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Minutes October 21, 2020

Regular Council & Planning Act Public Meeting

Bruce Station Hall

For Attendees – please note new procedures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19;

- You will need to call the Township number above in advance of 12:00 noon by the day of the meeting to pre-register to attend and answer a series of COVID-19 related screening questions.
- Face Masks covering your nose and mouth will be required to be worn by all attendees for the duration that you are in the Hall.
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- Hand sanitizing is required upon entry to the hall.
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- Please note that washroom use is at your own risk as they will not be staffed for cleaning between uses during meetings.
- As there is a limit on attendee numbers, please contact the office at the above number prior to 12:00 pm on the day of the meeting if you plan on attending.

We thank you for your cooperation and respect for the safety of others.

Call to Order 6:00 pm

Present: Mayor~Beth West, Councillors: Keith Hoback, Boris Koehler, Kelly Warwick

Absent: Mike Jones

Staff: Clerk~Vicky Goertzen-Cooke, RWF~Kelly Belisle-Greer

1. **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA** - n/a
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** – n/a
3. **Municipal Staff Report – Roads**
 - a) Roads Working Foreperson Report
 - i. Sept. 9th – Oct. 9th
 - b) Algoma Power Connection Plan – Jones (Copper Bay)

Resln 2020-231b Keith Hoback Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the powerline pole connection plan as submitted by Algoma Power on behalf of Perry Jones on lot #330 Copper Bay Road. CARRIED

- i. Delegation of Authority – approvals for standard connection plans

Resln 2020-232 Beth West Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council authorizes the Roads Working Foreperson to approve standard overhead (only) Power Line Connections. CARRIED

- c) Treated Sand 1,300 tonnes (see #22 by-laws)
- d) Ferrovia Services

Resln – **DEFEATED** Kelly Warwick Keith Hoback

WHEREAS there is uncertainty with the expected 2nd wave of COVID this fall/winter;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves a reciprocal service arrangement for the Roads Department to assist Ferrovia Services to service Highway 17 and Secondary Highways due to a shortage in Operators and or equipment if the need arises and pending availability of the Township staff and equipment. **DEFEATED**

Recorded vote: Keith Hoback-No, Boris Koehler-Yes, Kelly Warwick-No, Beth West-No.

e) Pending retirement RWF Sept. 2021 - advert

Resln 2020-233 Keith Hoback Boris Koehler

WHEREAS the Road Working Foreperson is retiring in September 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council authorizes staff to advertise for a replacement. CARRIED

Kelly Belisle-Greer left the meeting 6:34 pm

4. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: n/a**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Resln 2020-234 Boris Koehler Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Minutes of September 16, 2020 (Regular). CARRIED

REPORTS:

MUNICIPAL STAFF REPORT'S continued:

6. Planning & By-law Enforcement (K. Morris)

a. Building Permit Summary October 7, 2020

7. Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector ~ (V. Goertzen-Cooke)

a. Surplus property Sale

Resln 2020-235 Keith Hoback Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council authorizes the sale of roll #5719 000 003 07120 0000 to Gen Sinclair in the amount of ~~\$11,500.00~~, \$11,400.00 all taxes (if applicable), transfer, and registration fees, to be the responsibility of the purchaser. CARRIED

Resln 2020-236 Kelly Warwick Beth West

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council authorizes the sale of roll #5719 000 003 07126 0000 to Jarad Robinson in the amount of \$780.00, all taxes (if applicable), transfer, and registration fees, to be the responsibility of the purchaser. CARRIED

b. OPP 2021 billing - \$135,793

Resln 2020-237 Keith Hoback Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the 2021 OPP billing estimate in the amount of \$135,793. CARRIED

c. Solicitor General – Anti Racism Directorate & Community Safety & Policing

d. MAH – Safe Restart Agreement – Phase 2 of the Municipal Operating Funding Stream

i. Status to date of Phase 1

K. Hoback noted the Leapfrog company (operating in Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation) regarding potential for WIFI; need 100 people to sign up.

Clerk noted that the Deputy Clerk got notification that the application to CENGN-Leapfrog was recently turned down.

