



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 9, 2025, 6:30 P.M.**

**Main Level Chambers**

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

ABSENT: M. Youngs

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 4 people in the audience and 6 people attending via zoom. The Mayor called the Roll.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**25-001**

MOVED BY: C. Lowery

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Council Agenda dated January 9, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

The Mayor requested disclosure of pecuniary interest. Administration reported that one was received prior to the meeting. There were no other disclosure made.

-Councillor Platts, Item 12.1

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSIONS**

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**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**December 12, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting - Minutes DRAFT**

**25-002**

MOVED BY: W. Gustavson  
SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the Meeting Minutes from the December 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**Registered Delegations - With Presentations**

**THU Delegation Rqst. - Community Safety and Well-Being plan**

**25-003**

MOVED BY: J. Platts  
SECONDED BY: W. Gustavson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the presentation by Jeff Manners from the Timiskaming Health Unit, regarding the Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

**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\**

S. Wagner - Item 9.4 Train Station Rental Agreement

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**25-004**

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: J. Koistinen

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

8.1 Staff Reports for Information

8.2 Correspondence for Information

8.3 Minutes of Local Boards & Committees

**CARRIED**

**Staff Report(s) for Information:**

**2025-M-001 - District of Nipissing Housing Targets Report - Municipality of Temagami**

**2025-M-002 - 2025 Revised OPP Municipal Policing Billing Statement**

**2025-M-003 - Reporting and Legal Compliance for Ombudsman Inquiries**

**2025-M-004 - Proposed Municipal Accountability Act -2024**

**2025-M-005 - Highway 11 Pilot Project for a 2+1 Roadway Model Public Information Centre**

**2025-M-006 - 2025 MPAC Municipal Levy**

**2025-M-007 - MRFD Monthly Report - November 2024**

**2025-M-008 - MRFD Monthly Report - December 2024**

**2025-M-009 - TFD Monthly Report - December 2024**

**2025-M-010 - Public Work Monthly Report - December 2024**

**2025-M-011 - Parks and Recreation Coordinator Monthly Report - December 2024**

**2025-M-012 - MLEO Monthly Report - December 2024**

**Correspondence for Information:**

*Hard copies of all correspondence for information is available at the Municipal office on request. The information items have been circulated to Council prior to the meeting.*

**Approval of Voluntary Merger of Porcupine and Timiskaming Health Units and Official Launch**

**Appointment of Medical Officer of Health for the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit**

**Timiskaming Health Unit BOH Q3 2024 Report**

**Temagami Community Foundation - Thank You and Invitation to Upcoming Events**

**Temagami Family Health Team - 2024 at a Glance**

**Bill 238 - Emergency Management Modernization Act**

**Minister of Children, Community and Social Services - Financial Sustainability in Child Welfare**

**Minutes of Local Boards & Committee:**

**October 16, 2024 - Au Chateau Board - Minutes**

**October 2, 2024 - BOH Minutes**

**November 6, 2024 - BOH Minutes**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**2025-M-013 - Adoption of Municipality Records Format to Ensure Accessibility Compliance**

**25-005**

MOVED BY: J. Platts

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-013 as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council approves the preparation of all municipal records in compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act to enhance accessibility and legal compliance;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk is authorized to revisit and reformat existing municipal documents as necessary to align with accessibility standards, ensuring no changes to content and limiting modifications solely to formatting adjustments required for compliance;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the allocation of necessary resources to support the reformatting and compliance initiative.

**CARRIED**

**2025-M-014 - Lawyer of Record for Municipal Legal Services**

**25-006**

MOVED BY: J. Koistinen

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-014 as presented;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Wishart Law be appointed as the Municipality of Temagami's lawyer of record for municipal legal services;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality engage Wishart Law's Gold Package 1 at a cost of \$24,000 plus HST;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to include this cost in the 2025 fiscal year budget, with the package to be renewed upon full utilization of the allocated minutes.  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT authorized staff to include the legal services cost in the budget for the 2025 fiscal year and that the package be renewed upon full utilization of the allocated minutes.

