



MINUTES

Regular Council

Monday, September 20, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

The Regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Front of Yonge was held on the evening of Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Mayor Roger Haley, Councillor Margaret Fancy, Councillor Richard Marcoux, Councillor Carson Massey, and Councillor Gail Williams were present.

1 CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Richard Marcoux
Seconded by Councillor Margaret Fancy

THAT Council approve the agenda.

Carried 09-22

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST; PECUNIARY OR OTHERWISE

No pecuniary interest was declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Margaret Fancy
Seconded by Councillor Richard Marcoux

THAT Council approve the minutes of the Regular meeting and the minutes of the Zoning By-law Amendment meeting (Mann), dated September 7, 2021.

Carried 09-23

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Moved by Councillor Richard Marcoux
Seconded by Councillor Margaret Fancy

THAT Council approve the accounts payable report dated September 13, 2021 which includes cheques #12293 to 12320, and the accounts payable report dated September 20, 2021 which includes cheques #12321 to 12332.

Carried 09-24

6. DELEGATES

There were no delegates present.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief's Report

The Fire Chief went over his report with Council. An honorarium comparison to date will be provided. Group training started in September. A sign-off sheet has been created regarding training for the pumper truck. A student has joined the department as a Cadet. Mayor Haley thanked the Chief and the first responders who were on hand at the Paddle Poker Run.

Moved by Councillor Margaret Fancy
Seconded by Councillor Richard Marcoux

THAT Council accept the Fire Chief's report.

Carried 09-25

Public Works Superintendent's Report & Action Plan

The Public Works Superintendent went over his report with Council. Staff will follow up with Miller Paving regarding a letter with respect to the Purvis Street, Caintown & Cronk Woods Roads projects. Township entranceway signs and ATV signage will be repaired/replaced as soon as possible. Discussion took place regarding the Public Works Department's student employee position.

Moved by Councillor Richard Marcoux
Seconded by Councillor Margaret Fancy

THAT Council accept the Public Works Superintendent's report and action plan.

Carried 09-26

Public Works Superintendent's Report - Escott/Yonge Townline Road Construction Project

Discussion took place regarding the Escott/Yonge Townline Road construction project. Guardrails will be installed on the Township of Leeds and Thousand Islands' side of the road, as well as a portion of Front of Yonge's section. A quote is being obtained for this work. Council will be provided with this information, as well as the location of where the guardrails will be installed on Front of Yonge's side of the road.

Moved by Councillor Margaret Fancy
Seconded by Councillor Richard Marcoux

THAT the Public Works Superintendent's report regarding the Escott/Yonge Townline Road construction project be received.

Carried 09-27

Clerk's Report & Action Plan

The Clerk went over her report with Council. An update was given on the Municipal Modernization Program, as well as the Trails committee meetings that have taken place.

Moved by Councillor Carson Massey
Seconded by Councillor Gail Williams

THAT Council accept the Clerk's report and action plan.

Carried 09-28

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. BY-LAWS

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution - Business Education Tax Reductions

Moved by Councillor Gail Williams
Seconded by Councillor Carson Massey

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario announced in the 2020 Budget, that for the 2021 calendar year, Business Education Tax (BET) reductions would take place, which were intended to support businesses as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

AND WHEREAS in an effort to ensure municipalities would not be negatively impacted by BET reductions, the Province maintained BET rates at the 2021 BET rate for government owned properties that pay PILs (Payment In Lieu of Taxes);

AND WHEREAS the Township of Front of Yonge has recently been advised by Canada Post that they will only be paying the reduced BET rate of 0.0088 and not the legislated rate of 0.0125 when they remit their 2021 PIL;

AND WHEREAS if all federal departments do the same, the loss in revenue for the Township will be approximately \$4,500 for the 2021 budget year;

AND WHEREAS the revenue loss to municipalities across Ontario has been estimated at \$20 million in 2021 by OMTRA if the federal government does not pay the legislated BET rate;

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Front of Yonge respectfully requests the Federal government, and all Crown Corporations, recognize that the province's 2021 BET reduced rates are intended to support Ontario business during the burden of COVID-19, and they are not intended to reduce the Federal Government's fair share for consumption of local services;

AND FURTHER THAT the Federal government, and all Crown Corporations, commit to paying the legislated BET rate of 0.0125 for 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, MP Barrett, MPP Clark and AMO.

Carried 09-29

11. COMMUNICATIONS

12. RESOLUTIONS

Municipality of Chatham-Kent - Council Resolution Supporting Affordable Internet

Moved by Councillor Carson Massey

Seconded by Councillor Gail Williams

THAT Council endorse the resolution of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding affordable internet.

Carried 09-30

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following resolution will be considered at the next regular meeting:

- Municipality of Trent Lakes - OHIP Eye Care

15. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

16. "IN CAMERA" MEETING - NIL

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gail Williams
Seconded by Councillor Carson Massey

That Council adjourn to meet again on October 4, 2021 for a regular meeting of Council at 7:00 pm, or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried 09-31

Mayor, Roger Haley

Clerk, Jennifer Ault