Resln 2020-238 Boris Koehler Beth West

WHEREAS Phase 2 of the Municipal Operating Funding Stream for a Safe Re-Start has been announced;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council requests the allowed extension to November 6th for a possible submission to Phase 2. CARRIED

Resln 2020-239 Keith Hoback Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves Ergo Office to draft a proposal to reconfigure the Municipal Office under the Safe Re-Start program. CARRIED

e. Remembrance Day Services & Wreath

Resln 2020-240 Beth West Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the donation of \$60.00 to the Royal Canadian Legion for the annual Remembrance Day wreath for the term of council. CARRIED

f. Trillium Resilient Communities Fund – defer for now – clarification required.

g. COVID-19 Technology Adoption Fund

Resln 2020-241 Beth West Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves an application to the COVID-19 Technology Adoption Fund for cell phone(s), printer(s), computer station(s), internet hub. CARRIED

h. Solicitor General – Enforcement & Amendments under the Reopening Ontario Act – FYI

i. Christmas closure – dates

Resln 2020-242 Kelly Warwick Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Christmas shutdown from Dec 21, 2020 to January 1, 2021 inclusive. CARRIED

j. Tax due date – move to middle of month in 2021 and forward:

Resln 2020-243 Keith Hoback Beth West

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the due dates for the 2021 Taxes and beyond be moved from the end of March, September, and November to the middle of the respective months. CARRIED

- Staff to explore options with TMM (The Managed Municipality).

8. Community Fire Safety:

a) Extend Caleb Williams (CFSO Services) to Dec. 31, 2021.

Resln 2020-244 Boris Koehler Keith Hoback

WHEREAS the CFSO Services may be extended by resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the extension of Caleb Williams as the Community Fire Safety Officer (CFSO) to December 31, 2021. CARRIED

b) Back up local Fire By-Law Enforcement Officer

Resln 2020-245 Kelly Warwick Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council requests that the Fire Services Agreement with the Town of Bruce Mines be amended to include open air burning by-law enforcement. CARRIED

9. Community Emergency Management Program ~ (M. Jones) – Forward to November meeting.

- a) Emergency Program - review
- b) Emergency Plan - review
- c) Training – Mike – status update
- d) HIRA, CI, Emergency Bins – status update

10. Animal Control:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11. Health & Health Centre ~ (B. Koehler)

a) Ministry of Health – Covid Screening tool protocol

Resln 2020-246 Boris Koehler Keith Hoback

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health has issued a COVID-19 Screening Tool for Businesses and Workplaces (Sept. 25/20)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adopts and amends the Township's Screening Protocol with any items presented in the Provincial Screening Tool that were not previously utilized. CARRIED

- Attestation to be incorporated into the daily time sheets; questions to be posted on the doors.
- b) Algoma Public Health – Halloween Safety protocols

12. Recreation ~ (B. Koehler)
13. Tri-Neighbours & Waste Management ~ (B. Koehler)
 - a) Sept. 15, 202 Minutes
 - b) Abattoir – disposal of waste at Tri-Neighbours (K. Hoback)

Mayor B. West noted a letter received from the Town of Bruce Mines' Mayor, Lory Patteri regarding the status of answers from the Tri-Neighbours Board to Penokean Hills on use of the waste disposal site for their proposed Abattoir.

B. Koehler, Councillor and Chair of the Tri-Neighbours Board indicated that the Engineering Report from AECOM regarding the Abattoir's request is in draft form and will be shared once complete.

K. Hoback submitted/read a letter (Oct. 21st) for Council's consideration:

Madame Mayor and councillors

I agree whole heartily Plummer Additional and Bruce Mines will benefit from the creation of the work spaces at the proposed slaughter house on Hwy 17. Creation of 15 full time would be better but it is improving our lot.

The points I raise tonight are to ensure the process which is underway as outlined by Ms Brunke with the Ministry of the Environment, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and perhaps Ministry of Natural Resources will ensure the continued enjoyment of our idyllic place of residence, provide continued clean water to drink, swim and enjoy fish from.

What information I have tonight is gleaned from several sources on the internet, namely research papers from PhD students, rules for slaughter houses, potential issues as regards management of Slaughterhouse Waste Water and the non-marketable component of the activity.

The information requested for Plummer Additional Township

Water required is up to 1400 litre per large animal carcass.

40 animals a week = 56000 litre a week. I understand there is an assessment process to provide potable water from the Bruce Mines water system to the new facility.

