

None declared

D. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes of January 7, 12, 16 and 19 were approved on January 27 2021.

MOVED BY: Counsellor Angèle Beauvais
SECONDED BY: Counsellor Alain Tremblay

RES. #029-21

Be it resolved that the meeting minutes from December 15 2020 be accepted with the following changes:

*“Also present”: change the post for Alain Robichaud to Economical Development Agent;
Item C) Remove the conflict of interest of Counsellor Angèle Beauvais;
Item I)2) RES.#169-20 change the date to December 15; and
Item I)3) RES.#170-20 change the date to December 15;*

Be it resolved that the following meeting minutes be accepted as presented:

*Special meeting of council, January 25 2021
Special meeting of council, January 27 2021*

ADOPTED

E. PRESENTATION

Guy Bourgouin, MPP of Mushkegowuk offers his help to the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty on any initiative we are working on. He shares that he is ready and available to come help the small communities. Mayor Baril thanks him in the name of the council and will send him documents on the Broadband project and also on the rising cost of insurance on municipalities.

F. CORRESPONDANCE

- 1) February 4 2021, media release from FONOM regarding the working group for a 2+1 route on highway 11, for information only.
- 2) December 14 2021, letter from the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario regarding the plan to build a better transportation system for northern Ontario. The Ministry demands feedback from the municipalities before March 10, 2021.

The acting CAO is responsible for reading the plan and offer her feedback to the mayor if she judges that one is necessary and should be given to the Ministry, to which the mayor will formulate and submit.

- 3) December 16 2021, letter from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services announcing the launch of the strategy Building a Strong Foundation for Success: Reducing Poverty in Ontario (2020-2025), for information only.
- 4) November 2020 3rd quarter update from MPAC for information only.

The clerk is responsible for including these MPAC reports in the regular meetings to come.

- 5) January 31 2021, update report from Exolink regarding the project to bring high speed internet in the north, for information only.

- 6) January 13 2021, email from Statistics Canada for the 2021 Census.

MOVED BY: Counsellor Roger Lachance
SECONDED BY: Counsellor Carole Lessard

RES. #030-21

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

ADOPTED

The clerk will be responsible for promoting the 2021 Census on our social media and our I want to know in mid-April.

- 7) Letter from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines announcing that effective January 1st 2021, municipalities are no longer required to release a Long-Term Energy Plan every three years.
- 8) January 25 2021, letter from Kapuskasing Chamber of Commerce and a letter from the Town of Kapuskasing, dated February 4 2021, regarding the mandatory closures of businesses during the outbreak of Covid-19.

MOVED BY: Angèle Beauvais
SECONDED BY: Alain Tremblay

RES. #031-21

WHEREAS a healthy population and vibrant economy are not mutually exclusive, but rather go hand-in-hand;

AND WHEREAS public health measures and restrictions on business are not one size fits all and what works for the larger cities does not necessary work for small northern communities;

AND WHEREAS public health measures and restrictions on business need to be based on local public health conditions, geography, and demographics;

AND WHEREAS any future lockdowns will have a devastating impact on our local economy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty supports the Kapuskasing and District Chamber of Commerce and la Société Économique de l'Ontario's calling on the Province to revise its lockdown regulation to address the inequity between small and large businesses and allow small businesses to remain open to in-store sales, with limited capacity and increased safety measures for their employees as well as their clients;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Kapuskasing and District Chamber of Commerce and la Société Économique de l'Ontario.

ADOPTED

- 9) February 9 2021, letter from the city of St-Catharines asking the government of Ontario to legislate paid sick days.
- 10) Training request for Clerk

The Clerk will be responsible for developing a training plan for the year 2021 and submit it to the Acting CAO for approval. Follow up.

Every training that goes over the annual budget for administrative training will have to be approved by the Acting CAO.

- 11) Draft of the Service Contract from the Town of Moonbeam for garbage pickup.

Mayor Baril asked the mayor of Moonbeam to bill us monthly instead of receiving one bill, which has a negative impact on our current account. Follow up.

- 12) Commercial proposition from PSD to develop and submit an application for grant with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Municipal Asset Management Program (FCM MAMP) to develop an asset management plan to meet the provincial requirements of 2021.

MOVED BY: Carole Lessard
SECONDED BY: Angèle Beauvais

RES. #032-21

Be it resolved that the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty accepts the commercial proposition of PSD to apply for a grant with FCM MAMP to obtain funds for the development of an asset management plan and that all costs associated with the development and the submission of this grant be reimbursed by FCM MAMP.

ADOPTED

G. REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- 1) Fourth quarterly report 2020 from the by-law services of Kapuskasing for information only.

