

COUNCIL MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF COCKBURN ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING

5 PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 2024

Meeting On-line by ZOOM

ZOOM LINK <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84944196668>

(link same every regular meeting)

PRESENT

- Mayor: Brenda Jones
- Councillors: Lee Chappell
- Jeff House
- Simon Lacombe
- Scott Stewart
- Clerk: Brent St. Denis
- Public Works: Alex Nicolson, Darren Rogers
- Absent: Nil

(a number of ratepayers observed the meeting)

5:00 PM

Call to Order

Adopt Agenda

Declarations of any pecuniary interest

Delegations – if any

New Business – if any

Resolution # 24-09-01

Moved: S Lacombe

Seconded: J House

That the September 11th, 2024 Council meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

Public Works Committee meeting – Council and available Public Works crew

Resolution # 24-09-02

Moved: S Stewart

Seconded: L Lee

That the we enter into Committee of the Whole so that an informal discussion with staff can be held regarding Public Works and related matters.

Time 5:04 PM

CARRIED

Council Member Jeff House chaired the PW session. Items raised during the Public Works Committee of the Whole included;

PW MEETING NOTES:

- Darren was welcomed back to work after a delayed return
- It was noted that Alex has voluntarily been transporting fuel to the island for Public Works use. The CIL barge is not in operation to carry goods including fuel,
- PW staff should have a copy of the Occupational Health and Safety regulations and should be trained safe use of a loader, chainsaw and ladders.
- A question arose to ownership of the clear stone produced as a by-product of the 2022 A gravel screening project? – the Clerk will get clarification from CIL.
- Is it possible to purchase some fuel from CIL if there is enough extra in the island vehicles for winter? – the Clerk will get clarification from CIL.
- There was an extra trip across the Channel to correct for a garage door supplier error,
- Agreed to sell the used McLeod House fridge and the doors just removed from the PW garage
- PW staff asked that a side-by-side be purchased for travelling to/from work sites
- Culvert covers are needed
- The McLeod House well needs attention
- Procedure for winterizing docks
- 10th culvert needs an extension
- Hall parking lot grading
- Find topsoil for ruts in lawn at Hall or get rid of grass?

Resolution # 24-09-03

Moved: L Chappell

Seconded: J house

That the Committee of the Whole be adjourned and that we return to the regular meeting of Council.

Time: 5:21 PM

CARRIED

Resolution # 24-09-04

Moved: S Lacombe

Seconded: S Stewart

That the minutes of the August 3rd, 2024 regular meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

Action Items

Medical Building Update – review latest information

Resolution # 24-09-05

Moved: S Lacombe

Seconded: S Stewart

That the following status of the Medical Building project be acknowledged;

- There are still some deficiencies
- Electrical completion and ESA Sept 18.
- Should be finished soon

CARRIED

Review Integrity Commissioner (IC) Responses (2) – four firms representing the ICs of about 20 neighbouring municipalities were contacted.

Resolution # 2024-09-06
Moved: S Lacombe
Seconded: S Stewart

That whereas information has been received from two (2) firms concerning the supply of Integrity Commissioner (IC) services to the township,

- E4M
- Good Sense

Now therefore be it resolved that we invite each firm to separately meet with Council for about a half hour by Zoom at a mutually suitable time and

That the said meetings be open to the public as part of informing our ratepayers how this new municipal service would work.

CARRIED

Update on Garage Doors Transportation tender –plan is for crew and doors to arrive Tuesday the 10th and return to Thessalon later in the week. Dave Hale kindly offered to help with the transportation.

Resolution # 2024-09-07
Moved: S Stewart
Seconded: J House

That we thank Dave Hale for facilitating the installation of the 4 new Public Works building garage doors by providing the necessary boat transportation for material and installation crew.

And further that all transportation be paid by the township with effort to be made to claim a partial refund from the garage door supplier which created the need for an extra to/from crossing of the North Channel,

CARRIED

Consider By-Law #2024-07 – to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a funding agreement for our share of the Federal Gas Tax. This is a population-based program in which municipalities receive permanent infrastructure funding that was formerly a share of the Federal Excise tax on fuel.

