



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DUBREUILVILLE

-MINUTES-

Regular Council Meeting held on
August 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor, B. Nantel
Councillor, H. Perth
Councillor, J. Hemphill

ABSENT: Councillor, L. Lévesque - with notice
Councillor, K. Lévesque - with notice

STAFF: CAO-Clerk, Shelley B. Casey

Mayor B. Nantel called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

24-167 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the agenda for the regular municipal council meeting dated August 21, 2024, be adopted as submitted.

Carried

24-168 Moved By: Councillor J. Hemphill
Seconded By: Councillor H. Perth

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the following municipal council meeting minutes as submitted:

- Regular Municipal Council meeting minutes dated July 10, 2024.

Carried

24-169 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the following be received as information only:

- 7.1 Algoma District Service Administration Board meeting minutes dated May 9, 2024, and
- 7.2 Inspection of Herbicide Projects for White River and Nagagami Forests; and

- 7.3 Letter dated July 23, 2024, from the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau with regards to collective agreements; and
- 7.4 MPAC Quarterly Update Q2 – Dubreuilville August 2024.

Carried

24-170 Moved By: Councillor J. Hemphill
Seconded By: Councillor H. Perth

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached letter from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Medical Association with regards to a request for support concerning critical healthcare challenges, as presented; and

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has become increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario are expected to retire in the next five years; and (Northern Ontario only)

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine; and

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada; and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Superior East region and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried

24-171 Moved By: Councillor J. Hemphill
Seconded By: Councillor H. Perth

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached letter dated July 10, 2024, from the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay with regards to a request for support concerning sustainable funding for OPP small rural municipalities, as presented.

Carried

24-172 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached letter dated August 7, 2024, from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan with regards to a request for support concerning urging the government to promptly resume the assessment cycle, as presented.

Carried

24-173 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached letter dated August 14, 2024, from the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay with regards to a request for support concerning Ontario Long Service Medals, as presented.

Defeated

24-174 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached letter from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming with regards to a request for support concerning underserviced cellular communication service in rural and urban centres, as presented.

Carried

24-175 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections; and

Whereas legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process; and

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way the responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026; and

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for the local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990, also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario; and

WHEREAS with rules across three (3) pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill; and

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce; and

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges; and

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerk, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration; and

WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville calls upon the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before the Summer of 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca), The Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville MPP and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com).

Carried

24-176 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached letter dated July 31, 2024, from the Township of Limerick with regards to a request for support concerning Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act, as presented.

Carried

24-177

Moved By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Seconded By: Councillor H. Perth

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached letter from various Northern Ontario Chambers of Commerce with regards to a request for support concerning a Set-Aside for Northern Ontario within the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP), as presented; and

WHEREAS employers across Northern Ontario are experiencing a critical shortage of skilled workers, contributing to a shrinking labour market with an estimated 50,000 newcomers needed by 2041 to sustain current Northern Ontario population levels; and

WHEREAS, the labour shortage is causing significant economic hardship for Northern Ontario communities, including reduced productivity and business closures; and

WHEREAS population and migration trends to 2021 suggest that northern Ontario needs 100,000 newcomers by 2041 to sustain current population; and

WHEREAS the success of the Federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) demonstrates the effectiveness of allocating nomination spots to address regional labour shortages in attracting newcomers to Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program has been expanded from 9,750 nominees in 2022 to a goal of 21,500 nominees in 2024;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville urges the Government of Ontario to address the critical market shortage of skilled labour in Northern Ontario by allocating 3,000 Ontario Immigrant nominee Program spots to support the region's economic growth and development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training & skills Development, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Carried

24-178

Moved By: Councillor H. Perth

Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached council report dated July 16, 2024, from the Fire Chief with regards to Emilyn Lévesque attending the FireCon (Train/Educate/Network) Conference and Trade Show in Thunder Bay in September 2024, as presented.

Carried

24-179 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J.Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached council report dated August 14, 2024, from Chantal Croft, Economic Development officer, with regards to the hiring of professional services for the development of a Housing Needs, Demand and Supply Study by Northstar Consulting, as presented.

Carried

24-180 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and regretfully accept the attached council report dated July 24, 2024, from the Fire Chief with regards to Patrick Sigouin's resignation from Volunteer Fire Department, as presented.

Carried

24-181 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to accept and support Mayor Beverly Nantel's decision to resign from the Missinabie Local Citizens Committee, as presented.

Carried

24-182 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached council report dated August 15, 2024, from the Infrastructure Superintendent with regards to the purchase of a new mini Kubota Excavator, as presented.

Carried

24-183 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached council report dated August 13, 2024, from the Infrastructure Superintendent with regards to the proposed Church Bay project and moving forward with this design and build, as presented.

Carried

24-184 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to

make changes to the following regular municipal council meetings schedule:

- September 25, 2024(Cancel)

Carried

24-185 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to authorize the following changes to By-Law No. 2023-63, being a By-law to regulate the access and use of the municipal parks, municipal beach, Strongman Park and ballfield;

- No fuel powered motors permitted on lake.

Carried

24-186 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that By-Law No. 2024-36, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville at its regular meeting held on August 21, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Carried

24-187 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that By-Law No. 2024-37, being a By-law to amend By-law 2023-18 being a By-Law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Ornge to receive funding under the helipad operation and maintenance funding program, be adopted as presented.

Carried

24-188 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that By-Law No. 2024-38, being a By-law to dissolve the Public Library of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville and to repeal By-Law No. 98-14, be adopted as presented.

Carried

24-189 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that By-Law No. 2024-39, being a By-law to deem a part of a subdivision not to be a registered plan of subdivision against the lots originally being PINs 31128-0312 (LT) and 31128-0313 (LT), be adopted as presented.

Carried

24-190 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that By-Law No. 2024-40, being a By-law to deem a part of subdivision not to be a registered plan of subdivision against the lots originally being PINs 31128-0198 (LT), 31128-0199 (LT) and 31128-0452, be adopted as presented.

Carried

24-191 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that By-Law No. 2024-41, being a By-law to deem a part of subdivision not to be a registered plan of subdivision against the lots originally being PINs 31128-0300 (LT), 31128-0301 (LT), be adopted as presented.

Carried

24-192 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that we adjourn to go in closed session at 8:12 p.m.

11.1 The meeting is held for the purpose of discussing personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; (Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, s. 239 (2) (b)).

Carried

24-193 Moved By: Councillor J. Hemphill
Seconded By: Councillor H. Perth

Whereas that we reconvene in regular municipal meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Carried

24-194 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that this regular municipal council meeting dated July 10, 2024, hereby adjourn at 10:01 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

CAO/Clerk