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MAYOR: LORY PATERI
CLERK: DONNA BRUNKE

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING IN THE BRUCE MINES MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND ELECTRONICALLY AT 7:00 PM.

PRESENT:

**MAYOR LORY PATERI - IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNCILLORS - MARIOLA MORIN, JODY ORTO, RICHARD O'HARA AND JERRY
BOGART- VIRTUALLY
CLERK - IN MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

1. Call to order by Mayor Patteri at 7:00 p.m. in the Bruce Mines council chambers.
2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest - none noted

The mayor explained that she's written a mover and seconder on the resolutions but if any councillor has an issue with their name on it, please identify it and their name will be changed.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-22

MOVED BY: JODY ORTO

SECONDED BY: RICHARD O'HARA

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN
OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
COUNCIL FEBRUARY 15, 2021. CARRIED.**

4. Committee of Adjustment/Council of the Whole: A) as required
5. Delegations: A)
6. Reports:
 - a) PWO I) Streetlight - corner of Pilgrim and Laird Streets: site tour in evening to assess - consideration of adding lights in the future

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-23

MOVED BY: MARIOLA MORIN

SECONDED BY: JERRY BOGART

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN
OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE INSTALLATION OF A STREETLIGHT AT THE
CORNER OF PILGRIM AND LAIRD STREETS AT A COST OF LESS THAN \$1,000.00.
CARRIED.**

- II) MTO re: CVOR renewal - info
- III) trailer - deferred until info received from the Bylaw Enforcement Officer

- b) CBO/Zoning I)
- c) Clerk I) report reviewed

7. Minutes: A) Regular January 15/21

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-24

MOVED BY: RICHARD O'HARA

SECONDED BY: JODY ORTO

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2021, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

8. Old Business: A) COVID-19:
- Councillor Bogart comment:
 - should take stand for close up of businesses in the north - we're not Toronto - send this message on behalf of the town - only offering bailouts and where does money come from - suicides, drug overdoses, mental health increases - virus has high recovery rate - never closed down for other pandemics - statistics provided i.e., flu/etc. - charter of rights and freedom expressed - other ways not to lock ourselves in the house - consider drafting something
 - C. Morin agrees with comments - lost confidence
 - Mayor Patteri is torn on this issue - is lockdown working: can't quantify if there hadn't been a lockdown but having said that, she's totally in support of not locking small stores down but allowing big box stores to remain open - in theory from health point, if done properly, it would help, but people are being stopped on snow machines/transients from coming as well as planes
 - C. Bogart wants BM to make a stand and be put on map
 - M. Patteri - asked if he is requesting a resolution or letter and to whom i.e., MPP Mantha and/or Premier Ford?
 - M. Patteri - advised that we'll draft something and send it out to other municipalities
 - comment: show small businesses that we support them
 - all in agreement - also to be sent to MP Hughes
 - Virtual Town Hall meeting with APH on Feb. 17 at 5 p.m.: details will be e-mailed once received - open to council and questions

9. Committee Reports:

- I) Admin/student/hall: a) tax request for interest write off - the request was reviewed without names - discussion: must be fair to all ratepayers so not in agreement

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-25

MOVED BY: JERRY BOGART

SECONDED BY: MARIOLA MORIN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE REQUEST TO WRITE OFF INTEREST ON PROPERTY TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$398.00. DEFEATED.

- b) dog tags for 2021 - send out newsletter as well as posting on website for free tag so town has list

- ii) Fire Dept.: a) resolutions:
- approving the purchase of the batteries/accessories in 2021

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-26

MOVED BY: MARIOLA MORIN

SECONDED BY: JODY ORTO

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE PURCHASE OF BATTERIES/ACCESSORIES FOR THE BRUCE MINES FIRE DEPARTMENT IN 2021. CARRIED.

