



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, March 13, 2025, 6:30 P.M.
Main Level Chambers

PRESENT: D. O'Mara, J. Koistinen, M. Youngs, J. Platts, W. Gustavson, C. Lowery, B. Koski

STAFF: L. Jahanshahloo, S. Pandolfo, B. Turcotte, N. Claveau, J. Shymko, Peter Christie, J. Sanderson, D. Bell

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL / ANNOUNCEMENTS & STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

-Mayor O'Mara called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
There were 9 members of the public in the audience and 9 members of the public attending via zoom. The Mayor called the Roll.

-Mayor O'Mara took part in the Shiverfest BBQ, along with Councillor Koski and Councillor Gustavson. He wants to Thank the Recreation team and volunteers.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Move item 9.7 to the beginning of Staff Reports.

25-053

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Council Agenda dated March 13, 2025 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

The Mayor requested disclosure of pecuniary interest. Administration reported that none were received prior to the meeting. There were no other disclosures made.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSIONS

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

February 13, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting - Minutes DRAFT

25-054

MOVED BY: W. Gustavson

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes from February 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Registered Delegations - With Presentations

Ride Share - Uber Presentation

Presentation by Jake Brockman, Uber Canada.

25-055

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report from Uber Ride share;

AND FURTHER THAT Staff provide a report at the next regular meeting.

CARRIED

Invited Presentations

Registered Delegations - Without Presentations

Unregistered Delegations

** 5 minutes per each presenter for a Maximum of 15 Minutes in total for all unregistered presentations**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

25-056

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: M. Youngs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the consent agenda items, as amended.

8.1 Staff Reports for Information

8.2 Correspondence for Information

8.3 Minutes of Local Boards & Committees

AND FURTHER THAT item 8.1.9 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

Staff Report(s) for Information:

2025-M-043 - MRFD Monthly Report - February 2025

2025-M-044 - TFD Monthly Report - January and February 2025

2025-M-045 - Public Work Monthly Report - February 2025

2025-M-046 - Parks and Recreation Monthly Report - February 2025

2025-M-047 - MLEO Monthly Report - February 2025

2025-M-048 - Ontario Superior Court Ruling on Municipal Election Compliance Audits

2025-M-049 - DNSSAB Housing Services Overview

2025-M-050 - Overview of the 2024 Temagami North and South Drinking Water Systems

2025-M-051 - Council Remuneration Report

25-057

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: M. Youngs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Council Remuneration report and provide recommendations at a future meeting on alternative options for conferences.

CARRIED

Correspondence for Information:

February 10, 2025 - Letter to Mayor and Council - Parking Space

Replacement of the Holdridge Creek Bridge

Update - Non-urgent Transportation for Medical Appointments

TC Energy Brushing and Spraying Program

Minutes of Local Boards & Committee:

January 30, 2025 - NEPH Board Minutes

STAFF REPORTS

2025-M-052 - Organizational Chart

25-063

MOVED BY: J. Koistinen

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-052 as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the Organizational Chart as Appendix A, hereby forming part of this report.

CARRIED

2025-M-053 - Delegation of Authority for Head of Council for Emergency Purposes

25-059

MOVED BY: J. Koistinen

SECONDED BY: W. Gustavson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-053 as presented;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council accepts option #2.2 for the Delegation of Authority to appoint a member of Council to act in the place of the Head of Council for emergency purposes when the Head of Council is absent.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AND FURTHER THAT Council Direct staff to prepare a by-law for adoption at the next regular Council meeting to formally entrench the policy.

CARRIED

2025-M-054 - Revision of the Current Flag and Proclamation Policy

25-060

MOVED BY: W. Gustavson

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-054 as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the repeal of By-Law No. 24-1772 and passes By-Law No. 25-1801.

CARRIED

2025-M-055 - Temagami Train Station Lease Agreements

25-061

MOVED BY: J. Koistinen

SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-055 as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council selects the following items to be included in the Base Rent, for 1 year starting March 1, 2025 until February 28, 2026.

