



Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 10th 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers and via electronic attendance, Virginiatown, Ontario.

## **PRESENT:**

MAYOR:

Matt Reimer

**COUNCILLORS:** 

Councillor Louanne Caza Councillor Wendy K. Weller Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft Councillor Bonita Culhane

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

**CLERK-TREASURER:** 

Karine Pelletier

**AUDIENCE:** 

11 Members of the Public

- 1. Opening of Regular Meeting by the Head of Council / Ouverture de la reunion par le Maire.
- 2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda/Ajouts/Suppression/Adoption de l'ordre du jour.

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Louanne Caza

300/2020

Agenda

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 10th, 2020 be adopted as presented with additions #13 (c) Library

Carried

- 3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest / Déclaration de conflit d'intérêt
  - Councillor Louanne Caza declared a conflict of interest on Agenda #9 (h)
  - Mayor Matt Reimer declared a conflict of interest on Agenda #12 a) and on 13 a)
- 4. Minutes of Previous Meetings / Procès-verbal des reunions précédente

a) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Wendy Weller

301/2020 **Minutes** 

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 13th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

b) Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Louanne Caza

302/2020 Minutes Special

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on October 17th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

- 5. Matters arising from the minutes / Affaires découlant du process-verbal.: None
- 6. Deputation / Délégations : None
- 7. Correspondence, Information / Correspondance, Information
  - a) AMO Addition Funding for Broadband
  - b) Ministry of Finance -OMPF
  - c) AMO Standards of care in Long-Term Care Homes
- 8. Council Reports / Rapports du Conseil

### Councillor Bonita Culhane

### Fire Department

- Monthly training and practice sessions are ongoing
- Recommendation for Safety during this pandemic are being followed.
- Thank you to the Firefighers for giving their time to keep the children safe and delivering treats to home of all who registered.
- Reminder: When driving and see a flashing green light pull right. It will be a volunteer fireperson that is on their way to answer a call. The house they are rushing to save may be your home

# **Public Works**

- Winter arrived after a short spell. Snow may have disapeared but it will definetely return. Reminder: We do have a snow By-Law in place and are now in November so no overnight parking on the streets.
- If you notice low water pressure please note that water flushing is taking place let your taps run to clear water flow if you notice discoluration (Brown or cloudy water). Sorry if any resident was inconvinienced. Enjoy the weather and do not put the shovels to far from reach.

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft: No report

## Councillor Wendy K. Weller

### Property By-Law Committee

Good Evening . Update on Property Standards to date – 7 complaints are completed –
 6 complaints are being completed.

# Clean and Clear Committee

- 2 complaints are being completed. Winter Parking By-Law extension was given by the By-Law Officer not under our control.
- If a resident have a complaint, please come to the Municipal Office and fill out a proper form so it can be directed to the right Committee or to the Town Clerk.
- I was informed in the past two weeks by Municipal Affairs that a request must be sent into Council and Council can then approve a resolution to allow this Committee to work on amending out dated By-Laws. The Committee is asking council to pass a resolution so the Committee can work with the Clerk on amending the Animal Control By-Law and the Schedule. Also the Committee would also like to ask Council to approve the Clerks report on resuming meetings online and over the phone so the public can attend and the Committee is transparent.
- There is two openings for the public to sit on this Committee, forms are available at the Township Office.

#### Councillor Louanne Caza

#### Recreation

- I would like to thank everyone that participated in the Halloween decorating contest put on by the Recreation Committee. There was a great job done by all.
- The winners were:

1st Place in Virginiatown:

Albert Bordin and Helen Effenberger

2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Virginiatown:

Sharon & Daryl Baynton

3rd Place in Virginiatown:

Evelyn Smith and Don Jensen

1st Place in North Virginiatown:

Kevin and Janey Charlton

2<sup>nd</sup> Place in North Virginiatown: 3rd Place in North Virginiatown:

Brandon and Taylor White Sylvain and Josée Plante

1st Place in Kearns:

Brian and Rhonda Driver

2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Kearns:

Danny and Julie Begin

3rd Place in Kearns:

Margaret and Roy Baker

### **Mayor Matt Reimer**

-The Mayor announced that the Senior Training to gain more knowledge with technology is underway and there will be another session starting in January 2021 and it is all taken place from their own residence.

#### 9. New Business:

Councillor Louanne Caza declared a Conflict of Interest on item #9 a) Christmas hours for Public Works.

a) Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy Weller

303/2020 Holiday Hours

THAT Council has received and approved the memo from the Clerk-Treasurer in respect to Christmas hours of operations for the Municipal office and Public works Department and the Landfill Site.

