

Regular Meeting of Council Minutes March 14, 2023 Council Chambers

Present in person: Mayor Richard Gould, Councillor William Moreton, Clerk Tempore D. Maitland. Present electronically (viaTeams): Councillor Dean Grant, Treasurer Leeanne Crozier Regrets: Councillor Robert K. Latimer

# 1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Gould. Quorum was achieved.

 Approval of the Agenda Motion by: Councillor Moreton Seconded by: Councillor Grant NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby approves the agenda as circulated.
 Resolution Number: 2023-049
 Carried

### 3. Declarations of Disqualifying Interest

Councillor Grant declared a conflict of interest "out of an abundance of caution" with agenda item 7ii, repeal of by-law 2020-108 Policy for the Covid-19 Municipal Operations and Services Re-Opening Plan. Considering the potential impact the declaration could have on quorum during a discussion of the Repeal of By-Law 2020-108 Policy for the Covid-19 Municipal Operations and Services Re-Opening Plan, this item will be deferred to the next regular meeting of Council.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Dated March 2, 2023
 Motion by: Councillor Moreton
 Seconded by: Councillor Grant
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby approves the agenda as circulated.
 Resolution Number: 2023:050
 Carried

### 5. Council Direction from the Previous Meeting Minutes

### 5i. Water Testing- Staff Certification

2 staff Brandon Mayew and Albert Belanger are registered to participate in Water Testing Staff Certification in Parry Sound during the month of April, 2023.

### 5ii. Hiring Committee results

Councillor Grant reported the Committee reviewed a number of application for the CAO/Clerk position and held interviews with candidates whose qualifications and experience most closely met the Municipality's needs. It is necessary to meet in closed session with Council to discuss the result of those interviews.

Motion by: Councillor Grant Seconded by: Councillor Moreton NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Council move to meet in Closed Session on Friday, March 17, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., pursuant to Section 239 (2) (d) of the



Municipal Act, for the purpose of labour relations or employee negotiations, in order to discuss the appointment of a CAO/Clerk and upcoming administrative changes. **Resolution Number: 2023-051** Carried

### 6. Delegations - none this meeting

### 7. Legislative Matters

7i. Consent Agenda (items circulated with the Agenda)
-Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference
-Ontario Small Urban Municipalities call for nominations Executive Committee
-Leith Deacon, invitation to participate in a research study
-North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority 2022-member attendance record
-Resolution City of Belleville letter to the Premier re Homelessness
-AMO & LAS call for proposals and sponsors Municipality Energy Symposium
-MOE RE: modernization of environmental assessment process
-Municipality of Trent Lakes Re: Oath of Office
-MNRF RE: Amendments to Ontario Regulation 161/17 under the Public Lands Act

Moved by: Councillor Moreton

Seconded by: Councillor Grant

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby receive the Consent Agenda Items included in the March 2, 2023, meeting package as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion.

Resolution Number: 2023-052 Carried

# 7ii. BY-LAWS

# • ENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

 Motion by: Councillor Moreton

 Seconded by: Councillor Grant

 THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby declares the State of Emergency enacted as a result of Covid 19 ended.

 Resolution Number 2023-053

 REPEAL BY-LAW 2020-018 POLICY FOR THE COVID 19 MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS AND SERVICES RE-OPENING PLAN - Deferred to the March 28, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council

# 8. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

8i. Fire Department Report – no report8ii. Public Works Department Report – no report



# 8iii.TREASURER REPORT – LEEANNE CROZIER

The Treasurer 's Report as circulated with the Agenda was presented, discussed and accepted.

### **8iv. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### i. Mattawa North Bay Conservation Authority – Counsellor Moreton

The report as circulated with the Agenda was presented, discussed and accepted.

# ii. Hopital de Mattawa Hospital – Mayor Gould

The report as circulated with the Agenda was presented, discussed and accepted.

# 8v. CORPORATION OF TP. OF MOONBEAM RESOLUTION RE: END OF THE MORATORIUM ON MOST PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEWS

Motion by: Councillor Moreton Seconded by: Councillor Grant

**WHEAREAS** an announcement in the media was made that the English Public School Boards Association, the larges school association in the Province, is asking for the end of the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews;

**AND WHEREAS** this announcement potentially threatens the future closure of schools in many single school municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** access to education and the presence of a school in a community is an essential service and has a direct link to the quality of life in a community;

**AND WHEREAS** schools play a key role in improving services and quality of life in a community and are viewed as activity centres where children have access to education, health services, recreation and culture;

**AND WHEREAS** schools are an important factor in the retention and attraction of residents in a community and is essential in order to resolve labour shortages and allow economic development and growth in small rural municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** demographics in many areas are currently shifting and changing quickly as we work on meeting the needs of many Ontario residents during a housing crisis;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council is requesting the provincial government through the Minister of Education to extend the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews in order to allow municipalities, townships, neighbourhoods and subdivisions the opportunity to prosper, develop and grow without being hindered by school closures due to low enrollments that could quickly change.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Victor Fedeli andall Ontario Municipalities.Resolution Number: 2023: 054Result: Carried



