#### **MINUTES OF THE**

### SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

## **HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021**

# VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Present: R. Dumas - Mayor

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

Also

Present: S. Goodchild - Community Services & Communications Manager

L. Lees - Deputy Clerk

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Mayor Dumas asked members for any disclosures of interest and hearing none proceeded with the meeting.

### 3. New Business:

a) Discussion took place regarding the District being back into a grey lockdown due to COVID-19 outbreaks in the City of Thunder Bay.

MOTION #051/21: Moved by: G. Vallance

Seconded by: R. Lake

Resolved: WHEREAS the Thunder Bay District has entered into its third COVID-19 pandemic lockdown in the last eleven months with no stated end date;

AND WHEREAS as of February 28, 2021, 1477 of the 1612 total COVID-19 cases in the Thunder Bay District are directly attributable to the City of Thunder Bay and only 80 cases are attributable to district communities;

AND WHEREAS these ongoing lockdowns are creating extreme financial difficulties for local businesses and local economies including municipal facilities and budgets;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Marathon requests that the Province of Ontario and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit end the lockdown for the district communities located in the Thunder Bay District based on the public health indicators for the district communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the district communities be put into the appropriate code in the provincial COVID-19 Response Framework based on the active case count, epidemiology, and public health indicators for the district communities in the Thunder Bay District exclusive of the City of Thunder Bay on or before March 15, 2021;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. David Williams, Thunder Bay District Medical Officer of Health Dr. Janet Demille; Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay – Superior North Michael Gravelle, district communities in the Thunder Bay District, the City of Thunder Bay, and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

## CARRIED

4. Adjourn:

MOTION #052/21:	Moved by: Seconded by: Resolved: p.m.	K. Tsubouchi G. Vallance THAT we do now adjourn at the hour of 12:29
		CARRIED
		Mayor
(SEAL)		
		Clerk