The Municipality of Val Rita-Harty is still waiting for permission to obtain the software that is used by the by-law services.

The acting CAO is responsible for a follow-up on the permission to use the software. Follow-up.

- 2) Report from the Quality & Environmental Management System by OCWA for a summary of risk assessment outcomes, for information only.

The acting CAO is responsible to acquire the Covid-19 safety plan from OCWA. Follow-up.

PROCEDURE: Mr. Fréchette leaves the reunion at 8:25pm

- 3) Report from OCWA of December 2020 and January 2021.

The acting CAO is responsible for a follow-up on the alarm test button at the Val Rita trailer park pumping station, which needs to be wired outside panel since it's a question of health and safety – item found on page 2 of the January 2021 report. Follow-up.

- 4) Report from the public works team of December 2020 and January 2021.

The acting CAO is responsible for including the overtime report of the public works team. Follow-up.

Going forward, the acting CAO is responsible to include the overtime reports of the administrative staff. Follow-up.

- 5) Report from the fire department of December 2020 and January 2021.

Counsellor Lachance will inform us of the gesture of kindness that the department did for the staff at the North Centennial Manor. Follow-up.

- 6) Covid-19 update from the Mayor.

The mayor informs us that the region is now in an Orange zone and that there is probably two cases of variants in Timmins (non-confirmed/probable). Cases continue to diminish in the province but the cases of variants have tripled. The new variant are more easily transmitted.

The acting CAO will be responsible to enact a Covid-19 Safety plan to allow hockey on the ice rink and add the necessary procedures for the warm up shack. Follow-up.

- 7) Report from the school grant by the acting CAO – to clarify at next meeting. Follow-up.

- 8) Municipal insurance 2021.

The municipal insurance went up by 21% for the year 2021.

The acting CAO will follow-up on this subject. Follow-up.

MOVED BY: Counsellor Angèle Beauvais
SECONDED BY: Counsellor Carole Lessard

RES. #033-21

Be it resolved that the reports from municipal officers be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED

H. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

- 1) December 17 2020, report from the Municipal Library for information only.
2) December 11 2020, report from CDSSAB for information only.

MOVED BY: Counsellor Roger Lachance
SECONDED BY: Counsellor Carole Lessard

RES. #034-21

Be it resolved that the reports from the committees and associations be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED

I. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

- 1) Municipal by-law # 1099-21 – Appointment of a clerk

MOVED BY: Counsellor Angèle Beauvais
SECONDED BY: Counsellor Alain Tremblay

RES. #035-21

Be it resolved that the municipal by-law # 1099-21 "That Eric Bizier be appointed to the office of Clerk" be read a first time on February 16 2021.

MOVED BY: Counsellor Roger Lachance
SECONDED BY: Counsellor Carole Lessard

ADOPTED
RES. #036-21

Be it resolved that the municipal by-law # 1099-21 "That Eric Bizier be appointed to the office of Clerk" be read a second time on February 16 2021.

ADOPTED

MOVED BY: Counsellor Alain Tremblay
SECONDED BY: Roger Lachance

RES. #037-21

Be it resolved that the municipal by-law # 1099-21 "That Eric Bizier be appointed to the office of Clerk" be read a third time and adopted on February 16 2021.

ADOPTED

J. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES

MOVED BY: Counsellor Alain Tremblay
SECONDED BY: Counsellor Angèle Beauvais

RES. #038-21

Be it resolved that the account receivable from December 1st to 31 2020 in the amount of 385,263.86\$ and the account receivable from January 1st to 31, 2021 in the amount of 197,297.41\$ are accepted as presented.

ADOPTED

K. IN-CAMERA SESSION

MOVED BY: Counsellor Roger Lachance
SECONDED BY: Counsellor Carole Lessard

RES. #039-21

Be it resolved that the meeting continue in-camera at 9:16pm as per section 239(2)(b) and (d) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25. For subject matter being considered in regards to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and labour relations or employee negotiations on the following subjects:

- 1) Discussion on workplace conditions
- 2) Grant approved
- 3) Disciplinary policy

Report from in-camera session:

RES. #C019-21 Agenda adoption

RES. #C020-21 Adoption of the following previous in-camera session minutes:

January 25, 2021

January 27, 2021

RES. #C021-21 Disciplinary policy

RES. #C022-21 Adjournment of in-camera session at 9:52pm

L. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Counsellor Alain Tremblay

RES. #040-21

SECONDED BY: Counsellor Roger Lachance

Be is resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:53pm.

ADOPTED



Johanne Baril
Mayor



Eric Bizier
Greffier