

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 17 July, 2024 at 10:31 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Wednesday 17 July, 2024 at 10:31 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

The following members of Council were present:

Mayor	Anne Giardini
Deputy Mayor	Brenda Blimkie
Councillor	Bruce Boucher
Councillor	Gary McAnulty
Councillor	John Hoyle

Also present:

Treasurer/Deputy Clerk	Tammy Whalen
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Absent:

Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk	Sherry Batten
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- II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

- III. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS** - None

- IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 19 June, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 150-24

- V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Protection to Persons and Property of 19 June, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 151-24

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Public Works of 19 June 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 152-24

- (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 19 June, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 153-24

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Finance and Personnel of 19 June, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 154-24

- VI. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** - None

- VII. OTHER REPORTS** - None

- VIII. MAYOR'S UPDATE** – The Mayor reported that on June 20 she attended an Airport Commission meeting; on the 22 she attended the Minor Ball Program Year-End Tournament at the Charlene McGillis Memorial Ball Field; on the 23 she went to the RBWM Historical Society Strawberry Tea; on the 26 she attended a Renfrew County Council Meeting; on the 27 she attended an Environmental Stewardship Committee Meeting; and on July 3 the CAO Sherry Batten and I hosted Mayor Neil Nicholson and CAO Ivan Burton from Whitewater Region on a number of topics of interest to them.

IX. BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT By-Law No. 27-24 being a By-Law to authorize the signing of an Agreement with PSD Citywide do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 155-24

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT By-Law No. 28-24 being a By-Law to authorize the extension of an agreement for CBO services do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 156-24

X. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

(a) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT this Council does acknowledge receipt of the unaudited statement of revenues and expenses as compared to budget as of 9 July, 2024.

CARRIED Resolution 157-24

XI. PETITIONS - None

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

ACTION ITEMS

(a) Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the resolution from the Town of Cobalt supporting the Township of Harley, Coleman Township, Township of Larder Lake, Township of Casey, Township of Hudson, and the Township of Kerns requesting the Provincial Government to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete their Asset Retirement Obligation be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 158-24

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

WHEREAS Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both new growth related infrastructure and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including local roads and bridges, clean water, wastewater, waste facilities, and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has calculated that Municipal Governments across Canada are responsible for approximately 60 percent of public infrastructure that supports our economy and quality of life, but only receive 10 cents of every tax dollar; and

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) region's capital infrastructure deficit has increased by 58 percent since 2011 and is now at \$6 billion, and growing; and

WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario Government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop and fully fund capital asset management plans by July 2025; and

WHEREAS the EOWC has released a regional Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper showing key infrastructure data, opportunities and challenges in small rural municipalities across Eastern Ontario; and

WHEREAS Eastern Ontario is a growing economy that can grow more with sustainable, innovative infrastructure partnership and investment from the Federal and Ontario Governments; and

WHEREAS the infrastructure deficit for small rural municipalities cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue, restricted municipal borrowing capacity, and municipalities limited ability to generate revenue; and

WHEREAS small rural taxpayers cannot afford dramatic increases to pay for the current and future infrastructure.

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Laurentian Hills joins the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the Federal and Ontario Governments to immediately and sustainably partner with Municipal Governments by investing in both the new and ongoing maintenance and repairs of municipal infrastructure in Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities; and

THAT the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately review data and work together to implement solutions based on the EOWC's Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper in partnership with small rural municipalities; and

FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs; The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance; The Honourable Prabmeet Sakaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation; The Honourable Victor Fedeli, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; MPP John Yakabuski, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Rural Ontario Municipal Association; Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

CARRIED Resolution 159-24

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

THAT the resolution from the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan requesting that all levels of government enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage and the use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer after market or Underwriter Laboratories Canada certified lithium-ion batteries be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 160-24

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

THAT the resolution from the Township of Terrace Bay requesting that the Ontario Government immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 161-24

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT all items of correspondence be filed.

CARRIED Resolution 162-24

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills approves the installation of advance truck turning signage on the left and right hand sides of the Wylie Road, subject to the Public Works Superintendent approval of the final location.

CARRIED Resolution 163 -24

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Cont'd)

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

WHEREAS O.Reg 588/17 requires municipalities to develop an Asset Management Plan (AMP) in three stages;

AND WHEREAS the municipality did enter into an agreement with PSD Citywide Inc. to assist with the development of Phase III which is estimated to take approximately 12 months;

AND WHEREAS in order for the municipality to comply with the 2025 Phase III requirements of the AMP development, the project needs to be implemented in 2024;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills approves the amount of \$15,458.30 (plus applicable taxes) for the anticipated project expenditures that will be incurred in 2024;

AND FURTHER that the funds for the unbudgeted project be allocated from the 2024 General Government unallocated funds budget.

CARRIED Resolution 164-24

XIV. NEW BUSINESS - None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 239 (2) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED Resolution 165-24

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

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 166-24

Rise and Report – The Mayor reported that the discussion was on an identifiable individual.

XVI. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION – Councillor Boucher gave notice that he would like to bring back a discussion on the use of the auditorium.

XVII. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT By-Law No. 29-24 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills meeting of Council held on July 17, 2024 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 167-24

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 11:04 a.m.

CARRIED Resolution 168-24

MAYOR

CLERK