



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH
Tuesday, December 10, 2024

REGULAR IN-PERSON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor John Deforge
Deputy Mayor Steve Wood
Councillor Perry Chatwell
Councillor Lorie Leeson
Councillor Mike McKenzie
Acting Clerk / Administrator Barbara Grigg
Administrative Assistant Dara Mussar
Fire Chief Jeff Wilson

1. **MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

MOTION: 2024-211

Moved by: Lorie Leeson

Seconded by: Mike McKenzie

WHEREAS there is a quorum of Council present:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Regular In-Person Meeting of Council be opened for business at 7:03 p.m. with the Mayor presiding as Chair.

CARRIED

2. **Prayer**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: 2024-212

Moved by: Steve Wood

Seconded by: Perry Chatwell

WHEREAS Council has been provided the Agenda for the Regular In-Person Council meeting of December 10, 2024;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this meeting be approved with the addition of:

- i) Seniors Hall deficiencies
- ii) Closed Session: Landfill

CARRIED

4. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – Steve Wood re Treasurer's Report and Regular Item 10. a)**

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –**

- i. John McNaughton re chemical glyphosate
- ii. Paul Crepeau re roads maintenance

6. **DELEGATIONS/GUESTS – Norma Thomas, Fairview United Church re ground penetrating scan re location of Cemetery plots**

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7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: 2024-213

Moved by: Steve Wood

Seconded by: Mike McKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes, as follows:

November 5, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes

CARRIED

8. BYLAWS –2024-023 Authorizing the Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah to Enter Into a Service Agreement with Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA)

MOTION: 2024-214

Moved by: Mike McKenzie

Seconded by: Lorie Leeson

WHEREAS a draft Service Agreement with Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) for a five year term effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029 has been presented to Council;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the signing of the Services Agreement between The Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah and OCWA.

CARRIED

9. CONSENT ITEMS

a) Reports of Officials

i. Fire Chief's Report – September/October 2024

MOTION: 2024-215

Moved by: Steve Wood

Seconded by: Perry Chatwell

WHEREAS Council has been provided with the Fire Chief's Report for November 2024;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Fire Chief's Report for November 2024.

CARRIED

MOTION: 2024-216

Moved by: Perry Chatwell

Seconded by: Mike McKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves extra repairs on aerial truck to be taken from 2025 budget.

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ii. Treasurer's Report – Accounts Payable – October, 2024

MOTION: 2024-217

Moved by: Mike McKenzie

Seconded by: Lorie Leeson

WHEREAS Council has been provided with the Treasurer's Report, as follows:

Accounts Payable: October 1 to 31, 2024 in the amount of \$373,128.57;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council confirms the Accounts Payable from October 1 to 31, 2024 in the amount of \$373,128.57.

CARRIED

b) Reports of Boards and Committees

MOTION: 2024-218

Moved by: Perry Chatwell

Seconded by: Steve Wood

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Reports of Boards and Committees be received, acted upon as necessary, and filed:

- i. Tehkumma Township Public Library
Minutes of Board Meetings, June 10, October 7 and
November 13, 2024

CARRIED

c) External Reports

MOTION: 2024-219

Moved by: Mike McKenzie

Seconded by: Steve Wood

BE IT RESOLVED that the following External Reports be received, acted upon as necessary, and filed:

- i. OCWA Reports – Lab Services – October 30, November 13 and 26, 2024
Certificate of Analysis – November 1, 18 and 28, 2024;
Work Order Summary – October 1 – 31, 2024
- ii. Public Health Sudbury & Districts
– *Eighth Meeting Unapproved Minutes, November 21, 2024*
- iii. Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board – *2024 Third Quarter Activity Report*
November 21, 2024
 - *2025 Total Budget*
 - *Unaudited Municipal Share as of September 30, 2024*

CARRIED

10. REGULAR ITEMS

a) Hiring of Roads Superintendent

Councillor Lorie Leeson requested to move item 10. a) to after 13. Closed Session

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b) Request for Christmas Basket Campaign Manitoulin Family Resources

MOTION: 2024-220

Moved by: Perry Chatwell

Seconded by: Steve Wood

WHEREAS Manitoulin Family Resources needs support for their 2024 Christmas Food Basket Campaign;

AND WHEREAS \$500 was donated last year;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves a donation of \$500.00 towards the 2024 Christmas Food Basket Campaign.