- approving bunker gear for two new firefighters

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-27

MOVED BY: JERRY BOGART

SECONDED BY: RICHARD O'HARA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE PURCHASE OF BUNKER GEAR FOR TWO NEW FIREFIGHTERS ON THE BRUCE MINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. CARRIED.

- b) closing of OFMEM training facility resolution re: Ontario Fire College:
- Township of Baldwin resolution re: Ontario Fire College
- OPSEU Local 317 letter
- MPP Michael Mantha letter

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-28

MOVED BY: JERRY BOGART

SECONDED BY: MARIOLA MORIN

**WHEREAS THE ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE CAMPUS HAS BEEN IN OPERATION IN GRAVENHURST SINCE 1958; AND
WHEREAS THE ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE CAMPUS IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY SOURCES OF CERTIFIED TRAINING FOR ONTARIO FIREFIGHTERS; AND**

WHEREAS THE ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE CAMPUS HAS BUILT A REPUTATION OF INTEGRITY, CREDIBILITY, AND RELIABILITY IN PROVIDING SOME OF THE BEST TRAINING TO OUR FIRE SERVICES WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO; AND

WHEREAS THE ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE CAMPUS HAS BEEN USED TO TRAIN AND CERTIFY BOTH VOLUNTEER, PART-TIME AND CAREER FIREFIGHTERS THROUGHOUT ONTARIO; AND

WHEREAS THE REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRES ARE NOT ALL CREATED EQUAL AND SIMILAR IN FUNCTION TO THE ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE CAMPUS; AND

WHEREAS THE ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE CAMPUS GIVES ONTARIO FIREFIGHTERS ANOTHER OPTION OTHER THAN REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRES TO OBTAIN NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) CERTIFICATIONS; AND

WHEREAS THE ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE CAMPUS IS THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE METHOD FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO CERTIFY FIREFIGHTERS TO NFPA STANDARDS IN ONTARIO; AND

WHEREAS THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT ENACTED AND REVOKED 0. REG. 379/18: FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION IN 2018; AND

WHEREAS WHEN THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT REVOKED 0. REG. 379/18: FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION, IT WAS MADE KNOWN BY THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL THAT THE ACT WOULD BE AMENDED AND BROUGHT BACK IN THE FUTURE; AND

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES REQUESTS THAT THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO REVERSE THEIR DECISION TO CLOSE THE ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE CAMPUS IN GRAVENHURST AS THE OFC IS ONE OF THE BEST AND MOST COST-EFFECTIVE METHODS FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO TRAIN THEIR FIREFIGHTERS WHICH ASSISTS US IN PROTECTING OUR RESIDENTS; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION IS FORWARDED TO THE HONOURABLE DOUG FORD PREMIER OF ONTARIO, THE HONOURABLE SYLVIA JONES; ONTARIO SOLICITOR GENERAL, THE HONOURABLE STEVE CLARK, MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, AND THE ONTARIO FIRE MARSHAL JON PEGG. CARRIED.

- C. Morin: advised on behalf of Fire Chief Morin that the fire chiefs had a meeting and the association will be putting together a letter on behalf of all municipalities.

iii) Health Centre/Huron North West: a) levy the same as 2020: \$5,000.00 - M. Patteri questioned why HNW has a higher contribution than the rest that are paying \$3,000.00 so she will continue to question this

iv) Library: a) Appointment of member under Appointment By-law
b) AMO - expanded library broadband

v) Marina/Campground /Shaft: a) new app - info

- b) memo: read by the mayor
 - seasonal sites: approx. 21 sites so suggestion of 60%?
 - defer guidelines - start with 10-12 seasonal
 - jail: the mayor stated that she thought it was deferred to the spring
 - C. Bogart advised that he is meeting with L. Peterson this week to review -defer
 - a break was called from 8:01-8:03 p.m.

vi) Planning: a)

vii) Recreation: a) Request for Family Day event: APH had concerns under guidelines as it was an event

