**BOX 238, MANITOWANING, ONT., P0P 1N0**

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday March 25, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Brenda Reid

 Councillor Dwayne Elliott

 Councillor Jennifer Hooper

 Councillor Robert Maguire

 Councillor Janice Bowerman

Staff: Alton Hobbs, CAO, Deputy Clerk

 Stasia Carr, Clerk

 Deb MacDonald, Treasurer/Deputy CAO

 Freda Bond, Taxes & Utilities Manager

Regrets:

Public:

OPENING

**#068-03-2025 D. Elliot – J Bowerman**

BE IT RESOLVED 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**

*The Land Acknowledgement was read.*

AGENDA

**#069-03-2025 J. Maguire – D. Elliot**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the agenda as amended to add closed session.

**Carried**

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Note: Councillor Jennifer Hooper declared direct pecuniary interest while in closed session with regards to agenda item 3. b) closed session - advice subject to client solicitor privilege.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS

1. 2025 Budget Deliberations

2024 Budget Discussions continued starting with the Capital Budget and discussion took place regarding the Capital Budget Items and many members of the Committee expressed their concerns regarding the limited funds available. Raising the tax rate was suggested by some Council as well as asking staff members to see where can find savings and efficiencies within the draft budget. The Mayor asked members to review the items that are still not included and to prioritize on what to include within the budget. Projects and capital items were discussed such as the website, roads, and Red Lodge, and marina stairs.

Questions were also raised regarding MPAC assessments.

It was suggested that we have our EDO to explore funding opportunities available to us.

1. Closed Session

**#070-03-2025 D. Elliot – J. Bowerman**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, that Council proceeds to a Closed Session at 8:26 p.m. in order to attend to matters pertaining to:

1. Labour relations or employee
2. Advice subject to client solicitor priviledge

**Carried**

**#071-03-2025 J. Hooper – R. Maguire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn from Closed Session at 8:59 p.m., accept the minutes of the previous closed session, and resume our Regular Meeting.

**Carried**

**#072-03-2025 J. Bowerman – R. Maguire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we advise staff to follow the direction that was provided to them during Closed Session.

**Carried**

ADJOURNMENT

**#073-03-2025 J. Hooper – R. Maguire**

THAT Council adjourn at 9:01 p.m. and reconvene at the next council meeting or at the call of the chair.

**Carried**

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Brenda Reid, MAYOR Stasia Carr, CLERK

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