Carried

b) Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy Weller

304/2020 Garbage

THAT Council directs the Clerk-Treasurer to increase the number of bags for garbage collection from 3 bags to 5 bags for Christmas week and New Year's week 2020.

#### Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 305/2020 Kids Party

THAT Council has received and approves the memo from the Clerk-Treasurer in respect to Kids Christmas party for the year 2020.

Carried

c) Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy Weller

306/2020 Christmas

THAT Council has received and approves the memo from the Clerk-Treasurer in respect to Annual Christmas party for the year 2020.

Carried

d) Moved by Wendy Weller Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 307/2020 Tax Write offs

THAT Council approves the write off of the remaining taxes owing for the following accounts: 1016, 3971, 5662, 6256, 12774, 7600, 6230, 7593, 7634, 2577 and 2733 totalling \$18,743.25.

e) Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy Weller 308/2020 Fitness Centre

THAT council has received and approves the memo from the Clerk-Treasurer in respect to the Fitness Centre and direct the Clerk-Treasurer and staff at the Township to take appointments for people to use the Fitness Centre. Everyone would get one hour and a half and would be responsible to disinfect all the equipment before and after working out.

#### Carried

f) Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy Weller

**309/2020 Meetings** 

THAT Council has received and approves the memo from the Clerk-Treasurer in respect to resuming the Committee meetings online and over the phone. Resuming after January 5, 2021.

#### Carried

g) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Bonita Culhane

310/2020 ROMA

THAT Mayor Matt Reimer be designated as the municipal delegate to attend the ROMA Ontario Municipal Association Conference on January 25<sup>th</sup> and January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 online.

#### Carried

### 10. Passing of Accounts / Adoption des comptes

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

311/2020 Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

## **OCTOBER 2020**

Payroll

\$ 24,745.12

General

\$ 131,645.35

### 11. Passing of By-Laws: None

- 12. Mayor Matt Reimer declared a Conflict of Interest on item #12 a) and left the room.

  The Clerk read the letter and the Mayor returned to the room.
  - a) Submitted Questions / Questions soumises
    -Muriel Rose Curling Club
  - b) Audience Questions / Questions de l'auditoire
    - Colette Tardif asked how much time would be given in between each appointment at the fitness centre. The Mayor answered at least 10 minutes.
    - Celine Richardson commented that we should have an outdoor rink for the children since Covid 19 has taken so much away from them. Mayor and Council replied that this was done in the past and very difficult to get volunteers but they will keep it in mind.
    - Evelyn Smith asked if the trees blocking the solar panels had been removed. The clerk answered that we first had to find out who owned the property as it was not the Township. We now have to try and get in touch with the owners of the claims.

## 13. Closed Meeting

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Bonita Culhane 312/2020 Closed

THAT the Municipal Council hereby moves into Closed Session at 8:07 p.m. as per Section 239 of the Municipal Act to discuss the following:

Municipal Act – Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, Municipal Act – Section 239 (2)(c) a proposal or pending acquisition or disposition of land by municipality or local board, municipal Act – Section 239 (2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; Municipal Act – Section 239 (2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

### Carried

Mayor Matt Reimer declared a Conflict of Interest on Item 13 (c) and left the room. A discussion took place regarding the Curling Club and the Mayor returned to the room after the discussion was finished.

Moved by Bonita Culhane
 Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

313/2020 Closed

THAT we come out of closed meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Moved by Annie toupin-Keft Seconded by Louanne Caza

314/2020 Curling Club

THAT the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to get legal advice regarding the Curling Club property and authorizes Wishart Law firm LLP to prepare a written response to the resident.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Bonita Culhane

315/2020 School Board

THAT Council direct the Clerk-Treasurer to submit an offer to purchase at fair market value in the amount of \$7000.00 to the District School Board Ontario North East to purchase the property MCGARRY PT MC HS135164PCLS 5724 7235CST, roll Number 54 58 000 001 302 00 accompanied with an agreement to continue housing the Royal Canadian Legion Cenotaph on the West corner of the property.

Carried

Moved by Wendy Weller Seconded by Louanne Caza

316/2020 Animal By-Law

THAT Council allows the Property By-Law Committee to amend the Animal By-Law and bring it to Council for review.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

317/2020 Wishart

THAT the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to get legal advice from Wishart Law Firm LLP regarding the Library and drafting a new By-Law.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Louanne Caza

318/2020 Cancel Meeting

THAT Council cancel the regular Meeting of council on December 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 and resume regular monthly meetings on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2020.

## 14. Confirmation By-Law / Confirmation des règlements municipaux

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

318/2020 By-Law 2020-53

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November and numbered By-Law 2020-53.

Carried

# 15. Adjournment / Cloture de l'assemblée

Moved by Bonita Culhane Second by Wendy Weller 320/2020 Adjournment

Mayor Antin

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.