- hall rentals can proceed as per COVID opening/guidelines: all in agreement

viii) Tri-Neighbours: a) insurance - resolution - amend to \$2,910.60

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-29

MOVED BY: RICHARD O'HARA

SECONDED BY: JODY ORTO

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE REQUEST OF THE TOWN OF THESSALON FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRI-NEIGHBOURS INSURANCE COSTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,910.60 DATING FROM 2006 - 2020. THIS AMOUNT TO BE ADDED TO THE 2021 TOWN BUDGET. CARRIED.

b) notes of Feb. 10/21

ix) Water/Wastewater/OCWA: a) SGS Certificate of Analysis
 b) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks - BM Drinking Water System Inspection Report for Dec. 3/20 - resolution

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-30

MOVED BY: MARIOLA MORIN

SECONDED BY: JERRY BOGART

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES ACCEPTS THE 2020 BRUCE MINES DRINKING WATER SYSTEM INSPECTION REPORT 1-OEWQQ AS PRESENTED BY THE ONTARIO MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND PARKS. CARRIED.

c) Drinking Water License and Works Permit renewals ongoing

10. Council Comments:

11. Disbursements:

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-31

MOVED BY: JODY ORTO

SECONDED BY: RICHARD O'HARA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE FEBRUARY 15, 2021 DISBURSEMENT SHEET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,870.99 NOTING THAT FOR ANY MEMBER OF COUNCIL WHO HAS DECLARED A PECUNIARY INTEREST WITH REGARD TO ANY ACCOUNT, THEIR APPROVAL IS BASED ON THIS ACCOUNT(S) BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. CARRIED.

12. By-Laws/Tenders/Agreements: a) Stop Up and Close - amend Trunk Road

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-32

MOVED BY: JERRY BOGART

SECONDED BY: JODY ORTO

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES GIVES FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING AND FINALLY ENACTS AND PASSES A BYLAW, BEING A BYLAW TO STOP UP, CLOSE AND AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF TRUNK ROAD IN THOSE AREAS SHOWN IN GREEN ON THE ATTACHED PLAN DATED AUGUST 8, 2019. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2021-04. CARRIED.

b) Stop Up and Close - Lorne Street

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-33

MOVED BY: RICHARD O'HARA

SECONDED BY: MARIOLA MORIN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES GIVES FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING AND FINALLY ENACTS AND PASSES A BYLAW, BEING A BYLAW TO STOP UP, CLOSE AND AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF A PORTION OF LORNE STREET LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: PT LORNE ST PL 5 LYING S WELLINGTON ST & N HWY. 17; PT 1, 2, 3, AND 4 1R13709, BRUCE MINES BEING PIN 31452-0409. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2021-05. CARRIED.

c) Appointment Bylaw - library member

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-34

MOVED BY: MARIOLA MORIN

SECONDED BY: RICHARD O'HARA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES AMENDS APPOINTMENT BYLAW 2020-38 BY ADDING RUTH KELSO TO THE BMPA UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD AND RECOMMENDS HER ADDITION TO THE BOARD. CARRIED.

d) Fees and Charges - campground - review of rates

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-35

MOVED BY: JODY ORTO

SECONDED BY: JERRY BOGART

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES AMENDS SCHEDULE "D" (CAMPGROUND RATES) OF FEES & CHARGES BYLAW 2018-06, AS PER ATTACHED. CARRIED.

- e) Algoma Manor agreement for temporary shelter

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-36

MOVED BY: MARIOLA MORIN

SECONDED BY: RICHARD O'HARA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES GIVES FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING AND FINALLY ENACTS AND PASSES A BYLAW, BEING A BYLAW TO ADOPT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES AND THE ALGOMA MANOR NURSING HOME FOR THE PROVISION OF TEMPORARY SHELTER FACILITIES. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2021-06. CARRIED.

13. New Business:

- a) Gas Tax - resolution to draw down for pumps for 2020

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-37

MOVED BY: JERRY BOGART

SECONDED BY: RICHARD O'HARA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES DRAWING DOWN \$55,780.93 FROM GAS TAX. CARRIED.

