

The Corporation of the Township of Plummer Additional

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Minutes January 19, 2022

Regular Council and Planning Meeting

Electronic Meeting Zoom - 6:00 pm

Call to order: 6:01 pm

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

Staff~Clerk Vicky Goertzen-Cooke, RWF~Chad Mullen, Deputy Clerk~Lars Moffatt

Planner~Chris Jones

Committee of Adjustment (COA) and Planning Meeting:

COA 1a) Minor Variance - Rycon Holbrook, Chris Jones - Planner Report

COA 1b) Decision

2022-01 Boris Koehler Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council hereby approves application A-O1/2022 for lands legally described as Parts 1 and 2, Plan 1R-13862, located in Part of the South ½ Lot 6, Concession 4, together with lands located in Part of the South ½ of Lot 5, Concession 4 Registered Plan No. 8, Township of Plummer Additional Concession 6, Township of Plummer Additional to allow a minimum lot frontage of 31 metres.

AND FURTHER THAT this approval is subject to noted conditions as identified in the Notice of Decision for Application A-01/2022. CARRIED

COA 2) Bill 13/276 – authority to approve Zoning Bylaw Amendments – C. Jones provided comments to the Bills – no further action.

COA 3) Adjourn COA and Planning Meeting

2022-02 Boris Koehler Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the Committee of Adjustment – Planning Act meeting at 6:25 pm. CARRIED

1. **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA** n/a

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Kelly Warwick – Agenda item 21a) purchase from ANP (owner)

Mike Jones – Re; December 1, 2021 meeting; Tri-Neighbour’s appointment of Karen Corboy (wife) to the Board.

3. **Municipal Staff Report – Roads**

a) Roads Working Foreperson (RWF) Report (Chad Mullen)

i. Nov. 20, 2021 – Jan. 12, 2022

b) Amalgamated Tender

2022-03 Mike Jones Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the items as presented (attached) by the Road Working Foreperson for inclusion in the East Algoma Road Superintendent’s annual Amalgamated Tender. CARRIED

c) Road purchases:

i. 4 Tires (2 tandem, 2 single axle)

ii. Metal Roofing

• Council noted that if more than the patch job is required staff is to complete the job while the lift is already rented.

iii. Bump Signs

2022-04 Kelly Warwick Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the purchase of:

I. 4 tires as quoted from MSR Tire in the amount of \$5,717.80 (inc. HST)

II. Metal Roofing as quoted from Rupp Metal Roofing in the amount of \$3,027.87 (inc. HST)

III. 24 Bump signs as quoted from Stinson Owl-light in the amount of \$809.80 (inc. HST). CARRIED

d) Ledyit Line - request for winter plowing service on the section that is seasonally maintained-beyond the plow turnaround.

- Council discussed prior considerations for this section of roadway; council consensus is that there will be no change to the status of the current practice on this seasonal section of roadway. Response to be sent to Mr. Ledyit.

e) Grader Tender – LAS/CANOE

2022-05 Keith Hoback Mike Jones

WHEREAS per the procurement by-law, the municipality may participate with other government agencies and/or local boards in co-operative purchasing where it is in the best interests of the municipality to do so. The policies of the government agency or local board calling the co-operative tender are to be the governing policy for that particular tender.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves participation in one or more procurements conducted by Local Authority Services (LAS) for an indefinite term for various projects, equipment, and supplies starting in 2022.

For further information and access to LAS request for proposal (RFP) notices please review the website at www.las.on.ca. CARRIED

f) Capital Plan – Review

- Copper Bay Road – RWF proposal to hold on Surface Treatment 1 year in exchange for purchase of Asphalt Hot Box.

