

**MEETING NO. 18**

**OF THE**

**COUNCIL**

**OF THE**

**TOWN OF MARATHON**

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

Present:	R. Lake	-	Acting Mayor
	Z. Souckey	-	Councillor
	T. Wheeler	-	Councillor
	A. Courchene	-	Student Councillor
	S. Redden	-	Student Councillor
	D. Skworchinski	-	CAO/Clerk (Virtual)

Also			
Present:	A. Gauthier	-	Corporate Services Manager
	S. Goodchild	-	Communications Manager/Deputy Clerk
	M. Paris	-	Works, Operations, Facilities & Parks Manager
	T. Souckey	-	Community Services Manager
	S. Trach	-	Fire Chief
	C. Verbo	-	Administration & Finance Manager/Treasurer

Absent	G. Vallance	-	Councillor
	R. Dumas	-	Mayor

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1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

**MOTION #175/23:** Moved by: Z. Souckey  
 Seconded by: T. Wheeler  
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby accepts the Agenda for the Monday, November 27, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council as circulated.

**CARRIED**

3. Acting Mayor Lake asked members for any disclosure of interest and hearing none proceeded with the meeting.

4. Minutes Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, and Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, were presented.

**MOTION #176/23:** Moved by: T. Wheeler  
 Seconded by: Z. Souckey  
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, and the Closed Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, November 14, 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 Councillors provided a verbal update on the initiatives happening at the Marathon High School.

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

- a) No items were received.

10. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

- a) Report on Traffic and Parking By-Law Amendment

Marc Paris, Works, Operations, Facilities & Parks Manager reviewed the report in its entirety. Mr. Paris recommended that the yield sign on Winton St. & Stevens Ave be changed to a stop sign and that the appropriate by-law be adopted later in the meeting.

**MOTION #177/23:** Moved by: T. Wheeler  
 Seconded by: Z. Souckey  
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby accepts the attached report and recommendation on Traffic and Parking By-Law Amendment;

AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate by-law be adopted later in the meeting authorizing the Town to enter into the lease agreement.

CARRIED

- b) Verbal Report on 2024 Marathon Winter Carnival

Tessa Souckey, Community Services Manager, provided a verbal update on the planning of the 2024 Marathon Winter Carnival. The Carnival will run from Thursday, February 15 and wrap up on Monday, February 19 (Family Day). Over the five (5) days there are several planned activities from local organizations and businesses such as free skates, free movies, ice/snow sculptures, bingo, bonfires, skidoo rides, open houses, fish derby and many more. To host an event or if anyone has any questions they can contact Tessa or the Community Services Office.

c) Verbal Report on Marathon Fire Department

Scott Trach, Fire Chief, provided a verbal update on the activity of the Marathon Fire Department. Since his start the Fire Department has had 74 calls for service which include 6 fires, 23 highway motor vehicle accidents, and fire/carbon monoxide alarms. They are actively recruiting for more members and if anyone is interested they can contact Fire Chief Trach or the Town Office.

11. CHEQUE RUN:

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

**MOTION #178/23:** Moved by: T. Wheeler  
 Seconded by: Z. Souckey  
 Resolved: THAT the following (October, 2023) cheque runs be approved for payment:

Accounts Payable:	\$822,632.51
Payroll:	\$179,657.11

CARRIED

12. REPORT OF APPOINTED MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

- a) Councillor Wheeler provided an update on the Thunder Bay District and Health Unit Board. Currently the board is in discussions with the Northwest Board regarding a possible merger. However more information is required and the consensus is the pros must outweigh the cons.

13. BY-LAWS:

- a) By-Law No. 2063, a bylaw to amend The Traffic and Parking By-Law No. 1885, was presented.

**MOTION #179/23:** Moved by: Z. Souckey  
 Seconded by: T. Wheeler  
 Resolved: THAT By-Law No. 2063 being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 1885, being a by-law that regulates traffic and parking on highways, in parking lots, on municipal and private property within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Marathon, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 27<sup>h</sup> day of November, 2023.

CARRIED

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) The 2024 Municipal Budget Schedule was presented. Daryl Skworchinski, CAO/Clerk, reviewed the schedule and outlined the process including the upcoming opportunities for public consultation.
- b) A request was received from the Town of Orangeville seeking support of their resolution pertaining to Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates.

**MOTION #180/23:** Moved by: T. Wheeler  
Seconded by: Z. Souckey  
Resolved: THAT Council hereby supports the attached resolution received from the Town of Orangeville pertaining to Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates;

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

CARRIED

- c) A request was received from Shuniah seeking support of their resolution pertaining to excessive noise resulting from the operation of moving vehicles.

**MOTION #181/23:** Moved by: Z. Souckey  
Seconded by: T. Wheeler  
Resolved: THAT Council hereby supports the attached resolution received from Shuniah pertaining to excessive noise resulting from the operation of moving vehicles;

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:**

- d) **Acting Mayor Lake and members of Council thanked the Community Services Department, Fire Department, and all participants and volunteers for the wonderful job at the 2023 Marathon Christmas Parade.**

17. **ADJOURN:**

**MOTION #182/23:** Moved by: T. Wheeler  
Seconded by: Z. Souckey  
Resolved: THAT we do now adjourn at the hour of 4:32 p.m.

CARRIED

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Acting Mayor

(SEAL)

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Clerk