- b) Streetlights - resolution to purchase 10 and draw down from reserve

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-38

MOVED BY: JODY ORTO

SECONDED BY: MARIOLA MORIN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES DRAWING DOWN FROM RESERVES THE PURCHASE OF TEN (10) STREETLIGHTS FROM NEDCO. CARRIED.

- c) St. Catharines resolution re: Universal Sick Days in Ontario

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-39

MOVED BY: RICHARD O'HARA

SECONDED BY: JERRY BOGART

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES SUPPORTS THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES IN THEIR CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO TO PERMANENTLY LEGISLATE UNIVERSAL PAID SICK DAYS FOR ALL WORKERS IN ONTARIO DURING THE PANDEMIC AND BEYOND, REGARDLESS OF WORKPLACE SIZE, TYPE OF WORK OR IMMIGRATION STATUS. CARRIED.

RECORDED VOTE;

YES - RICHARD O'HARA, MARIOLA MORIN AND MAYOR PATERI

NO - JODY ORTO AND JERRY BOGART

- d) Year end 2020: resolution approving any surplus or deficit from 2020 be carried forward to the 2021 general fund

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-40

MOVED BY: JODY ORTO

SECONDED BY: JERRY BOGART

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES ANY SURPLUS OR DEFICIT FROM 2020 BE

CARRIED FORWARD TO THE 2021 GENERAL FUND.

CARRIED.

- e) Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act - advising that desk audit concluded
- f) 2021 Census of Population request for resolution

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-41

MOVED BY: RICHARD O'HARA

SECONDED BY: JODY ORTO

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES SUPPORTS THE 2021 CENSUS, AND ENCOURAGES ALL RESIDENTS TO COMPLETE THEIR CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE ONLINE AT

www.census.gc.ca. ACCURATE AND COMPLETE CENSUS DATA SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY.

CARRIED.

- g) Food Bank - request for bags

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-42

MOVED BY: RICHARD O'HARA

SECONDED BY: MARIOLA MORIN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE REQUEST FOR THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES TO PROVIDE BAGS TO THE AREA FOOD BANK.

CARRIED.

The clerk advised the mayor that she lost her internet connection as her computer froze up which would end the zoom connection.

14. Communications: Info.

- a) Tomlinson (OTR) - FYI - donated \$400 to BM food bank
- b) FONOM:
- comments on the creation of a Provincial Working Group looking at 2 + 1 Highways
 - productive meeting with members of Premier Ford's Cabinet
 - Video of GoNorth Campaign
- c) TSSA - new predictable fees effective May 1/21

- d) HNCEA - state of broadband and newsletter and Starling beta e-mail
- e) Ministry of Energy, Northern Dev. and Mines re: Ontario's long-term energy planning framework
- f) MMAH - Modernization Program
- g) Tribunals Ontario - update
- h) OPP Billing Summary - Dec./20 - in the office
- i) Gravel Watch Ontario - in the office - Jan/21
- j) Town of Bracebridge resolution re: Infrastructure Funding

The clerk advised the mayor that she couldn't reconnect her computer to the internet and had to shut it down which ended the zoom meeting recording.

15. Closed: identifiable individual

16. Confirmatory By-law

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-43

MOVED BY: JERRY BOGART

SECONDED BY: JODY ORTO

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES GIVES FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING AND FINALLY ENACTS AND PASSES A BYLAW, BEING A BYLAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2021. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2021-07. CARRIED.

17. Adjourn

MOTION NUMBER: 2021-44

MOVED BY: JERRY BOGART

SECONDED BY: MARIOLA MORIN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES DOES NOW ADJOURN AT 8:37 P.M., TO MEET AGAIN ON MARCH 15, 2021, OR AT THE CALL OF THE MAYOR. CLOSED.

MAYOR - Lory Patteri

CLERK - Donna Brunke