CARRIED

c) Request for Funding Support for North Shore Search and Rescue

MOTION: 2024-221

Moved by: Perry Chatwell

Seconded by: Mike McKenzie

WHEREAS a request has been received from Northshore Search and Rescue, a non-profit charitable organization staffed by trained volunteers, to help those in need in a search or rescue emergency;

AND WHEREAS Northshore Search and Rescue is requesting an annual contribution of \$2000 towards the team operations;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports the work of Northshore Search and Rescue and approves the donation of \$500.00.

CARRIED

**d) Request from Eric and Betty Russell to hold Christmas Tree Lighting on
Saturday, December 14, 2024**

MOTION: 2024-222

Moved by: Mike McKenzie

Seconded by: Lorie Leeson

WHEREAS correspondence has been received from Eric and Betty Russell to use the municipal parking lot at the Township office building to host the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

AND WHEREAS the event will include a bonfire for roasting wieners and marshmallows;

AND WHEREAS the Library will be open for refreshments and a place to warm up;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the holding of the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event on Saturday, December 14, 2024 and sends best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

CARRIED

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e) Townline Road Bridge Maintenance Agreement

MOTION: 2024-223

Moved by: Perry Chatwell

Seconded by: Steve Wood

WHEREAS a Boundary Road Agreement between the Municipality of Central Manitoulin and the Township of Tehkummah has been received regarding maintenance and plowing for the Townline Road as presented;

AND WHEREAS the agreement is for a period of 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary that the Township of Tehkummah be involved in any and all decision making that impacts the Township's finances;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves entering into the Boundary Road Agreement between the Municipality of Central Manitoulin and the Township of Tehkummah, with the additional provision as follows:

Central Manitoulin Township will maintain and upkeep their respective portion of the road.

Township of Tehkummah will maintain and upkeep their respective portion of the road – east of 10th Sideroad as per the map.

CARRIED

f) Report to Council re entranceway on Michael's Bay Rd – Information only

g) Report to Council re cheques issued – Information only

h) Fairview United Church Cemetery – nothing to discuss yet

i) Triangle Senior Citizens Club

i. Lottery License addition for December 31st, 2024

ii. Bingo & 50/50 License Renewal for 2025

MOTION: 2024-224

Moved by: Steve Wood

Seconded by: Lorie Leeson

WHEREAS a request has been made by the Tehkummah Triangle Senior Citizens Club for an addition to the Lottery Licence for 2024 for a 50/50 draw to be held on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Tehkummah Triangle Senior Citizens Club has requested a Lottery Licence for Bingo and 50/50 draws to be held in 2025 at the Tehkummah Hall;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the issuing of a Lottery Licence for Bingo and 50/50 and Raffle draws for the 2025 year.

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j) SBCDA and The Little Schoolhouse and Museum request to hold Christmas Tree Lighting event in South Baymouth on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024

MOTION: 2024-225

Moved by: Mike McKenzie

Seconded by: Steve Wood

WHEREAS South Bay Community Development Association (SBCDA) and the Little Schoolhouse and Museum would like to hold a Christmas Tree Lighting event on Christmas Eve prior to the United Church's Christmas Eve service;

AND WHEREAS SBCDA will decorate a tree that is across the road from the Museum at Huron Lodge and the Museum will be open afterwards for refreshments;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves this event and sends everyone wishes for a Merry Christmas.