1. Taxes, Area Rated Charges
2. Hydro
3. Gas
4. General Building Repairs - Not caused by the Lessee, Sublessee, or its Patrons

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tenants provide their own insurance;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council repeals By-Law No. 22-1600 and By-Law No. 22-1601, and enacts By-Law No. 25-1803.

CARRIED

2025-M-056 - Request for Proposal for Development Charges Background Study

25-062

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-056, including Appendix A (hereby being part of the memo), as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the RFP for the Development Charges Background Study, including the scope of services, proposal submission requirements, and evaluation criteria;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the CAO/Treasurer to finalize the issue date, post the RFP, and take all necessary actions to execute the RFP process, including distribution, review of received proposals, and bringing the results to Council for final review and decision.

CARRIED

2025-M-057 - Amendments to Schedule "K" of User Fee By-law 24-1760

25-063

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: W. Gustavson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-057 as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council enacts By-Law No. 25-1805, amending Schedule "K" of User Fee By-law 24-1760.

CARRIED

2025-M-058 - Crown Land Acquisition

25-058

MOVED BY: J. Koistinen

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

ORIGINAL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-058 (including Appendix A, attached hereto as part of this report) as presented;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council authorize the Clerk to proceed with the process of applying for the acquisition of Crown land for multiple municipal purposes, subject to the condition that any associated costs will be presented to Council for consideration before proceeding further.

REVISED

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-058 (including Appendix A, attached hereto as part of this report) as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council authorize the Clerk to proceed with the process of applying for the acquisition of Crown lands for multiple municipal purposes, subject to the condition that any associated costs will be presented to Council for consideration before proceeding further.

AND FURTHER That Brophy Lake, Olive Lake and Forestry Island be removed from the list of crown land properties that will be include in the application to acquire lands.

AND FURTHER THAT Staff report back to Council on the merits of creating a land development/acquisition committee to investigate future growth opportunities.

DEFERRED

2025-M-059 - Square Reader for Landfills and Transfer Stations

25-064

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: W. Gustavson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-059 as presented;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council authorize staff to integrate the Square Reader into our current payment system for landfills and transfer stations.

CARRIED

2025-M-060 - Appointment to Ad Hoc Budget Committee

25-065

MOVED BY: J. Platts

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-060 as presented;

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby appoints Councillor Gustavson to the Ad Hoc Budget Committee to fill the vacancy left by Deputy Mayor Koistinen;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee continues its mandate as per the Terms of Reference outlined in Memo 2024-M-218 approved by Resolution 24-575.

CARRIED

2025-M-061 - Updates on TREDCO and Joint Councils Mine Landing Ad Hoc Committee

25-066

MOVED BY: W. Gustavson

SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-061 as presented;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council approves the rescheduling of TREDCO's first activity report presentation to the March 27, 2025, Working Session of Council.

CARRIED

2025-M-062 - Requesting Control Valve Servicing for Temagami Water Treatment Plants

25-067

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-062;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) proposal, attached as Appendices A, B, and C (which hereby form part of this memo), for control valve servicing for the Temagami Water Treatment Plants;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the CAO/Treasurer to execute the agreement with OCWA and allocate the total expenditure to the 2025 Capital Budget.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Action Correspondence

2025-M-063 - Letter to Mayor and Council - Easement Snow Removal

25-068

MOVED BY: J. Platts

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-063 as presented;
AND BE IT RESOLVED Council deny the request from the residents at 4 Harmony Avenue for the Municipality to plow their driveway, which contains an easement for municipal infrastructure services,

AND FURTHER THAT Council maintain the existing policy of not providing snow removal services on private property, even where an easement exists.

CARRIED

Resolution from Other Municipalities

25-069

MOVED BY: J. Platts

SECONDED BY: M. Youngs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the attached resolution support requests from other Municipalities and hereby direct staff to send the requested letters of support.