Resolution # 2024-09-08
Moved: J House
Seconded: L Chappell

Be It Resolved that By-law #2024-07 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to sign on behalf of the township a Gas Tax funding agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) the delivery agent acting for the Government of Canada, be read a first, second, third and final time, be adopted, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, be sealed with the corporation's seal, be numbered #2024-07, and be filed in the by-law book.

CARRIED

Review NOHFC Grant re: Hall Water Supply and Other Matters

Resolution # 2024-09-09
Moved: S Stewart
Seconded: S Lacombe

That the following item(s) relating to the Heritage Committee Hall NOHFC project be considered;

- The Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to apply for an extension of the NOHFC grant until November 30th, 2025

CARRIED

Dog Control Issues – consider complaints and possible measures to remedy the situation – current method of dog control. Notes from 2021...*(excerpted from a memo provided to Council by Ms. Mia Carella, Lawyer with Wishart Law of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario)*

“The biggest issue is that if someone does not comply with a letter sent by Cockburn Island, without a means of enforcement, it is difficult to enforce a requirement if there is no recourse.

For example, if you're going to enforce an animal control by-law and send out warnings for non-compliance, at some point you will have to charge the individual under the by-law. This presents another problem. I further understand that by-law enforcement and policing is not present therefore making it even more difficult to enforce a by-law or community rules related to dogs.”

Financial Report

- a) Disbursements and NCU VISA, (cheques #1182 to # 1190)
- b) Northern Credit Union Bank Statements as of September 6th, 2024

Account Name	Balance
<u>Dock Account 101</u>	\$14,361.52
<u>Heritage Account 102</u>	\$37,288.50
<u>Operating Account 100</u>	\$254,343.43

TOTAL ALL 3 ACCOUNTS \$305,993.45

Resolution # 2024-09-10
Moved: J House
Seconded: S Lacombe

That the Treasurer's report on bank balances and cheque disbursements (#1182 to #1190) and the township's VISA card statement be hereby received.

CARRIED

Council Members' Concerns

- Council Member Lacombe had checked into cost of swim ladders for the dock (\$200-\$400). Should there be two? He also inquired into the Weather Station. (The Clerk will contact Davis the USA manufacturer)
- Council Member Stewart said the beach gazebo needs some floor boards
- Mayor Jones mentioned the hydro poles that needed repair near the Anderson camp and further down

Resolution # 2024-09-11
Moved: S Lacombe
Seconded: J House

That we purchase a swim ladder for the dock at a cost in the range of \$300-\$500.

CARRIED

Clerk's Report

- a) Zoning By-law – no comments received on updated ZB since the August 3rd meeting
- b) Animal Control (Dogs) - bylaw
- c) Weather Station might be on island by meeting time- product returned to Davis for repair – this company has been a challenge to work with unfortunately
- d) Calcium – should have a transporter before ordering (NOTE- CIL barge not currently available)

Resolution # 2024-09-12
Moved: J House
Seconded: S Lacombe

That we enter Closed Session.
Time: 5:56 PM

CARRIED

Resolution # 2024-09-13
Moved: J House
Seconded: L Chappell

That we return to Open Session
Time: 6:51 PM

CARRIED

Resolution # 2024-09-14
Moved: S Lacombe

Seconded: S Stewart

That we proceed with D St. ditching project to alleviate flooding concerns including that HydroOne be contacted for a disconnect/reconnect at one property and that all affected ratepayers be advised of the project. Culverts will be needed at the Hagen and Williamson properties.

CARRIED

Resolution # 2024-09-14

Moved: S Lacombe

Seconded: S Stewart

That we approve ditching from the Lehtkeman property to Dzama's.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Resolution # 2024-09-15

Moved: S Lacombe

Seconded: J House

That this meeting be now adjourned and that Council meet again at 5:00 PM on Wednesday October 9th by Zoom or at the call of the Mayor

CARRIED

Time – 6:57 PM