

MEETING NO. 6

OF THE

COUNCIL

OF THE

TOWN OF MARATHON

Held in Council Chambers, Town Hall and Streamed on Facebook Live on Monday, March 27, 2023.

Present:	R. Dumas	-	Mayor
	R. Lake	-	Councillor
	Z. Souckey	-	Councillor
	T. Wheeler	-	Councillor
	O. Zelek	-	Student Councillor
	D. Skworchinski	-	CAO/Clerk

Also			
Present:	A. Gauthier	-	Corporate Resources Manager
	E. Grigg	-	Emergency Services Manager/Fire Chief
	L. Lees	-	Deputy Clerk
	T. Souckey	-	Acting Community Services Manager
	C. Verbo	-	Administration & Finance Manager/Treasurer
	R. Merritt	-	By-Law Enforcement Officer

Absent:	G. Vallance	-	Councillor
	K. Skworchinski	-	Student Councillor
	M. Paris	-	Works, Operations, Facilities & Parks Manager

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1. The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Mayor Dumas asked members for any additions or deletions to the Agenda and the following item was added:

12 a) Report of Appointed Members to Boards and Committees:

Mayor Dumas will provide a verbal update on recently held NOMA Board Meeting and Thunder Bay District Municipal League Meeting

<u>MOTION #044/23:</u>	Moved by:	R. Lake
	Seconded by:	Z. Souckey
	Resolved:	THAT Council hereby accepts the Agenda for the Monday, March 27, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council as amended.

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, March 13, 2023, and the Closed Meeting of Council held on Monday, March 13, 2023, were presented.

MOTION #045/23: Moved by: R. Lake
 Seconded by: Z. Souckey
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, March 13, 2023 and the Closed Meeting of Council held on Monday, March 13, 2023, as circulated.

CARRIED

5. **DELEGATION:**

- a) No items were received.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) No items were received.

7. **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- a) No items were received.

8. **STUDENT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

- a) Student Councillor Zelek provided a verbal update on the initiatives happening at the Marathon High School.

9. **C.A.O. REPORTS:**

- a) Daryl Skworchinski, CAO/Clerk, provided a verbal update on the 2023 Budget. Mr. Skworchinski noted that the 2023 Budget will be brought to Council on April 11, 2023, for final approval.

10. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

- a) Report on MNR Forest Fire Agreement.

Earl Grigg, Emergency Services Manager/Fire Chief, reviewed the report in its entirety. Mr. Grigg recommended that the agreement be approved and that the appropriate by-law be adopted later in the meeting entering into the agreement between the MNR and the Town of Marathon.

MOTION #046/23: Moved by: T. Wheeler
 Seconded by: R. Lake
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby accepts the attached report and recommendation on MNR Forest Fire Agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate by-law be adopted later in the meeting entering into a forest fire agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Town of Marathon.

CARRIED

- b) Report on Municipal Animal Control – Backyard Chickens in Residential Zone Options.

Andrea Gauthier, Corporate Services Manager, reviewed the report in its entirety. Ms. Gauthier noted that Administration is presenting the report for Council's direction.

MOTION #047/23: Moved by: R. Lake
 Seconded by: T. Wheeler
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby accepts the attached report and recommendation on Municipal Animal Control – Backyard Chickens in Residential Zone Options;

AND FURTHER THAT the following Option be approved with regard to Backyard Chickens: Option 2.

CARRIED

11. **CHEQUE RUN:**

A motion to approve the cheque registers for February 2023, was presented.

MOTION #048/23: Moved by: R. Lake
 Seconded by: Z. Souckey
 Resolved: THAT the following (February, 2023) cheque runs be approved for payment:

Accounts Payable:	\$1,121,535.32
Payroll:	\$ 163,343.32

CARRIED

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

- a) Mayor Dumas provided a verbal update on this attendance at NOMA Board meeting and the Thunder Bay District Municipal League Meeting.

13. **BY-LAWS:**

- a) By-Law No. 2045, a by-law to authorize The Corporation of the Town of Marathon to enter into a Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement with His Majesty the King (as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources for the Province of Ontario) for the period April 1, 2023, up to and including March 31, 2028, was presented.

MOTION #049/23: Moved by: T. Wheeler
 Seconded by: R. Lake
 Resolved: THAT By-Law No. 2045, a by-law to authorize The Corporation of the Town of Marathon to enter into a Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement with HIS Majesty the King (as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources for the Province of Ontario) for the period April 1, 2023, up to and including March 31, 2028, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 27th day of March, 2023.

CARRIED

14. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) A request was received from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent seeking support of their resolution pertaining to Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

MOTION #050/23: Moved by: R. Lake
Seconded by: Z. Souckey
Resolved: THAT Council hereby supports the attached resolution received from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent pertaining to Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs;

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 Town of Essex seeking support of their resolution pertaining to the Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.

MOTION #051/23: Moved by: R. Lake
Seconded by: Z. Souckey
Resolved: THAT Council hereby supports the attached resolution received from the Town of Essex pertaining to the Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales;

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

CARRIED

15. **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL INFORMATION:**

- a) No items were received.

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Dumas announced that members will be going into a Closed Session to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

17. **ADJOURN:**

MOTION #052/23: Moved by: R. Lake
Seconded by: Z. Souckey
Resolved: THAT we do now adjourn at the hour of 5:08 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor

(SEAL)

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Clerk