

MEETING NO. 19

OF THE

COUNCIL

OF THE

TOWN OF MARATHON

Held via Microsoft Teams on Monday, December 14, 2020.

Present: R. Dumas - Mayor
 C. Gingras - Councillor
 R. Lake - Councillor
 K. Tsubouchi - Councillor
 G. Vallance - Councillor
 D. Skworchinski - CAO/Clerk

Also

Present: B. Hyshka - Works, Operations, Facilities & Parks Manager
 A. Gauthier - Corporate Resources Manager
 S. Goodchild - Community Services & Communications Manager
 E. Grigg - Emergency Services Manager/Fire Chief
 L. Lees - Deputy Clerk
 C. Verbo - Administration & Finance Manager/Treasurer

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Mayor Dumas asked members for any additions or deletions to the Agenda and hearing none proceeded with the meeting.

MOTION #214/20: Moved by: C. Gingras
 Seconded by: R. Lake
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby accepts the Agenda for the Monday, December 14, 2020, Regular Meeting of Council as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Mayor Dumas asked members for any disclosure of interest and hearing none proceeded with the meeting.
4. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, November 23, 2020, the Closed Meeting of Council held on Monday, November 23, 2020, and the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday, December 7, 2020, were presented.

MOTION #215/20: Moved by: R. Lake
 Seconded by: G. Vallance
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, November 23, 2020, the Closed Meeting of Council held on Monday, November 23, 2020 and the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday, December 7, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED

5. **DELEGATION:**

a) No items were received.

6. **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- a) No items were received.

7. **STUDENT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

- a) No items were received.

8. **C.A.O. REPORTS:**

- a) Verbal update on COVID – 19 Pandemic.

Daryl Skworchinski, CAO/Clerk, provided a verbal update on the current COVID 19 Pandemic in Marathon.

9. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

- a) Report on 2022 Election Method Option – Alternative Voting.

Louise Lees, Deputy Clerk, reviewed the report in its entirety. Ms. Lees noted that the report was being presented for members direction. Administration was directed to report back before May, 2021, with a detailed report and by-law outlining financial implications, marketing and communications plan for alternative voting for the 2022 Municipal/School Board Elections.

- b) Report on 2021 Fees & Service Charges.

Chuck Verbo, Administration & Finance Manager/Treasurer, reviewed the report in its entirety. Mr. Verbo recommended that the appropriate by-law be adopted later in the meeting, approving the 2021 Fees & Charges.

MOTION #216/20: Moved by: G. Vallance
 Seconded by: K. Tsubouchi
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby accepts the attached report and recommendation on 2021 Fees & Service Charges;

AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate by-law be adopted accepting the 2021 Fees and Charges.

CARRIED

- c) Report on Boat Launch (Peninsula Harbour) – New Fee.

Daryl Skworchinski, CAO/Clerk, reviewed the report on behalf of Chuck Verbo, Administration & Finance Manager/Treasurer. Mr. Skworchinski noted that the report was being presented for members' information purposes only. Administration was directed to report back in early 2021 with further details on financial implications, maintenance requirements and public feedback.

10. **CHEQUE RUN:**

A motion to approve the cheque registers for November, 2020, was presented.

MOTION #217/20: Moved by: K. Tsubouchi
 Seconded by: R. Lake
 Resolved: THAT the following cheque runs be approved for payment:

Accounts Payable:	\$1,112,589.17
Payroll:	\$ 160,974.56

CARRIED

11. **REPORT OF APPOINTED MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

- a) Mayor Dumas provided a verbal update on his attendance at a recently held AMO Board Meeting.
- b) Councillor Vallance provided a verbal update on his attendance at a recently held Chamber of Commerce meeting and the Chambers “Give Where They Live” campaign regarding shopping local to support local businesses.

12. **BY-LAWS:**

- a) By-Law No. 1994, being a by-law to authorize the establishment of Fees and Charges for the Town of Marathon for the year ending December 31, 2021, was presented.

MOTION #218/20: Moved by: G. Vallance
 Seconded by: R. Lake
 Resolved: THAT By-Law No. 1994, being a by-law to authorize the establishment of Fees and Charges for the Town of Marathon for the year ending December 31, 2021, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 14th day of December, 2020.

CARRIED

13. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) No items were received.

14. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) A request was received from the Regional Municipality of Peel seeking support of their resolution pertaining to Veteran Clubs Property Tax Exemption.

MOTION #219/20: Moved by: R. Lake
 Seconded by: K. Tsubouchi
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby supports the attached resolution received from the Regional Municipality of Peel pertaining to Veteran Clubs Property Tax Exemption;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to the individuals listed on the original resolution.

CARRIED

- b) A request was received from the Township of Essa seeking support of their resolution pertaining to Bill 229 – Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act – Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act. Members tabled this item.
- c) A request was been received from the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex seeking support of their resolution pertaining to Drainage Matters on Canadian National Railway lands.

MOTION #220/20: Moved by: R. Lake
Seconded by: K. Tsubouchi
Resolved: THAT Council hereby accepts the attached resolution received from the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex pertaining to Drainage Matters on Canadian National Railway lands;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to the individuals listed on the original resolution.

CARRIED

- d) A request was received from the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation seeking a donation towards the Cardiovascular Surgery Program. Members will defer this item to the 2021 budget deliberations.

15. **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL INFORMATION:**

- a) Update on the 2021 Budget Process. Mr. Skworchinski, CAO/Clerk, provided a brief, verbal, updates on the 2021 budget process.

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Dumas noted that the Closed Meeting scheduled will be cancelled and rescheduled for January, 2021.

Members took the opportunity to send holiday greetings to fellow members of Council, staff and residents of Marathon.

17. **ADJOURN:**

MOTION #221/20: Moved by: G. Vallance
Seconded by: C. Gingras
Resolved: THAT we do now adjourn at the hour of 5:25 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor

(SEAL)

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Clerk