

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021

The regular meeting of Council was held this date by Zoom electronic meetings (due to Covid-19 pandemic). Present were Mayor Ian Pennell, Deputy Mayor Sandy Cross, Coun Dan Maxwell, Coun Heather Olmstead, Coun Christine Shippam, Roads Superintendent, Chris Whalley, Recreation, Landfill and Cemetery Manager, Jacob Grove and Clerk-Treasurer, Cindy Pigeau.

Regrets: 0 Guests: 0

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ian Pennell

PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None
PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS: None

2021-155 AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Moved by Coun Maxwell and seconded by Coun Shippam that Council hereby authorizes the following amendments to the June 22, 2021 agenda: A1) Municipality of Calvin - Amendment to Agenda, P) Municipality of Calvin – Administration - Posting of Administrative Assistant Position

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Yea
Councillor Shippam	Yea
Mayor Pennell	Yea

Carried

2021-156 MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Olmstead that the minutes of the special meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 be hereby adopted and signed as circulated.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Yea
Councillor Shippam	Yea
Mayor Pennell	Yea

Carried

2021-157 MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

Moved by Coun Olmstead and seconded by Coun Shippam that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 be hereby adopted and signed as circulated.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Yea
Councillor Shippam	Yea
Mayor Pennell	Yea

Carried

2021-158 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING – JUNE 8, 2021

Moved by Coun Maxwell and seconded by Coun Cross that the minutes of the Committee of Adjustment hearing held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 be hereby adopted and signed as circulated.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Shippam Yea
Mayor Pennell Yea
Carried

2021-148 BY-LAW 2021-019-TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF TAX RATES, ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST IN DEFAULT OF PAYMENT THEREOF FOR THE YEAR OF 2021.

By-law No. 2021-019 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates, adoption of annual budget and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for the year 2021. This By-law received 3rd and final reading on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 and finally passed before an open Council on this date.

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Third Reading

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Shippam Yea
Mayor Pennell Yea
Carried

2021-159 ADOPT ANNUAL REPORT SHOWING ESTIMATED EXPENSES EXCLUDED FROM THE 2021 BUDGET AND THE IMPACT OF FULLY RECOVERING THESE EXPENSES

Moved by Coun Maxwell and seconded by Coun Olmstead that the Council of the Municipality of Calvin has received and hereby approves the 2021 Compliance Report – Estimate of Expenses excluded from the 2021 Budget, as required by the Municipal Act 2001, Ontario Regulation 284/09, Budget Matters – Expenses, Section 2(1)(a)(b) and Section 3.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Shippam Yea
Mayor Pennell Yea
Carried

2021-160 PART TIME STUDENT POSITION

Moved by Coun Olmstead and seconded by Coun Shippam that Council hereby approves the hiring of Bert Guignon, as a part-time student employee, as advertised, to gain valuable work experience in the Recreation, Landfill, Cemetery and potentially Public Works departments.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea

Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Shippam Yea
Mayor Pennell Yea
Carried

2021-161 TEMPORARY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITION

Moved by Coun Maxwell and seconded by Coun Cross that Council hereby approves advertising for a temporary equipment operator position for approximately 6 weeks within the Roads Department, to help with the 2021 ditching project, due to the current staff shortage; the hiring committee for this position will consist of the Roads Superintendent, the Clerk-Treasurer and Ian Pennell, Mayor as Member of Council.

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Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Shippam Yea
Mayor Pennell Yea
Carried

2021-162 LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CITY OF NORTH BAY RESOLUTION: NEAR NORTH LANDLORDS ASSOCIATION

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Olmstead that WHEREAS the Near North Landlords Association (NNLA) surveyed its members and found that 11.7%, or 492 people, of its member's housing stock are facing eviction due to rent arrears; when this modest percentage is applied across the total number of units in all the private rental housing stock across Nipissing District, it is estimated that 600 units are in arrears with the possibility that up to 1100 people are at imminent risk of eviction; WHEREAS the NNLA has formed a partnership to find a solution to address the rent arrears issue, a proposed program for qualifying tenants was developed; this would include a negotiated repayment plan that would see the landlord forgive 1/3 of the arrears, the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) to fund 1/3, and the final 1/3 would be paid by the tenant; program eligibility will also include ongoing monitoring of the landlord and tenant relationship to ensure housing is retained; WHEREAS the DNSSAB would use Federal and/or Provincial Funding Programs to finance their share; NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin support the City of North Bay as they lobby the Federal and Provincial Governments to finance this program to avert an additional major homelessness crisis; AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Anthony Rota, MP Nipissing-Temiskaming; the Honourable Marc G. Serré, MP Nickel Belt; the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development; the Honourable Victor Fedeli, MPP Nipissing; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; all Municipalities in the District of Nipissing; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; and the District of Nipissing Homelessness and Housing Partnership.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Shippam Yea
Mayor Pennell Yea
Carried

2021-163 LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR TOWN OF FORT ERIE RE: CAPITAL GAINS TAX ON PRIMARY RESIDENCE

