



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 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, N. Claveau, J. Shymko, J. Sanderson

**GUESTS:** Guest Speakers:  
MHBC, Jamie Robinson  
Cogeco

**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 12 members of the public attending via zoom. The Mayor called the Roll.

Mayor O'Mara announced that on February 13, 2025 there was an MOU Meeting and they will continue to meet monthly.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**25-027**

**MOVED BY:** J. Platts

**SECONDED BY:** M. Youngs

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Regular Council Agenda dated February 13, 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 1 declaration was received prior to the meeting. There were no other disclosures made.

Cllr. Youngs - Item 10.1.1

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSIONS**

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**January 9, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting - Minutes DRAFT**

**25-028**

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: W. Gustavson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the Meeting Minutes from the January 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**January 23, 2025 - Council Working Session - Minutes DRAFT**

**25-029**

MOVED BY: C. Lowery

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the Meeting Minutes from the January 23, 2025 Council Working Session, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**Registered Delegations - With Presentations**

**Cogeco**

Cogeco Plans for Temagami

Cogeco Representatives made a Presentation to Council.

**25-030**

MOVED BY: W. Gustavson

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the presentation from Cogeco, regarding installation of Fiber internet in Temagami

**CARRIED**

**MHBC - Official Plan Final**

Presentation made by Jamie Robinson, MHBC.

**25-031**

MOVED BY: J. Platts

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Staff Report regarding the Final Official Plan dated February 13th, 2025.

**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**

**25-032**

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

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-021 - MRFD 2024 Annual Report and January 2025 Monthly Report**

**2025-M-022 - Renewal of Forest Fire Management Agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources**

**2025-M-023 - Parks and Recreation Coordinator Monthly Report - January 2025**

**2025-M-024 - Projects & Funding Update**

**2025-M-025 - Staffing and Training Updates**

**2025-M-026 - Ministerial Permitting and Review Powers Under the Conservation Authorities Act**

**2025-M-027 - Summary of the PGSNO - Progress and Stakeholder Feedback**

**2025-M-028 - OCWA 2024 Water and Wastewater Capacity and Flow Report**

**2025-M-029 - ECOFIXE Project Progress Report - Temagami North Lagoon**

**2025-M-030 - Municipal Compliance Status with RRCEA Amendments 2024**

**2025-M-031 - Economic Development Officer Report - January 2025**

**2025-M-042 - Public Work Monthly Report - January 2025**

**Municipality of Temagami - 2024 Budget Variance Report 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.*

**Ministry of Rural Affairs - Letter from the Honourable Lisa Thompson**

**Orange Flight Operations -Marten River New Helipad Location**

**AMO Letter of Support for Seniors and Caregivers to Minister of Long-Term Care**

**AMO 2025 Pre-Budget Submission**

**Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post**

**Letter to Mayor and Council - Hospice New Name**

**2025 DNSSAB Levy**

**Minutes of Local Boards & Committee:**

**November 28, 2024 - CEMPC Meeting - Minutes**

**NEPH Board Correspondence and Minutes**

**January 30, 2025 - TMA Regular Meeting Minutes**

**December 18, 2024 - Au Chateau Board Minutes**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**2025-M-032 - Council's Strategic Priorities: Alignment and Implementation Report**

**25-033**

MOVED BY: J. Koistinen

SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-031 as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council provides its input on the strategic priorities outlined in the report by a deadline set by Council of within 2 weeks;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO consolidates Council's input and brings forward a finalized, prioritized list of strategic initiatives for approval.

**CARRIED**

**2025-M-033 - Audit Services Proposals Evaluation Report**

**25-034**

MOVED BY: C. Lowery

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-033 as presented;  
AND FURTHER THAT Council Appoint Kemp Elliot & Blair as the Municipal Auditor for a five-year term;  
AND FURTHER THAT Council will consider a by-law to appoint the Auditor for five (5) years later in the meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2025-M-034 -ECA Amendment for Inclusion of BIOFIXE Modules - Temagami North Lagoon**

**25-035**

MOVED BY: M. Youngs  
SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-034, as presented;  
  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts OCWA's proposal, as attached in Appendix A, which shall form part of this memo for the ECA Amendment Application for the Temagami North Wastewater Treatment System;  
  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the necessary documents to proceed with the amendment application.

**CARRIED**

**2025-M-035 - Caribou Mountain Inspection Proposal**

**25-036**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-035 as presented;  
  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council formally accepts TULLOCH Engineering Inc.'s proposal, as outlined in Appendix A, which shall be incorporated as an integral part of this memo for the Caribou Mountain Inspection;  
  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute all necessary documents to proceed with the engineering review and inspection;  
  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the allocated fee of \$11,500 plus HST shall be included in the 2025 Budget.

**CARRIED**

**2025-M-036 - Development Charges Background Study**

**25-037**

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: J. Koistinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-036 as presented;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate the Development Charges Background Study under the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, and bring forward a proposed framework of the study for approval.

