

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHAMBERLAIN HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday June 6th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Kerry Stewart, Cary Hager, Carol Tucker, Shirley Blackburn, Charles Codd, Bruce Knott and Calvin Rodgers.

Regrets: None.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

2017-89 Charles Codd/Carol Tucker

WHEREAS there is a quorum of Council present;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of June the 6th, 2017, is hereby open for business. -Carried

2017-90 Shirley Blackburn/Charles Codd

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of Council for this meeting is hereby adopted as presented. –Carried

2017-91 Shirley Blackburn/Carol Tucker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday May 2nd, 2017, be adopted as presented, and the reading thereof dispensed with. –Carried

2017-92 Cary Hager/Carol Tucker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts for the month of May 2017, in the amount of \$80,519.84 are to be paid in full. -Carried

2017-93 Carol Tucker/Cary Hager

THAT an amendment to By-law 2015-11, Employee Policy, regarding the addition of an equipment/vehicle use section to the policy, be accepted as presented and attached to this motion. -Carried

2017-94 Charles Codd/Shirley Blackburn

THAT the Public Works Staff/Office Staff will be responsible for the municipal lawn maintenance;

AND THAT remuneration will be at the employee's regular rate per hour.

-Carried

2017-95 Charles Codd/Shirley Blackburn

WHEREAS communities across the province and country are responding to the escalating risk of opioid overdoses and deaths;

AND WHEREAS Ontario alone has witnessed 13 years of increasing deaths due to opioid overdoses, to the point that deaths related to such overdoses are now double those from motor vehicle collisions (excerpt from Prescription for Life www.drugstrategy.com);

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AND WHEREAS according to the Regional Supervising Coroner East Region, Leeds, Grenville and Lanark (LGL), our region is not immune to the opioid problem, as there were 24 opioid related deaths between 2010 and 2014, as well as 7 suspected opioid-related deaths in the region in the past 12 months, and individuals participating in the Public Health Unit Harm Reduction Program have reported 23 non-fatal opioid related overdoses in the past 6 months;

AND WHEREAS opioids such as morphine and fentanyl patches, are prescribed by physicians to treat pain;

AND WHEREAS fentanyl patches and other opioid pills are being diverted from their initial purpose, and are being sold illicitly to be smoked, chewed, ingested or injected for a high, which over time, requires more and more opioid to get the same high, which leads to overdose and potentially death;

AND WHEREAS a particular concern with fentanyl patches, including illicit fentanyl and its related analogues, is that these drugs are available and easily imported illegally from other countries, and the amount of fentanyl varies on each portion of the patch leading to a higher risk of overdose;

AND WHEREAS illicit fentanyl has been confirmed in many other street drugs such as heroin, fake oxycontin pills, cocaine, and crystal meth;

AND WHEREAS police in our area have reported seizing diverted fentanyl (an opioid) patches, illicit fentanyl, and drugs laced with fentanyl;

AND WHEREAS the Health Unit has the lead in expanding surveillance of the problem, ensuring individuals who are using the opioids and their family/friends have access to naloxone which can reverse respiratory failure from an overdose, and providing information and education to the public, in addition to working with municipalities and the community on the social determinants of health such as poverty, unemployment, lack of social supports, and inadequate housing, that can have a negative impact on the health of individuals and communities, as well as address the underlying root causes of substance misuse;

AND WHEREAS in October 2016, the Honourable Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Dr. Eric Hoskins announced the Ontario Provincial Opioid Strategy to tackle the public health crisis related to problematic use of opioids by looking at multiple sectors including physician prescribing, overdose monitoring, opioid prescription monitoring, and enhancing harm reduction and addiction services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Chamberlain supports the Corporation of the County of Lanark who respectfully requests the provincial government to enhance our local response to the opioid problem in our community, by enacting the following:

- Ensure all first responders, including police and fire, have access to provincially funded naloxone that can reverse an opioid overdose, and training in its use, due to the fact that in our rural region volunteer firefighters are often the first ones on the scene of an opioid overdose, and it is critical that the individual(s) who has overdosed receive naloxone as soon as possible to prevent death; and
- Ensure all places that support vulnerable people in the community, have access to publicly funded naloxone, and training in its use; and
- Provide a provincially funded public opioid education campaign, including social media to complement the efforts of individual communities; and