Moved by Coun Shippam and seconded by Coun Maxwell that WHEREAS primary residences are currently exempt from a capital gains tax; and WHEREAS currently secondary and additional non-primary properties are subject to capital gains; and WHEREAS the Federal Government is currently looking into a primary residence capital gains tax as they have

recognized that affordable housing has become a serious issue in Canada; and WHEREAS small communities including the Municipality of Calvin are seeing unprecedented higher selling prices that are outpacing prices in larger cities; and WHEREAS many hard-working Canadians who have only a primary residence with no additional non-primary homes count on their home equity as financial aid to apply to upsizing or downsizing their home depending on their personal situation; and WHEREAS a change in taxation to primary residences would be a significant financial blow to Canadians and would create an unfair, two-tiered taxation which could lead to depleted savings, inter-generational disparities, disparities among diverse groups such as seniors who may have a significant portion of their savings vested in their primary residence, as well as, reducing the ability of home ownership thereby a further, higher need for rentals; and WHEREAS the Federal government could look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing costs to improve housing affordability; NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin support the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie as they lobby the Federal Government to cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences; and FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Yea
Councillor Shippam	Yea
Mayor Pennell	Yea
Carried	

2021-164 LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GREAT LAKES ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE RE: ENVIRONMENTAL MICROFIBERS

Moved by Coun Olmstead and seconded by Coun Maxwell that WHEREAS microfibers are human-made strands less than 5mm composed of either synthetic or natural materials. Microfibers are shed through the wear and tear of textiles through the laundering process; and WHEREAS billions of microfibers are released into the Great Lakes daily from machine laundering of clothes. Studies have found a single load of laundry can release up to millions of microfibers into washing machine effluent, which flows to the wastewater treatment plant. Wastewater treatment can capture up to 99% of microfibers in sewage sludge, but microfibers are still released into aquatic ecosystems through treated effluent. Billions of microfibers are released into the aquatic ecosystem daily in the Great Lakes basin, either directly via treated final effluent, or indirectly as runoff from land-application of treated sewage sludge; and WHEREAS microfiber contamination is widespread: Worldwide and local studies have shown microfibers present in commercial fish, Great Lakes fish (including Lake Trout, Rainbow smelt, Brown bullhead, etc.), honey, salt, Great Lakes beer, tap water, bottled water and much more; and WHEREAS microfibers are the most prevalent type of microplastics in the environment and have been found in surface water, soil, biota, and atmospheric samples; and WHEREAS a 2014 surface water study in Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and their tributaries measured microplastics at abundances between 90,000 and 6.7 million particles per square kilometer. These levels of microplastics are similar to or exceed concentrations found in ocean gyres like the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch; and WHEREAS microplastics do not biodegrade; and WHEREAS chemicals such as dyes and flame retardants are added to textiles during manufacturing. Textiles can also absorb chemicals from their environment after manufacturing. Some of these chemicals are toxic, and harmful chemical compounds can be released into the environment via leaching from microfibers; and WHEREAS a growing body of research shows that the effects of microplastics on animal life are far-reaching. Researchers have investigated the impacts of microplastics on gene expression, individual cells, survival, and reproduction. Mounting evidence shows that negative impacts can include decreased feeding and growth, endocrine disruption, decreased fertility, and other lethal sub-lethal effects. Some of these effects are due to ingestion stress (physical blockage), but many of the risks to ecosystems are associated with the chemicals in the plastic. Studies have shown that chemicals transfer to fish when they consume microplastics. When these fish end up on our dinner plates, we potentially increase the burden of hazardous chemicals in our bodies; and WHEREAS a recent set of laundering experiments in the laboratory, have shown that an external filter can capture an average of 87% of fibers by count and 80% by weight before they go down the drain (McIlwraith et al. 2019). On a wider

scale and in real-life context, Georgian Bay Forever, the University of Toronto and the Town of Parry Sound are completing a study that is measuring the effect that about 100 filters in households has on reducing microfiber pollution in the effluent of a wastewater treatment plan. The results of this study are to release in August; and WHEREAS add-on filters cost approximately \$180-220 CDN to purchase and install, which is prohibitive for the average household. Accordingly, voluntary adoption rates are low; and WHEREAS France has passed legislation (France 2020-105, Article 79) that requires future washing machines sold to have filters. California has introduced a bill (California AB 622), and Ontario has tabled Private Member's Bill 280 to prohibit sales of washing machines without a filter of mesh size 100 microns or smaller. Companies such as Arclik have manufactured washing machines with filters built directly into them; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) recognizes that to date the largest documented source of environmental microfibers is washing machines, and that findings indicate washing machine filters mitigate the majority of fibers shed during machine washing; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cities Initiative recognizes the need to require future sales of washing machines to include filters with a maximum mesh size of 100 microns; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cities Initiative and its members call on the Ontario government to pass Bill 279, and to call on the Canadian and U.S. government to create appropriate regulatory measures to the same effect; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until households can only buy new laundry machines outfitted with <100 micron filters, the Cities Initiative and its members call on provincial, state and federal governments to provide funding and education to help constituents reduce microfiber waste; BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin directs its staff to submit this resolution to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Yea
Councillor Shippam	Yea
Mayor Pennell	Yea
Carried	