CARRIED

County of Frontenac - Increase in Tile Drainage Loan

Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula - Cell Towers and their Associated Maintenance

Town of Fort Erie - Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy

Town of Halton Hills - Ontario Deposit Return Program

Town of Uxbridge - Buy Canadian

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan - Paid-Plasma-Free Zone

Township of McGarry - Amend Building Code

Township of McGarry - Northern Health Travel Grant, Hope Air

Coleman Township - Urgent Need for Improvements to Highways 11 and 17

BY-LAWS

By-Law 25-1801- Regulating the Display of Flags and Issuance of Proclamations

25-070

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1801, to regulate the Display of Flags and the Issuance of Proclamations in the Municipality of Temagami, be taken as read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 13th day of March, 2025;

AND FURTHER THAT the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

By-Law 25-1802 - Regulating the Audio Recording of Council and Committee Meetings

25-071

MOVED BY: J. Platts

SECONDED BY: W. Gustavson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1802, to Regulate the Audio Recording of Council and Committee Meetings for the Municipality of Temagami, be taken as read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 13th day of March, 2025;

AND FURTHER THAT the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

By-Law 25-1803 - Temagami Train Station Lease Agreement Authorization

Deputy Mayor Koistinen left the meeting

25-072

MOVED BY: W. Gustavson

SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1803, to repeal By-Law No. 22-1600 and By-Law No. 22-1601 and authorize the execution of a new lease agreement for the Temagami Train Station for 1 year starting March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026, be taken as read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 13th day of March, 2025;

AND FURTHER THAT the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

25-073

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be extended to 10:00pm.

CARRIED

By-Law 25-1804 - Transfer Payment Agreement - Horizons North Seniors Funding

25-074

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1804, to authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario, as represented by Employment and Social Development Canada, for the Horizons North Seniors Funding, be taken as read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 13th day of March, 2025;

AND FURTHER THAT the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

By-Law 25-1805 - Amending Schedule “K” (Building Permit Fees) of By-law 24-1760

25-075

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: W. Gustavson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1805, to amend Schedule "K" of By-Law 21-1760 to set fees and charges for services, activities and use of municipal property, be taken as read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 13th day of March, 2025;

AND FURTHER THAT the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Youngs - Installing a fourth flag pole

2025-M-064 - Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection and Decontamination Program

25-076

MOVED BY: W. Gustavson

SECONDED BY: M. Youngs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-064 as presented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council pass the attached motion (Appendix A – attached hereto

as part of this report) urging the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ministry of Transportation to establish an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program, similar to Manitoba's, to protect lakes in Northeastern Ontario.

WHEREAS there is a growing concern among residents of the Municipality of Temagami regarding the significant risk of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) being introduced into local lakes by boats arriving from high-risk areas without appropriate inspection and decontamination;

AND WHEREAS Ontario currently has no mandatory inspection or decontamination requirements in place to prevent the spread of AIS;

AND WHEREAS it is well documented that the overland movement of watercraft and water-related equipment is the primary vector for transporting AIS to uninhabited water bodies in North America;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba operates an annual AIS watercraft inspection program from late spring through the middle of fall, requiring all motorized and non-motorized watercraft to stop at designated inspection stations for assessment and potential decontamination;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba program applies to a broad range of watercraft, including canoes, kayaks, fishing boats, sailboats, personal watercraft (Jet Ski®), stand-up paddleboards (SUPs), and any water-related equipment that has come into contact with a water body;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba government's AIS Regulation under The Water Protection Act mandates decontamination procedures at designated sites strategically located along highways and other key locations to prevent the spread of AIS;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is currently developing several new rest stops along key Northern Ontario highways but has not included AIS wash stations within their mandate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Temagami calls upon the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Transportation to establish an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program similar to Manitoba's, to protect lakes in Northeastern Ontario;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to designate select new rest stop locations, such as Marten River, as sites for AIS inspection and decontamination stations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to other municipalities along Highway 11, as they are directly affected by watercraft movement and share similar concerns regarding the introduction of AIS, for their support and endorsement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Northern Municipalities, requesting their advocacy to ensure the protection of lakes within their jurisdiction;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, requesting his support and collaboration with the relevant Ministries to implement this program.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC - ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

25-077

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1806, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 13th day of March, 2025.;

AND FURTHER THAT the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

25-078

MOVED BY: C. Lowery

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 9:43p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk