

MEETING NO. 15
OF THE
COUNCIL
OF THE
TOWN OF MARATHON

Held in Council Chambers, Town Hall and Live Streamed on Facebook Live on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

Present: R. Dumas - Mayor
R. Lake - Councillor
Z. Souckey - Councillor (Virtual)
G. Vallance - Councillor
T. Wheeler - Councillor
Karson Anthony - Student Councillor
Maddison Matos - Student 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
T. Souckey - Community Services Manager
S. Trach - Emergency Services Manager/Fire Chief
C. Verbo - Treasurer

Absent:

ALL MOBILE DEVICES SHOULD BE TURNED OFF OR SWITCHED TO SILENT MODE

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 #144/24: Moved by: R. Lake
Seconded by: T. Wheeler
Resolved: THAT Council hereby accepts the Agenda for the Tuesday, October 15, 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, September 9, 2024, were presented.

MOTION #145/24: 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, September 9, 2024 as circulated.

CARRIED

5. **DELEGATION:**

- a) Student Councillors were sworn in.

Daryl Skworchinski, CAO/Clerk, witnessed the Declaration of Office for both Maddison Matos and Karson Anthony. Mr. Skworchinski congratulated both Student Councillors and welcomed them aboard.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) No items received.

7. **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- a) No items 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) Verbal Report on Tiny Homes Update

Daryl Skworchinski, CAO/Clerk, reviewed the report in its entirety. Mr. Skworchinski noted that Administration continues to work behind the scenes on this project. The subdivision plan is on schedule to be completed and ready for draft approval by Council in November 2024 and final approval before construction begins in spring 2025.

10. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

- a) Report on Newmont Agreement Fire Protection Extension

Scott Trach, Emergency Services Manager/Fire Chief, reviewed the report in its entirety. Mr. Trach recommended that the municipality enter into the attached Emergency Protection Agreement with Newmont Canada.

MOTION #146/24: Moved by: R. Lake
 Seconded by: T. Wheeler
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby accepts the attached report and recommendation on Emergency Protection Agreement with Newmont Canada;

AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate by-law be adopted later in the meeting approving the fire protection agreement between the Town of Marathon and Newmont Canada.

CARRIED

- b) Report on Unsuccessful Tax Sale – 57 Peninsula Road.

Chuck Verbo, Administration & Finance Manager/Treasurer, reviewed the report in its entirety. Mr. Verbo recommended that the property be vested with the Town and the outstanding taxes be written off. Discussion on how to proceed with the surplus property will be examined in a closed meeting.

MOTION #147/24: Moved by: G. Vallance
Seconded by: R. Lake
Resolved: THAT Council hereby accepts the attached report and recommendation on Unsuccessful Tax Sale – 57 Peninsula Road;

AND FURTHER THAT Administration register a Notice of Vesting in the name of the municipality with the outstanding taxes be written off.

CARRIED

11. **CHEQUE RUN:**

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

MOTION #148/24: Moved by: R. Lake
Seconded by: G. Vallance
Resolved: THAT Council hereby approve the following cheque registers for August, 2024:

Accounts Payable: \$1,022,903.90
Payroll: \$ 326,626.69

CARRIED

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

a) No items received.

13. **BY-LAWS:**

a) By-Law 2082 Being a By-Law to authorize a Fire Protection Extension Agreement between the Town of Marathon and Newmont Canada, was presented.

MOTION #149/24: Moved by: G. Vallance
Seconded by: T. Wheeler
Resolved: THAT By-Law No. 2082 Being a By-Law to authorize a Fire Protection Extension Agreement between the Town of Marathon and Newmont Canada, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of October, 2024.

CARRIED

14. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Information was received regarding the 2025 ROMA Conference scheduled for January 19 – 21, 2025 in Toronto.

MOTION #150/24: Moved by: R. Lake
Seconded by: T. Wheeler
Resolved: THAT the attendance of the following individuals be approved to the Annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference scheduled for January 19 – 21, 2025, in Toronto;

Mayor Dumas G. Vallance T. Wheeler D. Skworchinski

AND FURTHER THAT expenses be paid according to policy.

CARRIED

- a) A request from the Marathon Public Library requesting October 20-26 be proclaimed Ontario Public Library Week in and for the Town of Marathon, was presented.

MOTION #151/24: Moved by: G. Vallance
 Seconded by: R. Lake
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby proclaims October 20-26 as Ontario Public Library Week, in and for the Town of Marathon.

CARRIED

- c) Information was received from the Town of Cobourg seeking support of their resolution pertaining to Support of Involuntary Care for Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions Issues.

MOTION #152/24: Moved by: G. Vallance
 Seconded by: R. Lake
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby supports the attached resolution received from the Town of Cobourg pertaining to Support of Involuntary Care for Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions Issues;

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

CARRIED

- d) Information was received from the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association seeking support of their resolution pertaining to the Future for Billy Bishop Airport Requires Urgent Action and a Modern Governing Agreement.

MOTION #153/24: Moved by: G. Vallance
 Seconded by: T. Wheeler
 Resolved: THAT Council hereby supports the attached resolution received from the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association pertaining to The Future for Billy Bishop Airport Requires Urgent Action and a Modern Governing Agreement.

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

CARRIED

15. **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL INFORMATION:**

- a) Councillor Souckey addressed Council and the public providing his notice effective October 31st, 2024. Mayor Dumas and Council each thanked Councillor Souckey for his efforts during his term and wished him luck in the next chapter of his life.

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) **Mayor Dumas announced that the open house for the new Public Works building is being held on October 23 from 9am-8pm, with the official ribbon cutting happening at 9am.**

Mayor Dumas also announced that October 20-26 is Local Government Week.

17. **ADJOURN:**

MOTION #154/24: Moved by: R. Lake
Seconded by: G. Vallance
Resolved: THAT we do now adjourn at the hour of 4:40
p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor

(SEAL)

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Clerk