CARRIED

k) Approval for Installation of Optical Line Terminal (OLT) for Fibre Broadband Project Cabling

MOTION: 2024-226

Moved by: Perry Chatwell

Seconded by: Steve Wood

WHEREAS Rock Networks has a contract from the Ontario Government to provide internet service to rural areas in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS they are seeking approval to install an outdoor Optical Line Terminal (OLT) as part of the new fiber broadband project funded by the Ontario and Federal Governments. This initiative aims to improve internet connectivity by providing reliable, high-speed internet access to underserved areas in the Township;

AND WHEREAS a secure vault will be installed to house the OLT equipment on the Townline Road east of the 10th Sideroad with cabinet installation starting in the next few months. The full construction and network installation is to be completed by the end of 2025;

AND WHEREAS maintenance of the OLT cabinet will be the responsibility of ROCK Networks and liability coverage during the placement and operation of the cabinet will be provided by ROCK Networks.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the installation of the OLT cabinet provided that a Hold Harmless Agreement is entered into between the Township of Tehkumma and ROCK Networks;

AND THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Acting Clerk-Administrator to sign such agreement.

CARRIED

11. DEFERRED ITEMS

- a) Revision to Fire Dept Standard Operating Guidelines re: medical response outside of Township

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12. CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION: 2024-227

Moved by: Steve Wood

Seconded by: Perry Chatwell

WHEREAS the following Correspondence has been presented:

- a) Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
Nominate an Exceptional Educator

Submit Christy Brown's name for nomination as an exceptional educator

CARRIED

13. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: 2024-228

Moved by: Perry Chatwell

Seconded by: Mike McKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED that Council move into closed session under Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act at 8:48 pm for the following reasons:

Under Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act:

- (e) *litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board*

CARRIED

14. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: 2024-229

Moved by: Perry Chatwell

Seconded by: Mike McKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of closed session and report back to open session at 9:14 pm.

CARRIED

15. MOTION

MOTION: 2024-230

Moved by: Mike McKenzie

Seconded by: Perry Chatwell

To authorize the Mayor and Acting Clerk-Administrator to act on the confidential direction of Council as given in the Closed Session.

CARRIED

MOTION: 2024-231

Moved by: Mike McKenzie

Seconded by: Steve Wood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does not approve any overloading of trucks or operating trucks in an unsafe manner, including unsafe tires.

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10. REGULAR ITEM – CONTINUED

a) Hiring of Roads Superintendent

*Steve Wood declared a conflict of interest.
Lorie Leeson declared a conflict of interest.*

MOTION: 2024-232
Moved by: Perry Chatwell

Seconded by: Mike McKenzie

WHEREAS the Roads Superintendent, Kevin Dunlop, resigned effective September 3, 2024;

AND WHEREAS an ad to fill the position was published in The Manitoulin Expositor on September 18 and 25, 2024;

AND WHEREAS 4 applications were received and 4 interviews were held on October 17, 2024 with Councillors Deforge, McKenzie, Chatwell and Leeson in attendance – Councillor Wood was not in attendance;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council wishes to hire Andrew Wood as Roads Superintendent.

CARRIED

MOTION: 2024-233
Moved by: Perry Chatwell

Seconded by: Mike McKenzie

THAT TJ Tilcox be hired as a full-time employee as a Public Works operator.

CARRIED

16. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

MOTION: 2024-234
Moved by: Steve Wood

Seconded by: Perry Chatwell

WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 24, as amended, requires a municipal Council to exercise its powers by By-law, except where otherwise required.

AND WHEREAS Council or a Committee of Council often authorizes action to be taken which does not lend itself to an individual By-law.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BYLAW 2024-024 the Confirmatory Bylaw, be given a First, Second, Third and final reading as attached and passed as of this date.

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17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 2024-235

Moved by: Mike McKenzie

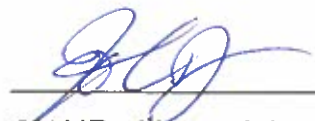
Seconded by: Perry Chatwell

WHEREAS the business of the Regular In-Person Meeting of Council has concluded.

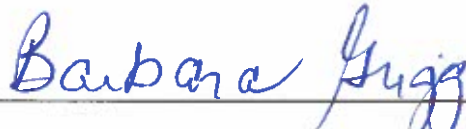
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:33 pm until the next Meeting of Council:

Regular Council Meeting on January 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm or at the call of the chair or a majority of Council members.

CARRIED



CHAIR: Mayor John Deforge



Acting Clerk / Administrator Barbara Grigg

In attendance:

John McNaughton
J. Renecker
Paul Crepeau
Peggy Wood
Norma Thomas
Susan Peverley
Eric Russell