**CARRIED**

### **2025-M-15 - Request for Proposal for Realtor of Record**

**25-007**

MOVED BY: J. Platts

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-015, including Appendix A, hereby being part of the memo, as presented;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the RFP for Realtor of Record Services, 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-016 - Train Station Rental Arrangements**

**25-008**

MOVED BY: J. Koistinen

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-016, as presented;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves relocating the Temagami Chamber of Commerce to the South side and designates the North side of the Historic Train Station for Living Temagami Arts and Culture;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to monitor and report on the arrangement's effectiveness within one year.

**AMENDED**

**25-009**

MOVED BY: J. Koistinen  
SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-016, as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves relocating the Temagami Chamber of Commerce to the South side and designates the North side of the Historic Train Station for Living Temagami Arts and Culture;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the relocation date be March 1, 2025 with the condition that the new 1 year lease agreements are signed and new rates are applied.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to monitor and report on the arrangement's effectiveness within one year.

**CARRIED**

**2025-M-017 - Prioritization of Climate Resilient Infrastructure Projects**

**25-010**

MOVED BY: B. Koski  
SECONDED BY: W. Gustavson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-017 as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the prioritization of projects for submission to the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) as follows:

1. Energy Efficiency Enhancement for Temagami's Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities.
2. Aquatic Invasive Species Management – Facilities Options Analysis.
3. Waste-to-Energy Feasibility Study for Temagami.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the CAO to collaborate with CRIS to develop a comprehensive scope of work and coordinate the initiation of the highest-priority project.

**CARRIED**

**2025-M-018 - Updated Human Resource Policy and Manual**

**25-011**

MOVED BY: B. Koski  
SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-018, including Appendix A, hereby being part of the memo, as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the updated Human Resource Policy and Manual (Appendix A) which incorporates the tracked changes recommended by legal counsel,;

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**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Action Correspondence**

**Resolution from Other Municipalities**

**25-012**

MOVED BY: W. Gustavson

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

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**

**City of St. Catharine's - Support Green Roads Pilot Project**

**City of Stratford - Fees for use of Municipal Property by Gas Utilities**

**City of Stratford - Ontario Deposit Return Program**

**City of Stratford - Respecting Local Democracy and Cities**

**Municipality of Kincardine - Property Taxation Implications**

**Town of Aurora - Support Resolution Re Critical Infrastructure**

**Town of Kirkland Lake - AMO and OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign**

**Town of New Tecumseth - Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST**

**Town of Parry Sound - Request Province Implement a Rural Road Safety Program**

**Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan - Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle**

**Township of ESSA - Fair Share**

**Township of Papineau-Cameron Resolution 2024-328 - Ontario Building Code**

**Township of Terrace Bay - Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues**

**Northern Ontario Women's Caucus (NOW Caucus)**

**Township of Oro-Medonte - Tile Drain Loan Limit**

**Township of Puslinch - Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025**

**Town of Cobalt - Improvements to catch and release**

**BY-LAWS**

**By-Law 25-1790 - Transfer Payment Agreement for the Fire Protection Grant**

**25-013**

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: J. Koistinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1790, to accept the Fire Protection Grant for 2024-25 and execute the Transfer Payment Agreement, be taken as read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 9th day of January, 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 25-1791 - Annual Borrowing 2025**

**25-014**

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: J. Koistinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1791, to authorize Annual Borrowing for 2025, be taken as read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 9th day of January, 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 25-1792 - Interim Tax Levy**

**25-015**

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: J. Koistinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1792, being Interim Tax Levy By-law, be taken as read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 9th day of January, 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**

**Land Transfer Request - Platts**

Councillor Platts left the meeting

**25-016**

MOVED BY: J. Koistinen

SECONDED BY: W. Gustavson

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #24-564, staff consulted MHBC Planning, the planner retained by the Municipality, regarding the road encroachment issue involving Part 5 of Block 45, identified during the severance process for Jo-Anne Platts and John Dobney;

AND WHEREAS the applicants, Ms. Platts and Mr. Dobney, have formally retracted their initial request for the Municipality to purchase the affected portion of land on December 13, 2024;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledges the conclusion of this matter, with the encroachment issue being resolved in a manner that incurs no cost to the Municipality;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the CAO to finalize and formalize this decision in compliance with applicable regulations, and that upon completion, this matter be considered concluded.

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor Platts returned to the meeting

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Mayor O'Mara - Boat Washing Station

**QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC - ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

Confirmation By-Law 25-1793

**25-017**

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1793, 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 9th day of January 2025;

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

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**25-018**

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Clerk