# CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 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 Dean Grant, Fire Chief, Dean Maxwell, Roads Superintendent, Chris Whalley, Recreation, Landfill and Cemetery Manage, 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: Councillor Olmstead declared a conflict of interest on Item No. 6 D –

Item Title: Calvin Council, Reason: "I am a named on a document."

Councillor Dean Grant declared a conflict of interest on Item No. 4 - Item Title: Roads Report, Reason:" My parents own property on

Stewarts Rd."

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS: None

### 2021-047 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Coun Grant and seconded by Coun Cross that the minutes of the special meeting of Council held on Thursday, February 18, 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 Grant Yea
Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

#### 2021-048 MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Coun Maxwell and seconded by Coun Olmstead that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 23, 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 Grant Yea
Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

#### 2021-049 MINUTES OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PUBLIC SWIMMING ACCESS

Moved by Coun Maxwell and seconded by Coun Grant that the minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Public Swimming Access to the Amable du Fond River held on Tuesday, January 12, 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 Grant Yea
Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

Councillor Olmstead was provided an opportunity to provide any further comment to her written statement before the next motion was considered. No further comment was provided.

# 2021-040 INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER REPORT – COUNCILLOR OLMSTEAD – RECOMMENDATIONS OF PENALTY BY INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Maxwell that WHEREAS a request for inquiry was made to the Integrity Commissioner alleging that Councillor Olmstead had contravened the Municipality's Code of Conduct; WHEREAS an inquiry was conducted by the Integrity Commissioner in response to the request and a report was presented to Council on February 9, 2021; WHEREAS the Integrity Commissioner found that Councillor Olmstead did:

- Contravene Sections 8.1, 8.2 8.3 and 8.5 of the Code of Conduct when she accused the CBO of backdating a building permit, her disrespect for the authority of the CBO when no fines were laid and her effort to discredit/question the integrity of the CBO and get a different decision by bringing the matter before Council;
- Contravene the Council-Staff Relations Policy and subsequently breached the Code of Conduct in her treatment of staff.

WHEREAS Council has considered the findings and recommendations of the Integrity Commissioner; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) Councillor Olmstead shall formally apologize to staff and the CBO;
- b) Councillor Olmstead will be given a formal reprimand for her conduct toward staff;

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Nay

Councillor Olmstead Declared a Conflict

Councillor Grant Nay Mayor Pennell Yea

Defeated

Councillor Grant was provided an opportunity to provide any further comment to his written statement before the next motion was considered. Councillor Grant read a statement he had prepared. At the end of the statement, Councillor Grant verbally provided his resignation from Council and stated that the written resignation will follow shortly.

# 2021-041 INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER REPORT – COUNCILLOR GRANT – RECOMMENDATIONS OF PENALTY BY INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER

This motion was not Moved or Seconded due to Councillor Grant's resignation before discussion of the motion took place. The motion was deferred until the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 regular Council Meeting by Council voting to do so.

That WHEREAS a request for inquiry was made to the Integrity Commissioner alleging that Councillor Grant had contravened the Municipality's Code of Conduct; WHEREAS an inquiry was conducted by the Integrity Commissioner in response to the request and a report was presented to Council on February 9, 2021; WHEREAS the Integrity Commissioner found that Councillor Grant did:

- Contravene Section 13 of the Municipality of Calvin's Code of Conduct when he participated in the meeting arising from his wife's complaint;
- Breach his obligations of confidentiality regarding an Integrity Commissioner Inquiry

WHEREAS Council has considered the findings and recommendations of the Integrity Commissioner; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) Councillor Grant's remuneration as a Member of Council be suspended for two months for the breach of his obligations to avoid conflict of interest;
- b) Councillor Grant's remuneration as a Member of Council be suspended for two months for the breach of confidentiality and breach of his signed agreement to keep the investigation information confidential.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Vote to Defer to Next Regular Council Meeting – Councillor Grant Resigned before discussion took place.