**CARRIED**

**2025-M-037 - Restoring Fairness and Revenue through a Revised Cash-in-Lieu By-Law**

**25-038**

MOVED BY: C. Lowery

SECONDED BY: M. Youngs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-037 as presented;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council will consider a By-law to Govern the Collection of Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Dedication later in this meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2025-M-038 - FONOM 2025 Attendee Designation**

**25-039**

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: W. Gustavson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-038 as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Municipality of Temagami approves the attendance of Mayor Dan O'Mara, Councillor Margaret Youngs, Councillor Carol Lowery, and CAO Laala Jahanshahloo at the 2025 FONOM Conference;

AND FURTHER THAT all necessary expenses related to registration, accommodations, and travel be authorized in accordance with the Municipality's policies and budgetary allocations.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Action Correspondence**

**2025-M-039 - Sisters by Choice - Donation Request**

Cllr. Youngs left the meeting

**25-040**

MOVED BY: Brian Koski

SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-039 as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the request from Sisters by Choice to waive the rental fee for the Marten River Fire Hall from November 2024 to the end of May 2025 as an in-kind donation, subject to compliance with all requirements in the Council Donation Policy and the MRFH rental agreements and endorsed by the Marten River Fire Department.

**CARRIED**

**2025-M-040 - Deep Water Music Festival**

Cllr. Youngs returned to the meeting.

**25-041**

MOVED BY: J. Platts

SECONDED BY: M. Youngs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Temagami approve the request from the Nipissing Region Curatorial Collective (NRCC) to endorse and sponsor the Deep Water Music Festival by providing in-kind support through the donation of the Town Waterfront for event use, as well as tables and chairs, in accordance with the Municipal Donation Policy.

**CARRIED**

**2025-M-041 - Ling Fling - Donation Request**

**25-042**

MOVED BY: W.Gustavson

SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the donation request and information from TAFIP;

AND FURTHER THAT Council grant permission for the use of the Mine Landing for the Ling Fling event on March 15, 2025, pending confirmation that the Municipality of Temagami has been added as an additional insured for the event and location.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the contribution of a cash donation of \$500.00 to assist in the fundraising efforts for TAFIP's Fish Hatchery.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution from Other Municipalities**

**25-043**

MOVED BY: J. Koistinen

SECONDED BY: W.Gustavson

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**

**Northumberland County - Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development**

**Woodstock - Children's Aid Society**

Conflict Noted - Councillor Platts - Abstain from Voting.

**South Huron - Heritage Advisory Committee**

**Aylmer - Oppose Provincial Legislation on Cycling Lanes**

**Kincardine - Property Taxation Implications**

**County of Frontenac - Tile Drain Loan Limit**

**Township of Puslinch - Pre Budget-Announcement**

**Town of Kearney - Private for-Profit Blood Collection**

**Townships of Casey, Harley, Hudson, and Kerns - Hope Air Funding**

**Township of Woolwich - Election Advocacy and Preparation**

**TMA - Northern Road Plan**

**FONOM - Expanding EPR to the ICI sector**

**Town of Halton Hills - Sovereignty of Canada**

**BY-LAWS**

**By-Law 25-1794 - Adopt Official Plan**

**25-044**

MOVED BY: C. Lowery

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1794, to Adopt the Official Plan, including all attachments and schedules as amended up to, and including February 13, 2025 be taken as read a third time, and finally passed this 13th day of February, 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 25-1796 - Forest Fire Management Agreement Renewal**

**25-045**

MOVED BY: W. Gustavson

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1796, to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a Municipal/MNRF Forest Fire Management Agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, be taken as read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 13th day of February, 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 25-1797 - Employment Policy & Procedures Manual**

**25-046**

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: J. Koistinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1797, to adopt an Employment Policy and Procedures Manual for the Municipality of Temagami, be taken as read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 13th day of February, 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 25-1798 - Parkland Dedication By-law**

**25-047**

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council extend this meeting to 10:00pm

**CARRIED**

**25-048**

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: J. Koistinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1798, to Govern the Collection of Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Dedication, be taken as read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 13th day of February, 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 25-1799 - To Appoint a Municipal Auditor for 5 years**

**25-049**

MOVED BY: C. Lowery

SECONDED BY: B. Koski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1799, Being a By-Law to Appoint a Municipal Auditor, be taken as read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 13th day of February, 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**

**Request to Add New Agenda Items**

Cllr. Youngs

**25-050**

MOVED BY: W. Gustavson

SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the correspondence from Councillor Youngs.

**CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Cllr. Youngs - Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT)**

Councillor Lowery - Suggests that staff invite the School Board to come to an upcoming Council meeting and make a presentation.

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

B. Leudke - Cash in-lieu of Parkland

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

25-1800 - Confirmation By-Law

**25-051**

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 25-1800, 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 February, 2025;

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

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**25-052**

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Clerk