2021-165 LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GREAT LAKES ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE RE: UNENCAPSULATED EXPENDED AND EXTRUDED POLYSTYRENE FOAM

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Shippam that WHEREAS unencapsulated expanded and extruded polystyrene foam (PS foam) is a common and economical product used for dock flotation; and WHEREAS unencapsulated PS foam, when used as flotation, deteriorates and breaks down through exposure to water, sunlight and chemicals (gasoline, oil & other contaminants), as well as from animals and physical impacts from boats and other debris; and WHEREAS the environmental impacts associated with the breakdown of unencapsulated PS foam are significant. PS foam is one of the top items of debris found on shorelines, beaches, and surface water around the world. Widespread and global contamination has resulted in PS foam being found in the gut contents of wildlife, including in the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin. PS foam causes adverse effects to wildlife when ingested. Laboratory experiments show negative impacts of PS foam on feeding behaviour, growth, hepatosomatic index (HSI), and reproduction. Under certain conditions, PS foam leaches known toxics styrene and benzene. Floating particles of PS foam also has aesthetic impacts on shorelines and waterways; and WHEREAS there is no Federal legislation in Canada regulating the use of unencapsulated expanded polystyrene foam (EPS) for docks to date. However, on May 13, 2021, the Province of Ontario passed *Bill 228: Keeping Polystyrene Out of Ontario's Lakes and Rivers Act*, to regulate and control its use for floats; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) recognizes the need for PS foam to be encapsulated when used for flotation; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cities Initiative and its members call on the Federal Government of Canada (Ministries of Fisheries and the Environment), the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks), the Province of Quebec, The United States (U.S.) Federal Government, and the U.S. States of New York, Pennsylvania, 2 Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota to work in collaboration with each other to enact laws which:

1. ban unencapsulated polystyrene (PS) products in all new and replacement public and private floating facilities across the Great Lakes Region and the coasts of Canada and the United States;
2. find common standards of defining encapsulation with the goal of zero emissions of PS foam;
3. require the timely transition to approved encapsulated PS products, for all public and private floating facilities currently using unencapsulated PS foam; and
4. require the proper disposal of all unencapsulated expanded polystyrene (EPS) products currently being used for dock flotation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin directs its staff to submit this resolution to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Nay
Councillor Olmstead	Yea
Councillor Shippam	Yea
Mayor Pennell	Yea
Carried	

2021-166 CASSELHOLME REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Moved by Coun Shippam and seconded by Coun Cross that WHEREAS the City of North Bay, Municipality of East Ferris, Township of Chisholm, Municipality of Calvin, Township of Papineau-Cameron, Town of Mattawa, Municipality of Mattawan, Township of Bonfield, and Township of South Algonquin are part owners (member municipalities) of Cassellholme as defined by the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*; AND WHEREAS Cassellholme is governed by a Board of Management; AND WHEREAS the Cassellholme Board of Management has approved the total project cost of \$121,889,390 for the redevelopment of Cassellholme; AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has committed to funding up to \$65 million for the Cassellholme redevelopment project over a period of 25 years interest free; AND WHEREAS the member municipalities are obligated to participate in financing of the redevelopment of Cassellholme pursuant to Section 125(1) of the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*; AND WHEREAS the member municipalities have raised several concerns related to the financing options being presented by the Board of Management specifically having to guarantee the Provincial share of the redevelopment costs; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be sent to Honourable Vic Fedeli, MPP- Nipissing and Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP-Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke requesting that the Province pay its share of the redevelopment costs upfront and that a copy of the letter be sent to Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Honourable Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care; and Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT should the Province not agree to pay its share upfront, that the Province agree to provide a guarantee for its share of the project costs and the Province assume the interest costs on its payments over the next 25 years.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Yea
Councillor Shippam	Yea
Mayor Pennell	Yea
Carried	

2021-167 MATTAWA AND AREA COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL BEING PLAN

Moved by Coun Olmstead and seconded by Coun Maxwell that the Council of the Municipality of Calvin has received and hereby adopts the Mattawa and Area Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Shippam Yea
Mayor Pennell Yea
Carried

2021-168 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION

Moved by Coun Olmstead and seconded by Coun Maxwell that Council hereby acknowledges that the Municipality will be advertising for a Full Time Administrative Assistant position within the Administration Department; the hiring committee for this position will consist of the Roads Superintendent or the Recreation/Cemetery/Landfill Manager, the Clerk-Treasurer and Ian Pennell, Mayor as Member of Council.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Shippam Yea
Mayor Pennell Yea
Carried

2021-169 DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Shippam that the disbursements dated June 17, 2021 in the amount of \$154,638.18 and June 22, 2021 in the amount of \$14,630.61 be hereby authorized and passed for payment.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Shippam Yea
Mayor Pennell Yea
Carried

2021-154 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Coun Maxwell and seconded by Coun Cross that this regular meeting of Council now be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Shippam Yea
Mayor Pennell Yea
Carried