1. Will the Bruce Mines water system be able to supply the existing needs and this extra volume and not compromise fire suppression in the Bruce Station area?
2. To where will the slaughterhouse wastewater be directed?
3. As has been reported in the literature the wastewater contains biological hazards. What will be the pre-treatment to the slaughterhouse wastewater?
4. What is the intended mode of disposition of the waste solids?
5. Will the existing facilities accommodate this volume of waste and what will be the long-term effects of this deposition?
6. Should the blood be sent to the lagoon how long will the blood need to be in the lagoon to be safe for the lagoon to be drawn down?
7. What is the cycle for drawdown on the lagoon?
8. Where does the drawdown water go?
9. What odour control will be in place?
10. What solid animal waste (if any) will be placed in the Rose township landfill?
11. Should animal waste be placed at the Rose Lake facility what animal control measures will be put in place to address the influx of predators?
12. What is the buffer radius from the slaughterhouse or other place wastes will be disposed for direct consultation with residents of Plummer Additional?

Put forward as a motion to the Municipality of Bruce Mines as items of concern from Plummer Additional ratepayers.

- Questions posed will be copied to the Tri-Neighbours Board for consideration.

14. Cemetery ~ (Keith Hoback)
a) Oct. 13, 2020 Minutes

Resln - WITHDRAWN

WHEREAS the Cemetery Committee has requested that at least 3 samples be dug in 2020 at the Cloudslee III Cemetery at 9' intervals to a depth of 6' prior to selling plots;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council [approves/does not approve](#) the request to hire the Cemetery Grave digger to complete the test sites. WITHDRAWN – forward to 2021.

- Pre-digging of gravesites to be re-addressed in 2021.

Resln - WITHDRAWN

WHEREAS the Cemetery Committee has requested that a large bolder be removed at the Cloudslee Cemetery, and; WHEREAS the bolder will require the services of _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council [approves/does not approve](#) the request. WITHDRAWN

- K. Hoback noted it will need a power shovel due to the size; subsequently indicated that the Cemetery Committee decided to leave it as is.

Other:

Mayor B. West will coordinate the building of a gazebo for Cloudslee Cemetery – under the Main Streets Funding model.

15. Library, Parks & Hall ~ (B. West)
a) Audited Financials 2019 - FYI

16. Health and Safety ~ (M. Jones) n/a

17. Personnel:
a) Cemetery Locator – advertise

Resln 2020-247 Kelly Warwick Beth West

WHEREAS Sam Tassone has resigned;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council authorizes staff to advertise for a Cemetery Locator/Urn digger. CARRIED

- b) CUPE Negotiations – ongoing – 2 clauses left to work out.

18. Other:

- a) Broadband Advisory Committee Minutes Sept 29th - FYI
b) Huron North Community Economic Alliance – Algoma Hwy 17 Corridor - FYI
c) FONOM – Starlink Satellite System Program

Resln 2020-248 Boris Koehler Kelly Warwick

WHEREAS community social and economic well-being is dependent on fast, reliable, and affordable broadband connectivity and better cellular coverage;

AND WHEREAS Municipal, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as healthcare, education and other sectors will continue to depend on the internet to communicate, provide services and ensure accessibility to information;

AND WHEREAS digital literacy skills are essential to collaborate, innovate, and compete both regionally and globally and require appropriate and affordable broadband;

AND WHEREAS the availability of broadband that is on par with larger, urban areas in Canada is essential for Northern Ontario to achieve economic sustainability and social well-being;

AND WHEREAS in 2016 the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requested that the internet be designated as an essential service and that efforts are undertaken to ensure all municipalities have access to affordable, fast, and reliable broadband;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) agreed that an option to explore and hopefully support would be the Starlink Program, by SpaceX;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Plummer Additional agrees that that Broadband is an essential service, and that the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) should allow SpaceX and

other private ventures to compete with those presently acting in the communication field, as they have the private financial ability to move forward;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Minister of Science, Innovation, and Economic Development, the Provincial Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, the Provincial Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Northeastern MPs and MPPs, the Leaders of the Opposition Parties, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities. CARRIED

d) Tarbutt Northern Ontario Agriculture

Resln 2020-249 Kelly Warwick Keith Hoback

WHEREAS per Tarbutt Township, the farming industry in Ontario has become increasingly threatened with the growth of industry and Urban sprawl; and

WHEREAS as according to Ontario Farmland Trust, Ontario continues to lose 175 acres of farmland daily; and

WHEREAS between 1976 and 2016 Ontario lost 20% of its farmland; and

WHEREAS this loss of land is some of the most productive land in the province and such loss is unsustainable; and

WHEREAS Ontario's agri-food sector is the largest economic sector in the province, employing more than 820,000 Ontarians along the supply chain and annually contributing over \$39 billion to the province's GDP (Gross Domestic Product); and

