



# The Corporation of the Town of Bruce Mines

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MAYOR: LORY PATERI  
CLERK: JUDY DAVIS

## MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING IN THE BRUCE MINES MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 7:00 PM.

### PRESENT:

MAYOR LORY PATERI

COUNCILLORS - JAMIE STOPES, JODY ORTO, SHANE ROCK

ABSENT WITH REGRETS - COUNCILLOR MARIOLA MORIN

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR JUDY DAVIS

PUBLIC WORKS OFFICER TOM PHILLIPS

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Bruce Mines council chambers.
2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest Jody Orto, Disbursements  
Lory Patteri, Mrs Claus
3. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-251**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN  
OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE AGENDA AND ADDENDUM FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OCTOBER 10, 2023. CARRIED.**

4. Committee of Adjustment/  
Council of the Whole: a)
5. Delegations: a)
6. Reports:
  - I) PWO a) Report
    - Sand shed wall completed.
    - Bruce Street causeway maintained.
    - Salt requirements for 2023-2024 season.
    - Water leak on Desbarats Street repaired.
    - Water valve maintenance for winter.
    - Flag pole arrival pending.
    - Gazebo roof at marina replaced.
    - Generator at Hwy 17 lift station commissioned. 600V panel pending.
    - Marina fence to be installed soon.

-Marina and campground prepared for winter  
-Trails discussion regarding parking and trail-head and storage.

ii) CBO/Zoning a)

iii) Clerk a)

Report  
-Marina security, camera and lights installation ready.  
-Health and Safety update, Action Items Report in circulation.  
-Intern position advertisement placed for Oct  
-FEDNOR meeting with representative held. The Mine Shaft is the best fit for funding.  
-Survey on Mine Shaft statistics to date  
-Trailer Bylaw, current restrictions and possible use of agreements.

7. Minutes: a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 5, 2023. Resolution

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-252**  
**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES**  
**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2023, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.**

8. Old Business: a)

9. Committee Reports:

I) Admin/student/hall: a) Committee for hiring intern. Jody Orto has expressed her desire to sit on the Committee. Resolution.

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-253**  
**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES**  
**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPOINTS JODY ORTO TO THE INTERN HIRING COMMITTEE, AS PER HER REQUEST. CARRIED.**

b) Christmas Break - office hours. Keeping inline with previous years and the number of staff vacations days remaining for the year, it is being suggested the office close from December the 18<sup>th</sup> through to January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Resolution.

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-254**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE FOLLOWING DECEMBER HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE: DECEMBER 18, 2023 TO JANUARY 2, 2024. CARRIED.**

- c) Photocopier. Lease expired, new lease vs purchase of existing unit. Resolution.

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-255**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE PURCHASE OF THE OFFICE PHOTOCOPIER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$875.00, AS THE CURRENT LEASE HAS EXPIRED. CARRIED.**

- d) Ontario Trap Rock - Licence Fee Disbursement under the Aggregate Resources Act. \$212,483.23.
- ii) Fire Dept.:
  - a) Pumper truck inspections passed. One console error, information pending.
- iii) Health Centre/  
Huron North West:
  - a) North Shore Health Network Recruitment Committee Minutes Sept 14, 2023.
  - b) Letter of support for the Huron Shores Family Health Team

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-256**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE LETTER OF SUPPORT OF THE HURON SHORES FAMILY HEALTH TEAM IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SECURE A GRANT THROUGH HEALTHCARE EXCELLENCE CANADA. CARRIED.**

- iv) Library:
  - a) Comparative Income Statement, budgeted for 2023 to actual as of July 31, 2023.
- v) Culture and Tourism:
  - a) Mine Shaft, FEDNOR and survey. Responses as of Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, See Clerk's report. Direction to Municipal Administrator to continue with an application to FEDNOR for funding. Resolution.

