



MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – November 28, 2024
In Person/Zoom Hybrid**

Council Present Mayor, Richard Stephens
 Councillor Ward 1, Brian Mitchell
 Councillor Ward 1, Derek Stephens
 Councillor Ward 2, John Bisailon
 Councillor Ward 2, Dale Scott (v)
 Councillor Ward 3, Rose Diebolt (v)
 Councillor Ward 3, Linda Farquhar

Council Absent

Staff Present CAO/Clerk Denise Deforge
 CBO Raymond McPherson
 CFO Adam Slee

Media Present 1 member (Video)

Public Present 19 member
 12 members (Video)

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

333-2024

Moved by John Bisailon

Seconded by Brian Mitchell

That the agenda be approved with the following changes:

Move 6(a) Zoning By Law 2022-18 to 4 (a).

Motion Carried

2. Pecuniary Interest

None Declared.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

334-2024

Moved by Brian Mitchell

Seconded by Linda Farquhar

That the minutes of the last Regular Council meeting of November 14, 2024 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

4. Delegations and Petitions

Moved by Brian Mitchell

Seconded by John Bisailon

That By-law 2022-18, being a New Comprehensive Zoning By-law be given its 3rd reading and be duly passed.

Motion Failed

335-2024

Moved by Brian Mitchell

Seconded by John Bisailon

That the third reading of By-law 2022-18, being a New Comprehensive Zoning By-law, be deferred and returned to Council after a 90-day comment period from the mailout of notifications.

Motion Carried

5. Committees and other Reports

a) Safety, Security & Health Committee – November 19, 2024

336-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by John Bisailon

That the application for Volunteer Fire Fighter position from Michael Cree be accepted.

Motion Carried

337-2024

Moved by John Bisailon

Seconded by Linda Farquhar

That the application for Volunteer Fire Fighter position from Braydon Patry be accepted.

Motion Carried

338-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by John Bisailon

That the North Shore Search and Rescue email correspondence requesting funding support from all Municipalities be received.

Motion Carried

339-2024

Moved by John Bisailon

Seconded by Dale Scott

That a line item be added on the operating budget for an annual payment of \$2,000.00 to the North Shore Search and Rescue be made to assist them with their expenses.

Motion Carried

340-2024

Moved by Rose Diebolt

Seconded by John Bisailon

That the yearly donation for 2025 to the Manitoulin Central Family Health Team doctor recruitment program be increased by \$34,000.00.

Motion Carried

341-2024

Moved by Brian Mitchell

Seconded by John Bisailon

That the staff report regarding Northern 911 2024-11-13 be received AND FURTHER THAT the service provider for the current 911 dispatch be switched over from the Sudbury Central Ambulance Communication to the Northern 911.

Motion Carried

342-2024

Moved by Linda Farquhar

Seconded by Derek Stephens

That the Year-to-Date Expense Report for the Safety, Security & Health Committee dated October 31, 2024 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

343-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by John Bisailon

That the Draft 2025 Safety, Security & Health Operating Budget be received AND FURTHER THAT it be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole budget meeting in January for consideration in the 2025 budget.

Motion Carried

b) Finance and Economic Development Committee – November 21, 2024

344-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by John Bisailon

That By-law 2024-13, being a by-law to Reduced Load Weights on Municipal Roadways, be given a first and second reading and a 60-day comment period be opened.

Motion Carried

345-2024

Moved by Brian Mitchell

Seconded by Linda Farquhar

That the Year-to-Date Expense Report for the Finance and Economic Development dated October 31, 2024 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

346-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by John Bisailon

That the Municipality proceed with the Tracy Road subdivision agreement with the changes as noted by the consultant and staff, and that the Municipality request changes to the Hydrogeological report as discussed in Committee.

Motion Carried

347-2024

Moved by Brian Mitchell

Seconded by John Bisailon

That the cheque register for the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$1,052,998.40 be approved.

Motion Carried

348-2024

Moved by Linda Farquhar

Seconded by Dale Scott

That the Draft 2025 Finance and Economic Development Committee Operating Budget be received AND FURTHER THAT it be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole budget meeting in January for consideration in the 2025 budget.

Motion Carried

349-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by Rose Diebolt

That we support the following motion from the Town of Aurora:

“Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a distribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure

initiatives supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Herby Resolved That Aurora Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That his redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MP's) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy."

Motion Carried

c) Office and Administration Committee – November 26, 2024

350-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by Linda Farquhar

That three bursaries (one per ward) of \$500.00 each be provided to the Manitoulin Secondary School Annual Awards Night, to be held on December 19, 2024.

Motion Carried

351-2024

Moved by Brian Mitchell

Seconded by Linda Farquhar

That the donation report to October 31, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried

352-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by Dale Scott

That \$1,000.00 be donated to the Manitoulin Family Resources for their Christmas Basket Campaign 2024.

Motion Carried

353-2024

Moved by John Bisailon

Seconded by Linda Farquhar

That the Year-to-Date Expense Report for the Office and Administration Committee dated October 31, 2024 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

354-2024

Moved by Brian Mitchell

Seconded by Dale Scott

That the draft 2025 Office and Administration Committee Operating budget be received AND FURTHER THAT it be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole meeting in January for further consideration.

Motion Carried

6. Unfinished Business:

7. Communication

8. New Business

9. Financial Business:

10. In Camera:

11. Confirming By-law

355-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by John Bisailon

That any action taken at tonight's meeting which may require a by-law be so authorized by Council.

Motion Carried

12. Adjournment

356-2024

Moved by Dale Scott

Seconded by Brian Mitchell

Motion to adjourn the meeting of Council at 8:51 pm.

Motion Carried

MAYOR – Richard Stephens

CAO/CLERK – Denise Deforge

I, _____, Clerk of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on November 28, 2024.

Clerk