WHEREAS In rural areas, the agri-food sector is even more important, as roughly 12% of the GDP and 10% of rural jobs are associated with agriculture; and

WHEREAS Agricultural land is the base of the agri-food sector, and it is a finite resource with only 0.5% of Canada's agricultural soil is classified as Class 1, and about half of the entire country's Class 1 soil is found in Ontario; and

WHEREAS most of the lost agriculture land is in southern Ontario; and

WHEREAS northern Ontario has seen an unprecedented growth in agriculture in recent years; and

WHEREAS northern Ontario is well on its way to being the future breadbasket for Ontario; and

WHEREAS the growth in northern Ontario agriculture is virtually unsupported by Federal and Provincial funding, yet all benefit from the growth in agriculture in northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS to continue to shoulder the burden of feeding the province and growing the agriculture sector in northern Ontario, certain infrastructures and financing opportunities need to be in place; and

WHEREAS the agriculture sector has seen a constant decrease in the availability of farm workers;

THEREFORE the Council of Plummer Additional supports Tarbutt Township in their request that significant steps be taken to provide Broadband service to all of northern Ontario to permit the use of technological advancements such as Robotic Milkers for dairy farmers in the absence of finding and retaining farm help, and

FURTHER that appropriate funding to match the crisis that the decline in agriculture is facing be established for farmers and that such funding be sustainable to allow for planning and growth; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forward to the FONOM; the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines; the Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs; Minister of Infrastructure; Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada; Central Algoma Municipalities and Huron North Community Economic Alliance. CARRIED

e) St. Joseph – looking for Seniors Advisory Committee member – to send to potential community member(s).

19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** n/a

20. **NEW BUSINESS:** n/a

21. **DISBURSEMENTS & Financials:**

a) Expenditures September 1- 30, 2020

b) Monthly Financial Statements

Resln 2020-250 Keith Hoback Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council authorizes payment of the following expenditures for September 1-30, 2020: General \$217,167.89; Cemetery \$11,401.53; Health \$6,020.87. CARRIED

22. **BY-LAWS:**

- a) Ferrovial – treated sand

Resln 2020-251 Kelly Warwick Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council gives three readings to by-law 2020-46 which authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Ferrovial Services for treated sand at a rate of \$27.71/tonne for up to 850 tonnes and \$33.39/tonne for additional tonnes. CARRIED

*1,300 tonnes ordered.

23. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS** n/a24. **MEMBERS REPORT (on items other than listed above): (COUNCIL MEMBERS)** n/a25. **CLOSED SESSION:**26. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Resln 2020-252 Boris Koehler Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council gives three readings and approves By-Law No. 2020-47, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting(s) held prior to and on October 21, 2020. CARRIED

27. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resln 2020-253 Kelly Warwick Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the Meeting at 8:56 pm to meet again on November 18, 2020 or at the call of the Mayor. CARRIED

 Mayor ~ Beth West

 Clerk ~ Vicky Goertzen-Cooke
Acronyms:

@ = at

ADSSAB – Algoma District Social Services Administration Board

AGM – Annual General Meeting

AHPS – Arthur Henderson Public School

AODA – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

CBO – Chief Building Official

CEMC – Community Emergency Measures Committee

CERB – Central Emergency reporting Bureau

CF- Carry Forward

CFSO- Community Fire Safety Officer

CUPE - Canadian Union of Public Employees

EARS – East Algoma Roads Superintendents

FYI – for your information

Fed Nor – Federal Economic Development for Northern Ontario

FONOM – Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

Frd – forwarded from prior meeting

HNWDRRC - Huron Northwest Doctor Recruitment & Retention Committee

ICIP Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program

OCIF – Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

OGRA – Ontario Good Roads Association

OMB – Ontario Municipal Board

OMAFRA – Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs

OPP – Ontario Provincial Police

Orig. - Original

OTF – Ontario Trillium Foundation

POA – Provincial Offences Act

Min. - Ministry

MNR – Ministry of Natural Resources

MAH – Ministry of Municipal Affairs

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

MPAC – Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Mtg - Meeting

MTO – Ministry of Transportation

MWRC – Municipal Waste & Recycling Consultants

N/A – not applicable

POA – Provincial Offences Act

RBC – Royal Bank of Canada

Reg. - registration

Rep – Representative

Resln – Resolution

RFQ – Request for Quote

ROMA – Rural Ontario Municipal Association

RWF – Road Working Foreperson

SSM – Sault Ste. Marie

TMM – The Managed Municipality

TSSA – Technical Standards and Safety Authority

TWSP - Township