

MEETING NO. 14
OF THE
COUNCIL
OF THE
TOWN OF MARATHON

Held in Council Chambers, Town Hall and Live Streamed on Facebook Live on Monday, September 9, 2024.

Present: R. Dumas - Mayor
R. Lake - Councillor
G. Vallance - Councillor
T. Wheeler - Councillor
D. Skworchinski - CAO/Clerk

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

Absent: Z. Souckey - Councillor
T. Souckey - Community Services Manager

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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 #131/24: Moved by: T. Wheeler
Seconded by: R. Lake
Resolved: THAT Council hereby accepts the Agenda for the Monday, September 9, 2024, 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 and the Closed Meeting of Council, held on Monday, July 22, 2024, were presented.

MOTION #132/24: Moved by: T. Wheeler
Seconded by: R. Lake
Resolved: THAT Council hereby adopts the minutes of the Regular and Closed Meetings of Council, held on Monday, July 22, 2024 as circulated.

CARRIED

5. **DELEGATION:**

- a) Brandi DeJonge provided a presentation with a request for the installation of cigarette receptacles in the Town of Marathon. She highlighted the environmental concerns with cigarette waste, along with the need for the ability for people to dispose of them correctly.

Council requested Administration review this during the 2025 budget process.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) No items received.

7. **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- a) Mayor Dumas provided a verbal report on his attendance at the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference. Highlights of the conference included his work on promoting the Active Living Centre project, and sessions relating to issues all municipalities are facing such as healthcare, homelessness and insurance premiums.
- b) Councillor Valance provided a report on the upcoming Women in Trades program at Confederation College.

8. **STUDENT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

- a) No items were received.

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

- a) Verbal Report on Active Living Centre Project Progress

Daryl Skworchinski, CAO/Clerk, reviewed the report in its entirety. Mr. Skworchinski noted that Administration continues to work expeditiously on this 2024 municipal priority project. Key touchpoints currently being worked on include: finalizing construction documents, cost estimation – class B, landscape architecture, civil engineering and final site servicing, and development and submission of funding applications. Mr Skworchinski informed Council that the Active Living Centre project is on time and budget as defined in the project schedule to be tender-ready for end of October. Administration will bring a final report to Council in October.

10. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

- a) Report on Northern Waterworks Inc. Contract Renewal

Marc Paris, Works, Operations, Facilities & Parks Manager, reviewed the report in its entirety. Mr. Paris recommended that the municipality enter into the attached Services Agreement with Northern Waterworks Inc. for the operation, maintenance and management of the municipality's water and wastewater treatment facilities and associated utility infrastructure.

MOTION #133/24: Moved by: R. Lake
Seconded by: G. Vallance
Resolved: THAT Council hereby accepts the attached report and recommendation on Water and Wastewater Contract;

AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate by-law be adopted entering into a 5 year agreement with Northern Waterworks Inc., for Town of Marathon water and wastewater operations.

CARRIED

11. **CHEQUE RUN:**

A motion to approve the cheque registers for June 2024, was presented.

MOTION #134/24: Moved by: G. Vallance
Seconded by: R. Lake
Resolved: THAT Council hereby approve the following cheque registers for July, 2024:

Accounts Payable: \$1,433,248.87
Payroll: \$ 208,163.80

CARRIED

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

a) No items received.

13. **BY-LAWS:**

a) 2081 being a by-law to authorize an Operational Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Marathon and the Northwestern Waterworks Inc., for the operation of the Marathon Wastewater and Water Treatment Facilities, was presented.

MOTION #135/24: Moved by: R. Lake
Seconded by: T. Wheeler
Resolved: THAT By-Law No. 2081, being a by-law to authorize an Operational Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Marathon and the Northwestern Waterworks Inc., for the operation of the Marathon Wastewater and Water Treatment Facilities, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 9th day of September, 2024

CARRIED

14. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Motions arising out of the 2023 Municipal Audit were presented.

MOTION #136/24: Moved by: R. Lake
Seconded by: T. Wheeler
Resolved: THAT Council hereby accepts the 2024 Financial Statements as presented by Grant Thornton on September 9, 2024.

CARRIED

MOTION #137/24: Moved by: G. Vallance
 Seconded by: R. Lake
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby authorizes
 Administration to transfer the 2023 operating deficit of \$208,029
 from the working capital reserve.

CARRIED

- a) A request from the Franco-Ontario regarding the raising of the Franco-Ontario flag and requesting September 25th be declared Franco-Ontarian Day in and for the Town of Marathon, was presented.

MOTION #138/24: Moved by: G. Vallance
 Seconded by: R. Lake
 Resolved: Whereas by the virtue of the Franco-Ontarian Day Act, which was legislated on April 26, 2010, it is declared that September 25th of each year be recognized as Franco-Ontarian Day throughout the province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS September 25th is the anniversary of the first raising of the Franco-Ontarian flag and it represents over 400 years of French presence in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS there are more than 745 000 Francophones in Ontario, the largest Francophone community outside of Quebec;

AND WHEREAS Franco-Ontarian Day has become an annual occasion to celebrate the Francophone Community:

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that I, Rick Dumas, by the virtue of the power vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Marathon, do hereby proclaim September 25th as Franco-Ontarian Day and join the Francophone Community in celebrating its exceptional contribution to Ontario's growth and prosperity.

CARRIED

- b) Information was received from the City in Quinte-West seeking support of their resolution pertaining to the Canada Community Building Fund.

MOTION #139/24: Moved by: R. Lake
 Seconded by: T. Wheeler
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby supports the attached resolution received from the City of Quinte-West pertaining to the Canada Community-Building Fund.

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

CARRIED

15. **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL INFORMATION:**

- a) No items were received.

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) **Mayor Dumas announced that members will be going into a Closed Session immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss Acquisition or disposition of land s.239(2)(c) and s. 239 (2)(k) Plans and instructions for negotiations.**

17. **ADJOURN:**

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| <u>MOTION #140/24:</u> | Moved by: | R. Lake |
| | Seconded by: | T. Wheeler |
| | Resolved: | THAT we do now adjourn at the hour of |
| | 4:45p.m. | |

CARRIED

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 Mayor

(SEAL)

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 Clerk