2022-06 Boris Koehler Kelly Warwick

WHEREAS the Road Working Foreperson has reviewed the Capital Plan and has made recommendations:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves postponing the Copper Bay Road Surface Treatment project for a period of 1 year in exchange for the purchase of an Asphalt Hot Box. CARRIED

g) CF- NORDS Funding (deadline Jan 27th – decision on where to spend)

Resln 2022-07 Keith Hoback Kelly Warwick

WHEREAS Booth Bridge has been identified in the Capital Asset Management Plan with a need for rehabilitation or replacement;

WHEREAS the annual NORDS grant of \$69,442 is guaranteed for 5 years, and;

WHEREAS there are restrictions on the spending of the allocated funds, and;

WHEREAS the Township can bank the grant in order to save up towards a larger project;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Booth Bridge replacement or rehabilitation as the NORDS project and; Further that the annual grant be set aside until a Funding Model can be accessed to assist with the project. CARRIED

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS 6:45 pm – n/a

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

a) December 1, 2021 (Regular)

b) December 9, 2021 (Special)

2022-08 Boris Koehler Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Minutes of; December 1st & December 9th 2021. CARRIED

REPORTS:

MUNICIPAL STAFF REPORT'S continued:

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

a) Building Permit Summary – Nov. 22nd

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

a) Summer Students (3)

2022-09 Kelly Warwick Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approves staff to apply for funding for 3 summer students.

Roads – full time up to 16 weeks

Office – full time up to 16 weeks

Cemetery/Recreation/Roads – full time up to 8 weeks. CARRIED

b) Election (Oct 24, 2022) – Question on the Ballot

- a. Need 50% of voters to vote, turnout for voting is usually around 30% - no further action.

c) MPAC – update 3rd Q – Property Assessments staying the same until 2023 (unless there has been an improvement to the property).

d) MPAC 2022 Levy

2022-10 Kelly Warwick Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approves the MPAC 2022 Levy in the amount of \$22,183.14. CARRIED

e) ROMA virtual Conference Jan 23-25th; \$550 registration fee2022-**DEFEATED** Keith Hoback Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approves _____ to register for the ROMA Conference On Jan 23-25 (virtual); registration fee \$550.00. DEFEATED

f) Fees & Charges By-Law Review, revisions forwarded to the next meeting for approval.

g) Fence Viewer – Sample by-law reviewed

- a. Re-advertise for viewer vacancy – need 2 more; can't be staff or council, legislation interpretation required.

2022-11 Mike Jones Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council instructs staff to draft a Fence Viewer by-law for consideration. CARRIED

h) Municipal Law Enforcement – Part 1 Foundation

2022-12 Boris Koehler Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approves a membership to the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Association in the amount of approximately \$183 and;

Further approves Lars Moffatt to register for the Municipal Law Enforcement – Part 1 Foundations; registration fee \$852.02 per person when the next course becomes available. CARRIED

8. Community Fire Safety:

9. Community Emergency Management Program ~ (M. Jones)

a) Lighthaven Home request use of hall for emergency

2022-13 Keith Hoback Mike Jones

WHEREAS Lighthaven home has requested the use of the Bruce Station Hall as an emergency evacuation Centre;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approves the use of the hall, pending capacity restrictions and any Emergency use required by the Township at the same time. CARRIED

b) MAH – Dec 22 – Extension of Emergency Order

c) Algoma Public Health – order change

10. Animal Control: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11. Health & Health Centre ~ (B. Koehler)
 a) Algoma Public Health 2022 Levy (2.45% increase)

2022-14 Boris Koehler Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approves the 2022 Algoma Public Health Levy in the amount of \$26,533.00. CARRIED