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- Provide additional provincial funding for addiction and mental health services that would assist in treating people with mental illness to reduce and/or eliminate self-medication with opioids, and would provide addiction services to help people overcome their opioid addiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. Eric Hoskins, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington MP Scott Reid and MPP Randy Hillier, Carleton-Mississippi Mills MPP Jack MacLaren, FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities), and AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario). –Carried

2017-96 Carol Tucker/Cary Hager

WHEREAS the farm house is an existing dwelling and no new residential development is created by severing a farm house from its surrounding land, therefore the severance is not in conflict with the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement;

AND WHEREAS rules regarding the number of years the farmer has owned the farm lands, and rezoning of the retained farm lands, to prohibit future dwellings could be considered by the Province;

AND WHEREAS changes to rules for severance could eliminate the current practice of the purchaser of the farm, which is acquired as part of a farm lot consolidation, then severing off the existing farm house, as surplus to their needs and then selling it back to the farmer, if there is a need to retire on the property;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Chamberlain supports the Town of Lakeshore as they request the Province of Ontario to ease the restrictions of surplus dwelling severances in areas zoned Agriculture, thereby permitting the seller of the farm, to sever off an existing dwelling (ie. Farm house);

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to AMO for support. –Carried

2017-97 Shirley Blackburn/Charles Codd

WHEREAS the 2017 Federal Budget has raised personal taxes on all municipal politicians by removing the long standing, since 1947, tax exempt portion of their municipal remuneration for all elected politicians including those of us from very small communities;

AND WHEREAS the purpose of this one-third-tax-free allowance was to provide ‘an allowance for expenses incidental to the discharge of the person’s duties as an elected officer’;

AND WHEREAS the removal of the allowance will result in a negative impact on elected officials in smaller communities;

AND WHEREAS elected officials in larger centers receive budgets to support the incidental expenses that are denied to those from smaller communities due to budgets reflective of size;

AND WHEREAS removing this one-third exemption can further decrease the ability of small and rural communities to attract candidates for municipal elections;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the federal budget be restructured to reinstate this one-third-tax-free exemption for municipal politicians from communities that provide no budget for elected officials to cover the cost of their incidental expenses;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance, Anthony Rota, MP Nipissing-Temiskaming, Charlie Angus, MP Timmins-James Bay, the Temiskaming Municipal Association, and TeMAG for consideration and support. –Carried

2017-98 Carol Tucker/Cary Hager

WHEREAS Council has received a letter from the Municipality of Charlton and Dack regarding donations for the 2017 Canada Day Fireworks Celebration;

NOW THEREFORE Council agrees to donate \$250.00. –Carried

COUNCILLORS SHIRLEY BLACKBURN AND CHARLES CODD OPPOSED.

2017-99 Charles Codd/Carol Tucker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk be instructed to investigate options and cost associated with having the office cleaned regularly by an outside contractor. –Carried

2017-100 Charles Codd/Shirley Blackburn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is adjourned until the next regular meeting July 4th, 2017, or at the call of the Chair. -Carried

ADJOURNED: 8:50 p.m.

Correspondence:

Latchford re: July 15th, 2017, Parade and Celebration

Town of Englehart re: Canada 150 Celebration honouring devoted volunteers, August 12th, 2017.

Septic Tank Pump Outs response to Resolution

Englehart Public Library, Volunteer Appreciation Social on June 19th, 2017, 6 p.m.

MMAH re: Building Better Community and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017

Minister of Seniors Affairs re: Senior's Month

Wishart Municipal Law Group re: information on services

Minutes/Reports:

Chamberlain Recreation Committee, **May 16th, 2017 minutes**

Community Policing, **March 2nd, 2017, minutes**

Earlton - Timiskaming Regional Airport, **April 2017 financials**

Englehart and Area Historical Museum, **April 13th, 2017, minutes**

Temiskaming Health Unit, **March 22nd, 2017, minutes**

Reeve: _____

Clerk-Treasurer/CAO: _____