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-257**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPE**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES DIRECTS THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTINUE WITH AN APPLICATION TO FEDNOR. CARRIED.**

- b) Operations Manager to complete manual and submit cell phone for Vosker security camera application. Campground and Marina closed. Phone versus cell phone.
- vi) Planning:
  - a) Zoning Clarification - home-based business

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-258**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR PATERI**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES DEEMS AN AUTO DETAILING BUSINESS AS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE ZONING BYLAW FOR HOME-BASED BUSINESS. DEFERRED.**

- vii) Recreation:
  - a) Bruce Mines Trailblazers Sept 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes.
  - b) Collaborative Agreement between the Town and Bruce Mines Trailblazers. The OTF Resilient Communities Fund requires an agreement be signed between partners in the application for funding. See 12e)
  - c) Bruce Mines Trailblazers requests. Resolution.

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-259**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPE**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS FROM THE BRUCE MINES TRAILBLAZERS:**

1. **REQUEST FOR TWO PARKING LOTS - ONE NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE CAMPGROUND AND THE SECOND ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CURRENT PARKING LOT ON TAYLOR STREET.**
2. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO MOVE THE TRAIL HEAD TO THE PARK ENTRANCE (WHERE THE OLD JAIL WAS LOCATED).**
3. **REQUEST TO USE THE ROOM OFF THE CAMPGROUND SHOWERS FOR STORAGE, WITH KEY. CARRIED.**

- d) Northern Ontario Tourism Summit - November 14, 15, 16, 2023. Cost varies. Resolution.

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-260**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE ATTENDANCE OF 2 COUNCIL MEMBERS AT THE NORTHERN ONTARIO TOURISM SUMMIT IN SAULT STE. MARIE, NOVEMBER 14, 15 & 16, 2023 - COST VARIES DEPENDING ON SESSIONS ATTENDED.**

**CARRIED.**

- e) Request for Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 use of hall for Mrs Claus. Resolution

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-261**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE REQUEST OF LORY PATERI TO HAVE USE OF THE BRUCE MINES COMMUNITY HALL, DECEMBER 9, 2023 FOR THE ANNUAL MRS. CLAUS WORKSHOP.**

**CARRIED.**

- viii) Tri-Neighbours:
  - a) Continuous Improvement Fund Refund \$62.39
  - b) Minutes of the Tri-Neighbours Board of Management Minutes of Regular Meeting July 12, 2023
- ix) Water/Wastewater/OCWA:
  - a) SGS Certificate of Analysis

10. Council Comments:

11. Disbursements: October 2, 2023. Resolution

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-262**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE OCTOBER 2, 2023 DISBURSEMENT SHEET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,050.93, 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. Bylaws/Tenders/Agreements:
  - a) Violence and Harassment in the Workplace Bylaw amendment. Rescind Bylaw 2016-32 and accept new Schedule "A" with Section 2 *Following the assessment of the risk, the Town develops and implements systemic controls to eliminate or minimize the risk....* new clause "F". Resolution.

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-263**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK**

**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 APPROVE A POLICY FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2023-38. CARRIED.**

- b) New Bylaw to regulate parking. Resolution.

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-264**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES**

**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 REGULATE PARKING. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2023-39. CARRIED.**

- c) New Bylaw and Agreement to allow for temporary placement and usage of a trailer. Resolution.

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-265**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES DIRECTS THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO PRODUCE A BYLAW AND AGREEMENT TO AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY PLACEMENT AND USAGE OF A TRAILER BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES AND DEVON WATSON AND VARSHABAHEN PATEL. DEFEATED.**

- d) Fees and Charges - Amendment to Bylaw 2018-06 Schedule "E" Building Permit Fees Resolution.

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-266**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES AMENDS FEES & CHARGES BYLAW #2018-06, SCHEDULE "E" - BUILDING PERMIT FEES, AS PER RECOMMENDED PERMIT FEES. CARRIED.**

- e) Bylaw to authorize the signing of the *Collaborative Agreement* between the Town and the Bruce Mines Trailblazers. Requirement of the Resilient Communities Fund Application. Resolution.



**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-267**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR**

**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 BRUCE MINES TRAILBLAZERS FOR AN OTF FUNDING APPLICATION. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2023-\_\_\_\_\_. WITHDRAWN.**

13. New Business:

- a) Health and Safety Committee Minutes
- b) Resolution in support of Northern Ontario School of Medicine, letter to Premier Ford. Resolution.