- b) S. Taylor Letter re: Dr. Haapala leaving the Central Algoma Clinic in February
 c) A. Vine Letter re: Local Health Care & Rural and Northern Physician Group Agreements (RNPGA)
 d) Ministry of Health Zoom meeting – January 14, 2022 @ 9:00 am:
- Dr. Haapala is leaving the Central Algoma Clinic to go to Sault Ste. Marie; Dr. Crawford is leaving Thessalon to go to St. Joseph Island
 - MOH will fund up to 6 months after the Doctor has left the practice (extensions approved at times due to extenuating circumstances).
 - The Town of Bruce Mines will take over Payroll of staff if no Doctors are at the clinic as long as MOL will fund it. Staff at the clinic is normally paid out of the RNPGA.
 - Request for a Family Health Team to assist our Clinic Doctors:
 - MOH will not create a new Health Team in the area; but suggest that they may consider funding an expansion if we were to be included with on of the established ones in Thessalon or Blind River. One of them would have to forward an application to MOH. Dr. Haapala, Dr. Janet Mcleod and Mary Ellen Luukkonen are working on this.
 - Doctor burnout Issues with having to cover their practice, the Emergency Department in Thessalon, Algoma Manor, and administration duties;
 - Possible option for Doctors to opt out of it or at least lessen the load and get Locums in more to cover the emergency department was discussed.
 - Regular prescription renewals will have to happen at emergency departments if no RNPGA Doctors or Locums are available at the local clinics.
 - The recruitment and retention team is working diligently on securing Doctors, but there is shortage of medical staff across northern Ontario, not just here and the competition is stiff to recruit them with consideration for the working conditions here a large factor.
 - No access to Doctors will impact the local economy negatively
 - The MOL staff we spoke with will be checking into some options on our behalf.
 - Staff to forward the submitted letters (with permission from the authors) as well as citing our Twsp concerns to MPP's, AMO, FONOM, area Municipalities, etc. to help advocate to the MOL for changes required to make it attractive for Doctors to stay in our local clinics.

12. Recreation ~ (B. Koehler)

a) Active Trail Fund – Memo - Voyageur Trail & Map – no further action at this time.

b) Recreation Services – annual request to Johnson Twsp. For Admin Services (Resln)

2022-15 Kelly Warwick Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council requests the ongoing services of Johnson Township for Recreation Administration Services. CARRIED

13. Tri-Neighbours & Waste Management ~ (B. Koehler)

a) 2021 12 08 Minutes (next mtg Jan 12th)

14. Cemetery ~ (Keith Hoback)

15. Library, Parks & Hall ~ (B. West)

a) Library Minutes & Financials Dec 9/21

b) Library Minutes & Financials Jan 13/22

16. Health and Safety ~ (M. Jones)

17. Personnel:

18. **Other:**

19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

20. **NEW BUSINESS:**

21. **DISBURSEMENTS & Financials:**

a) Expenditures November 23 – Dec 31, 2021

b) Monthly Financial Statements

*Kelly Warwick - abstained

2022-16 Keith Hoback Beth West

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council authorizes payment of the following expenditures for November 23- Dec 31, 2021:

- General \$323,436.26
- Cemetery \$3,760.85
- Health Centre (Dec 16/21) \$3,876.21. CARRIED

22. **BY-LAWS:**

a) RBC Temporary Borrowing (#01)

b) Tax Ratio (#02)

c) Interim Taxes (#03)

2022-17 Mike Jones Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council gives three readings and approves:

a) by-law 2022-01 being a by-law to authorize Temporary Borrowing with RBC

b) by-law 2022-02 being a by-law to adopt the Tax Ratios

c) by-law 2022-03 being a by-law to set the Interim Taxes. CARRIED

23. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

24. **MEMBERS REPORT (on items other than listed above): (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

25. **CLOSED SESSION:** Not required

26. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW (#04)**

2022-18 Keith Hoback Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council gives three readings and approves By-Law No. 2022-04, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting(s) held prior to and on January 19, 2022. CARRIED

27. **ADJOURNMENT:**

2022-19 Boris Koehler Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the Meeting at 8:19 pm to meet again on February 16, 2022 for the next regular meeting, 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

MMP – Municipal Modernization Program

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

RED – Rural Economic Development

Reg. - registration

Rep – Representative

Resln – Resolution

RFQ – Request for Quote

ROMA – Rural Ontario Municipal Association

RWF – Road Working Foreperson

SSM – Sault Ste. Marie

ST – Surface Treatment

TMM – The Managed Municipality

TSSA – Technical Standards and Safety Authority

TWSP - Township