

TEMISKAMING MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 25, 2023

| | MEMBER | MEMBER |
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| Armstrong | Jean Marc Boileau | Reynald Rivard |
| Brethour | Donna Bellinger | |
| Casey | | |
| Chamberlain | Kerry Stewart | |
| Charlton/Dack | Gord Saunders | |
| Cobalt | | |
| Coleman | Lois Perry | Marilynn Lubbock |
| Englehart | Kathlyn Swanson | Jo-Anne Farmer |
| Evanturel | Barb Beachey | |
| Harley | Sophie MacKewn | |
| Harris | Ron Sutton | Brian Brownlee |
| Hilliard | | |
| Hudson | Larry Craig | |
| James | Rodger Donaldson | Chris Cormier |
| Kerns | | |
| Kirkland Lake | | |
| Larder Lake | Patricia Quinn | |
| Latchford | Sharon Gadoury | Jo-Anne Cartner |
| Matachewan | | |
| McGarry | | |
| Temagami | | |
| Temiskaming Shores | Mélanie Ducharme | |
| Thornloe | Rob Addison | |
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| Speaker | | |
| Ontario Fire Marshall | Clayton Seymour | |
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Meeting opened at 6:30 pm.

Moved by: Ron Sutton

Seconded by: Mélanie Ducharme

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 30, 2023 be approved.

Carried

DELEGATION:

Clayton Seymour (office of the Fire Marshall):

- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards of America publishes more than 300 consensus codes and standards intended to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other risks. These codes and standards are adopted and used throughout the world.
- Firefighter Certification establishes the minimal level of training required to be a firefighter in Ontario using NFPA standards.
- Certification may be for exterior fire only or exterior/interior attack.
- Certification does not mean that all firefighters need to go away for training. Training can be done in-house. Textbooks are supplied free of charge by OFM to the fire department and when confident enough the fire fighter may challenge the exam. OFM will send evaluator on-site to evaluate and hopefully certify the challenger. If you do not succeed you are allowed to again study, practice and try the exam.
- Other firefighters from other brigades are available (for a fee) to train local firefighters.
- Training for firefighters is continual and must be for more than 3-4 hours per month,
- A municipality, and every fire department in a territory without municipal organization must complete and review a community risk assessment and use its community risk assessment to inform decisions about the provision of fire protection services. This assessment must be completed no later than July 1, 2024 and must be reviewed no later than 12 months later and every year after or if it is necessary to reflect any significant changes in the mandatory profiles or if any other significant matters arise from its review.

Kerry Stewart, FONOM Conference Update:

- Chief of the Wasauksing First Nation speaking of reconciliation and cooperative business dealings with Parry Sound.
- Focusing on clean shore lines, conservative efforts and Power issues.
- Minister of Northern Development and Indigenous Affairs spoke on reconciliation issues, NORDS and development of Ring of Fire.

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- Georgian Bay Biosphere presentation on energy conservation, the climate and flood issues.
- Fleet efficiency with township vehicles going electric.
- Countertops composters in homes.
- MPAC still working on assessment updates.
- Greg Rickford, Minister of Natural Resources on forestry issues, possible new mills, hunting and fishing issues, camping on Crown Land and floating accommodations.
- Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation spoke of Highway twinning from Winnipeg to Kenora with indigenous influences. 2+1 pilot project is in the works. Quicker turnaround times snow clearing and 10 new rest stops are being planned.
- Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health spoke of scholarships opportunities through the Northern School of Medicines for northern students. Working on increasing the number of medical practitioners and making it easier for foreign doctors and nurses to continue in their respective fields when moving to Canada. Increasing level of Care Paramedics.
- Steve Clarke, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing focusing on the needs for additional housing in Ontario with emphasis on supportive housing for the homeless.
- Minister Clarke asked that Earlton Temiskaming Regional Airport sends him budget and other pertinent information to review and determine if some assistance could be supplied.
- IESO says that energy requirements will double by 2050 because of mining, smelting, housing and electric vehicles. Nuclear power is the backbone as well as natural gas. Constantly lookin for more hydro electric sites.
- ONR presented possibility of more intermodal transfer sites. Showed pictures of new train units being built for the Northlander to be in place by 2025.
- Lengthy presentation on bail reforms and longer jail time for criminals

DISCUSSIONS: See minutes of Executive Meeting

- Rest areas
- Transfer pull areas
- Staff lead time for grant applications
- Letter or motion to MMAH
- Other

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Temiskaming Home Support (see motion below)
- Bank Reconciliation April 28, 2023

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Moved by: Sophie MacKewn

Seconded by: Chris Cormier

Whereas the population of our region is disproportionately aged (per capita) as compared to the rest of the province; and

Whereas speciality medical services are disproportionately unavailable within our region; and

Whereas the distances to travel for speciality services generally exceeds 300km return; and

Whereas trips to receive outpatient speciality services often require transportation services; and

Whereas trips to receive outpatient speciality services often require overnight accommodations for our community member as well as the transportation service driver; and

Whereas residents of our communities are at risk of premature institutionalization without adequate care; and

Whereas there is limited institutional (Hospital and Long-Term Care) space for care of the elderly within the region and provincially; and

Whereas homecare has been identified as the most fiscally responsible means to care for our seniors; and

Whereas homecare has been identified as the most socially responsible means to care for our seniors; and

Whereas the pandemic has demonstrated that living at home is the safest place for most of the vulnerable members of our communities; and

Whereas base funding for homecare in our region has not seen a significant increase from the province in over 16 years; and

Whereas the inflationary pressures on regional service providers in this time has not been financially addressed by the province; and

Whereas the Human Resources cost and need increases have not been financially addressed by the province; and

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Whereas the increasing needs of aging residents of the region has not been financially addressed; and

Whereas the recipients of homecare services cannot afford increases in service costs; and

Whereas the providers of homecare services cannot mitigate such increases in costs and need without affecting both quality and quantity of services;

Therefore be it resolved that we lobby the Ontario Government, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Ontario Health North, elected members, FONOM and all other government representatives to support a Homecare First approach to healthcare by investing significantly and immediately in home and community care organizations and services in the north east. To make the investments at **base funding level** to support the sector now and for the future, to ensure all north-eastern Ontarians can avoid premature institutionalization and live safely at home, in the region, for as long as possible.

Carried

Moved by: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded by: Kerry Stewart

That Temiskaming Municipal Association accepts the April 28, 2023 bank reconciliation as presented by the treasurer.

Carried

That the meeting of May 25, 2023, be adjourned at _____ pm.

Executive meeting on September 21st, 2023 at 12:00 pm at the Thornloe hall.

TMA meeting on September 28th, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Earlton Recreation Centre.