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-268**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK**

**WHEREAS THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES RECOGNIZED THE URGENT NEED FOR PHYSICIANS IN NORTHERN ONTARIO AS IT IS EXPERIENCING A SHORTAGE OF TRAINED PHYSICIANS AND SPECIALIST PHYSICIANS; WHEREAS LIFE EXPECTANCY OF NORTHERN RESIDENTS IS MORE THAN TWO YEARS LOWER THAN THE ONTARIO AVERAGE, AND MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS ARE AT A FOUR-TIMES HIGHER RATE; WHEREAS ONE IN EIGHT NORTHERN RESIDENTS DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A FAMILY DOCTOR, AND MANY MUST TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES TO ACCESS HEALTHCARE SERVICES REPRESENTING THE FAILURE OF HEALTHCARE IN NORTHERN ONTARIO; WHEREAS COMMUNITIES IN NORTHERN ONTARIO REQUIRE ACCESS TO EQUITABLE HEALTH CARE, ESPECIALLY UNDER-SERVED RURAL, INDIGENOUS, AND FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITIES; WHEREAS IN APRIL OF 2022, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED AN UNPRECEDENTED MEDICAL EXPANSION FOR NOSM UNIVERSITY'S MEDICAL PROGRAMS; AND WHEREAS THE CURRENT BASE FUNDING RATES FOR THE NORTHERN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE UNIVERSITY (NOSM) HAVE NOT BEEN INCREASED SUFFICIENTLY TO ACCOMMODATE GROWTH AND EXPANSION; *THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES STRONGLY REQUESTS THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT GRANT NOSM UNIVERSITY'S REQUEST FOR A PERMANENT INCREASE IN ANNUAL BASE FUNDING BY \$4.0 MILLION BEFORE THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR SO IT CAN CONTINUE TO DELIVER ON THE MANDATE THAT THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT INITIALLY ESTABLISHED IN RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF NORTHERN MUNICIPALITIES.* FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS MOTION BE FORWARDED TO PREMIER DOUG FORD, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND DEPUTY PREMIER SYLVIA JONES, MINISTER OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES JILL DUNLOP, MPPs GREG RICKFORD, VIC FEDELI, GEORGE PIRIE, ROSS ROMANO, KEVIN HOLLAND, ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO, NORTHERN**

**ONTARIO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE UNIVERSITY, FEDERATION OF NORTHERN  
ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES, NORTHERN ONTARIO ACADEMIC MEDICINE  
ASSOCIATION AND THE LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES OF ONTARIO.  
CARRIED.**

- c) OPP Annual Billing Statement Package.  
\*Notes to the Annual Billing Statement are  
in the office and have been emailed.

14. Communications:

- a) FONOM - Recommendation to address Ontario's Mental Health & Addictions Crisis
- b) FONOM - School Board Trustee Elections 2026
- c) FONOM - Provincial Grant Provided to Northern Ontario Health Units
- d) FONOM - Multi-Ministry Notes
- e) Office of the Fire Marshal - Communique - Interpretation of s. 6(3) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*
- f) Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Task Force Report & questionnaire
- g) Chamber of Commerce - "Looking Ahead" list of events
- h) Thank you letter from Glenn Tunnock. Back from travelling to Arctic!
- i) Local Government Week October 15 - 21, 2023
- j) Bruce Mines & District Chamber of Commerce - Copper Country Christmas upcoming event, Saturday, November 18, 2023.
- k) OPP - regarding the distribution of police record check revenue to municipalities. New Online Police Record Check Unit created to centralize the process. Reduction in revenues expected starting 2025.
- l) The Corporation of the Township of Emo - Black Ash Tree Classification as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act.
- m) The Corporation of the City of Cambridge - Resolution regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments
- n) Board of Health Minutes, May 24, 2023

15. Closed

16. Confirmatory By-law

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-269**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR 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 OCTOBER 10, 2023. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2023-40.**

**CARRIED.**

17. Adjourn

**MOTION NUMBER: 2023-270**

**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN**



**OF BRUCE MINES DOES NOW ADJOURN AT 9:40 P.M., TO MEET AGAIN ON  
NOVEMBER 6, 2023, OR AT THE CALL OF THE MAYOR. CARRIED.**

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**MAYOR - Lory Patteri**

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**MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR - Judy Davis**