the County of Renfrew to implement automated speed enforcement in the school zone at St. Anthony's Catholic School in Chalk River.

TABLED to October Resolution 204-24

- (f) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills authorizes Councillor members to attend the Labour Market Planning Session for Municipal Government Leaders in Renfrew and Lanark Counties to be held at the Best Western Pembroke Inn on October 10, 2024.

CARRIED Resolution 205-24

- (g) Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT this Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills declines the request from Jill Hickey dated September 9, 2024 for the purchase of Byng Avenue located in Mountainview Subdivision.

CARRIED Resolution 206-24

- (h) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does authorize that the Committee and Council meetings scheduled to be held on Wednesday November 20th be rescheduled to be held on Thursday November 21st, 2024.

CARRIED Resolution 207-24

XV. CLOSED SESSION – Yes (Closed session was moved to the start of Council)

XVI. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION - None

XVII. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT By-Law No. 32-24 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills meeting of Council held on September 18, 2024 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 208-24

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn at 11:52 a.m.

CARRIED Resolution 209-24

MAYOR

CLERK