

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 18 December, 2024 at 10:13 a.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Wednesday 18 December, 2024 at 10:13 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

The following members of Council were present:

Mayor	Anne Giardini
Councillor	Bruce Boucher
Councillor	Gary McAnulty
Councillor	John Hoyle

**Absent:**

Deputy Mayor	Brenda Blimkie
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**Also present:**

Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk	Sherry Batten
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk	Tammy Whalen

**CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 239 (2) (b) (c) and (k) 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, (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and (k) 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. 2001, c. 25, s. 239 (2); 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 26.

**CARRIED** Resolution 257-24

Moved by Councillor McAnulty  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

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 258-24

Rise and Report – Discussions were on identifiable persons, disposition of land and negotiations on behalf of the Town.

II. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

III. **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

IV. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 21 November, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 259-24

V. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (a) Moved by Councillor Hoyle  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Protection to Persons and Property of 21 November 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 260-24

- (b) Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Public Works of 21 November 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 261-24

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (Cont'd)**

- (c) Moved by Councillor McAnulty  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Community and Social Services of 21 November 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 262-24

- (d) Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Finance and Personnel of 21 November 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 263-24

**VI. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**VII. OTHER REPORTS** - None

**VIII. MAYOR'S UPDATE** – The Mayor reported that on November 27 she attended County Council Meeting; on the 29 she attended a Medical Recruitment Meeting #2 at DRDH with Mayors D'Eon, Grills, Serviss and CEO Janna Hotson; on December 6 she attended a Christmas Tree Lighting and singing of Christmas Carols at NRLTC. LH's donated tree was beautiful! On December 10 she attended County Council Inaugural Council Meeting where Peter Emon was once again voted in as the Warden for 2025. He defeated Mayor Rob Weir of Greater Madawaska. Many former wardens and current mayors were in attendance.

**IX. BY-LAWS**

Moved by Councillor Hoyle  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT By-Law No. 37-24 being a By-Law to provide for the borrowing of money to meet the 2025 expenditures for the Town do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 264-24

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT By-Law No. 38-24 being a By-Law to provide for an interim tax levy do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 265-24

**X. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS**

- (a) Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

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

**CARRIED** Resolution 266-24

**XI. PETITIONS** - None

**XII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

THAT the resolution from the Municipality of St. Charles supporting the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding the adoption and implementation of a deposit-and-return system for non-alcoholic beverages be endorsed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 267-24

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

THAT the resolution from the City of Guelph requesting the Province to amend section 9 of the Ontario Regulation 584/06 Fees and Charges under the Municipal Act to give the power to municipalities to charge fees to for-profit utilities for the use of public property be endorsed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 268-24

**ACTION ITEMS** (Cont'd)

- (c) Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the request from Amanda Murphy to allow a Santa Claus Parade in the Village of Chalk River on December 21, 2024 at 5:30 that will travel on Main Street, Railway Street, Quebec Street, Church Street, Wilson Street, Meeker Street, Joseph Street, George Street, Legion Street and Townline Road be approved.

**CARRIED** Resolution 269-24

- (d) Moved by Councillor Hoyle  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the resolution from the Town of Deep River requesting the Province to amend the Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling materials from all sources be endorsed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 270-24

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Moved by Councillor Hoyle  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT all items of correspondence be filed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 271-24

**XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Moved by Councillor Hoyle  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

**THAT** this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills recognizes that the Canada postal strike caused national disruption to mail delivery services including the delivery of the Town's water and sewer billings.

**Now therefore** this Council authorizes the waiving of the penalty and interest fees as outlined in By-Law 01-23 for the month of January 2025.

**CARRIED** Resolution 272-24

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does approve a safety equipment allowance for boots and hard hats for all full-time employees in the building department and that the allowance be in accordance with the Safety Equipment policy for the full-time public works employees.

**CARRIED** Resolution 273-24

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS** - None

**XV. CLOSED SESSION** – As per the published agenda - held at the beginning of the meeting.

**XVI. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION** - None

**XVII. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Moved by Councillor Hoyle  
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT By-Law No. 39-24 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills meeting held on December 18, 2024 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 274-24

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn at 11:08 a.m.

**CARRIED** Resolution 275-24

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**