

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Brenda Reid
Councillor Dwayne Elliott
Councillor Janice Bowerman
Councillor Jennifer Hooper
Councillor Robert Maguire

Staff: Alton Hobbs, CAO, Deputy Clerk
Deb MacDonald, Treasurer
Jackie White PEC/Arena Manager
Freda Bond, Tax and Utilities Manager

Steve Watt: Municipal Solicitor

OPENING:

#016-02-2025 J. Bowerman – D. Elliott

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack be opened for business at 7:00 pm, with a quorum of members present, with Mayor Reid presiding in the Chair.

CARRIED

Mayor read Land Acknowledgement.

AGENDA:

#017-02-2025 D. Elliott – J. Bowerman

THAT the agenda for this meeting be amended by tabling item 8.c By-law # 2025-05.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillors Bowerman and Hooper declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 7.b CUPW correspondence as they are both employed by Canada Post. They did not participate in the discussion, attempt to influence or participate in the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor and Council thanked the Fire Department and Arena management for the fireworks display on the Family Day weekend.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

#018-02-2025 J. Bowerman – D. Elliott

THAT we approve the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 21, 2025.

CARRIED

#019-02-2025 D. Elliott - J. Bowerman

THAT we approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 4, 2025.

CARRIED

#020-02-2025 J. Bowerman – D. Elliott

THAT we receive the Minutes of the Public Health Sudbury & Districts meeting of January 16, 2025.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

#021-02-2025 D. Elliott – J. Bowerman

THAT we receive and adopt the recommendations in the Clerk's Report on eScribe Software.

CARRIED

#022-02-2025 J. Bowerman – D. Elliott

THAT we receive and adopt the recommendations in the Clerk's Report on a new municipal website.

CARRIED.

ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:

#023-02-2025 J. Bowerman - D. Elliott

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment: General

\$ 370,149.94 pursuant to the attached Treasurer's Statement of Accounts.

CARRIED

#024-02-2025 D. Elliott – J. Bowerman

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment: Payroll
\$ 51,992.12 pursuant to the attached Treasurer's Statement of Accounts.

CARRIED

#025-02-2025 R. Maguire – J. Hooper

THAT we inform the Manitoulin Planning Board that we have no objection to Consent Applications B02, B03, B04-25, pursuant to the applications submitted.

CARRIED

#026-02-2025 J. Hooper - R. Maguire

THAT we inform the Assiginack Horticultural Society that we approve their request for the waiving of the arena atrium rental fee for their flower show and luncheon in this their 70th anniversary.

CARRIED

#027-02-2025 R. Maguire – J. Hooper

THAT we inform the Assiginack Curling Club that their financial request regarding taxes will be dealt with during our budget discussions.

CARRIED

#028-02-2025 J. Hooper – R. Maguire

THAT we appoint Sharon Allen and Jo Mellan to the Assiginack Library Board effective immediately.

CARRIED

#029-02-2025 R. Maguire - J. Hooper

THAT we authorize submissions under the OTF capital and Senior's Community Grant Funding opportunities.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

#030-02-2025 D. Elliott – R. Maguire

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence items:

- a) City of Greater Sudbury: Termination of Recycling Acceptance Agreement
- b) CUPW: Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post

CARRIED

Note: Declaration of Pecuniary Interest at beginning of meeting.

BY-LAWS:

#031-02-2025 J. Hooper – R. Maguire

THAT By-law # 2025-03, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with ROCK Enterprises be given first, second, third and final readings and enacted in open Council.

CARRIED

#032-02-2025 R. Maguire – J. Hooper

THAT By-law # 2025-04, being a by-law to adopt Amendment A-03 to the Manitoulin Official Plan be given first, second, third and final reading and enacted in open council.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

#033-02-2025 R. Maguire – J. Hooper

THAT in accordance with By-law #02-02 as amended and Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, Council proceeds to a Closed Session at 7:40 pm in order to attend to:

- a) Advice subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose 1 issues
- b) Labour Relations, Employee negotiations 1 issue

CARRIED

Council and its solicitor went into closed session.

#034-02-2025 J. Hooper – R. Maguire

THAT we adjourn from our closed session, resume our regular session at 9:10 pm, accept the Minutes of the previous closed session.

AND THAT staff be authorized to follow the instructions issued by Council during the closed session.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote:

Bowerman yea
Elliott yea
Hooper yea
Maguire yea
Reid yea

CLOSING:

#035-02-2025 R. Maguire – J. Hooper

THAT we adjourn until the next Regular Meeting at 9:15 pm or Call of the Chair.

CARRIED

Brenda Reid, MAYOR

Alton Hobbs, CAO/DEPUTY CLERK

*These Minutes have been circulated but are not considered Official until approved by Council.

9:15 pm.