8vi. BLUE SKY NET MUNICIPAL GIS ROAD COUNTER REFURBISHMENT INITIATIVE Motion by: Councillor Grant Seconded by: Councillor Morton

WHEREAS Blue-Sky Net is reviewing the road traffic counter system element of the GIS Municipal Partners' Program, and considering the purchase of new updated software to facilitate new reporting capabilities for road assessment, a dedicated laptop that municipalities within The Program will have access to when loaning out road counters, allowing for ease of transfer of data for the purpose of generating reports, and maintenance of all 8 road tracker units,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED THAT** Blue Sky Net be advised of the Municipality's appreciation of the effort and opportunity to continue to participate in the program, that it supports these upgrades within it and agrees to share in the cost of acquiring the necessary assets to complete the project, estimated to be \$200 per municipality.

Resolution Number: 2023-055 Carried

8vii. INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL Moved by: Councillor Grant Seconded by: Councillor Moreton

WHEREAS the Corporation of The Municipality of Calvin has received and reviewed the 2023-24 Municipal Insurance Policy Renewal package submitted by MIS Municipal Insurance Services/Knox Hutchison Insurance, at a quoted cost of \$39,335,

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of Calvin accept the Policy as submitted, with a change to the number of Council Members stated throughout the policy document as 6 to 5,

**AND THAT** the Treasurer be instructed to pay the invoice due to the provider.

Resolution Number: 2023-056 Carried

8viii. MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM KENT RESOLUTION RE: REDUCING MUNICIPAL INSURANCE COSTS Motion by: Councillor Moreton Seconded by: Councillor Grant

**WHEAREAS** The Corporation for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin's insurance costs for the current year have increased by 6% over last year;

**AND WHEREAS** insurance costs for many municipalities across the province have experienced similar and greater increases;

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin send a letter to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent indicating their support of their efforts to engage with other municipalities, the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of a municipal reciprocal insurance provider, or legislative changes to address insurance costs to municipalities.

# Resolution Number: 2023-057

Carried

**8ix. Correspondence Mattawa Hospital, Return of Service Agreement** As circulated with the Agenda was received as information.

**8x. Intelivote Systems Inc Confirmation of the Destruction of Ballot Information, 2022 Municipal Elections** Correspondence as circulated with the Agenda was received as information.

# 8xi. 2023 FONOM CONFERENCE

Motion by: Councillor Moreton Seconded by: Councillor Grant

**WHEREAS** The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the unified voice of Northeastern Ontario, representing and advocating on behalf of 110 cities, towns and municipalities is hosting its 2023 conference in Parry Sound May 8, 9, 10, 2023,

**AND WHEREAS** it is beneficial for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin to participate in the learning and sharing opportunities offered at the conference,

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that up to 3 Members of Council and 2 Senior Members of Staff attend the Conference as representatives of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin.

AND THAT interested Members of Council and Staff notify the Clerk, no later than April 6, 2023 of their intention to participate at the 2023 FONOM Conference. Resolution Number: 2023-58 Carried

# 9. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

# BY-LAW NUMBER 2023-011

Moved by: Councillor Grant Seconded by: Councillor Moreton BEING A BYLAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL Legal Authority

Scope of Powers Section 8(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, ("Municipal Act") as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad



authority on municipalities to enable them to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate, and to enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues.

### Powers of a Natural Person

Section 9 of the Municipal Act provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act.

### Powers Exercised by Council

Section 5 (1) of the Municipal Act provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its Council

### Powers Exercised by By-law

Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers, and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by bylaw unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise.

### Preamble

Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin ("Council") acknowledges that many of the decisions it makes during a meeting of Council, regular, special, or otherwise, are done by resolution. Section 5 (3) requires that Council exercise their powers by Bylaw.

Council further acknowledges that the passing of resolutions is more expedient than adopting Bylaws for each decision.

### Decision

Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin decides it in the best interest of the Corporation to confirm its decisions by way of Confirmatory Bylaw.

# Direction

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin directs as follows:

1. The Confirmatory Period of this By-Law shall be for the Regular Meeting of Council, March 14, 2023 2. All By-Laws passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.

3. All resolutions passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.

4. All other proceedings, decisions, and directives of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.5. This Bylaw takes effect on the day of its final passing

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6. AND THAT said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.



Read and adopted by **Resolution 2023 – 059** this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2023.

Carried

11. AJOURNMENT Motion by: Councillor Moreton Seconded by: Councillor Grant

THAT we do now adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Resolution Number: 2023-060 Carried