## **Vote for Deferring Motion ONLY**

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Resigned and left meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

DEFERRED Until March 23, 2021 Council Meeting

# 2021-042 BEING A BY-LAW TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN AND THE CANADIAN ECOLOGY CENTRE (LANDFILL)

By-law 2021-006 being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin and the Canadian Ecology Centre (Landfill). This By-law received the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 and finally passed before an open Council on this date.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Third Reading

Councillor Cross Yea Councillor Maxwell Yea Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

# 2021-043 BEING A BY-LAW TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN AND THE CANADIAN ECOLOGY CENTRE (FIRE)

By-law 2021-007 being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin and the Canadian Ecology Centre (Fire). This By-law received the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 and finally passed before an open Council on this date.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Third Reading

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

### 2021-050 ICE BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL

Moved by Coun Olmstead and seconded by Coun Cross that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin has performed a review of the "Municipality of Calvin - Ice Building and Maintenance Manual" and there are to be no changes made to the attached Municipality of Calvin – Ice Building and Maintenance Manual for this year; AND

FURTHER that the manual shall continue to be reviewed on an annual basis to incorporate any changes that may be required due to changing technology, climate, staff and/or volunteers.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

# 2021-051 BEING A BY-LAW TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTH BAY AND DISTRICT HUMANE SOCIETY AND THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

By-law 2021-008 being a by-law to renew an agreement between the North Bay and District Human Society and the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin for the duration of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. This By-law received the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 and will come before Council for 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

First Reading

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Nay

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

**Second Reading** 

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

#### 2021-052 UNIVERSAL PAID SICK DAYS

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Olmstead that WHEREAS workers in Ontario without paid sick leave often feel forced to work when unwell so they can feed and support their families and are at risk of losing a paycheque or even their jobs if they stay home, and; WHEREAS the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit is temporary, not accessible to all and not usable for the crucial first few days of an illness, and; WHEREAS had legislated paid sick leave been in place before the global pandemic, lives would have been saved because infection rates would have been reduced, and; WHEREAS the lack of paid sick days has especially hurt Black, Indigenous, workers of colour, women and migrant workers who are over-represented in low-paying frontline jobs with few benefits and a reduced ability to work from home, and; WHEREAS the Ontario Medical Association, 11 GTHA Mayors and Chairs representing Ontario's largest municipalities, the editorial board of the Toronto Star, the Toronto Board of Health, the Decent Work and Health Network, the Ontario Nurses Association, and several other professional associations representing thousands of healthcare workers have all called on the provincial government to legislate paid sick days; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Calvin endorses legislated sick leave and calls 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, and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Labour, all Regional MPPs, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

#### 2021-053 SUPPORT FOR AMBER EIGHT SYSTEM

Moved by Coun Olmstead and seconded by Coun Cross that BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin fully supports and strongly advocates the province of Ontario to implement the Amber Eight Light System on all school buses for the safety of all students utilizing school buses as a safe access to and from schools; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin forward this resolution to MMP Mike Harris Jr., the Minister of Transportation, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northeastern Ontario Municipalities and all municipalities in the District of Nipissing.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

#### 2021-054 COMMUNITY WELL BEING AND SAFETY PLAN

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Olmstead that WHEREAS the Town of Mattawa, The Municipality of Mattawan, the Township of Papineau-Cameron and the Municipality of Calvin have joined together to create a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan which is a commitment to our residents that we are working together for the betterment of all; AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin is committed as civic leaders to our community's safety and well-being: A Plan for Collaboration and Action; AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin is fundamentally supportive of all initiatives that promote and focus on the safety and well-being of our residents and communities as a whole; AND WHEREAS the Community and Safety-Well Being Plan is a Plan that will be sustainable over time, will monitor its residents' pulse and will alter its trajectory to promote a healthy, safe and economically vibrant community; AND WHEREAS the Mattawa and Area Community and Safety-Well Being Advisory Committee was established in 2020 which its goals and objectives are to achieve the ideal state of a sustainable community where everyone is safe, has a sense of belonging, access to services and where individuals and families are able to meet their needs for education, health care, food, housing, income and social and cultural expression; AND WHEREAS leading by example and working together is instrumental in the success of any initiative. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin proudly endorses the Mattawa and Area Community and Safety-Well Being Plan as a commitment of our communities working together for the Safety and Well-Being of our residents.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

#### Carried

#### 2021-055 LANDFILL WINTER HOURS EXTENDED

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Olmstead that Council hereby authorizes that the Landfill Winter Hours for Tuesdays (1pm to 4pm) and Saturdays (10am to 3pm) will be extended until April 30, 2021.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

### 2021-56 MUNICIPAL INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR 2021-2022

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Olmstead that Council has received and reviewed the 2021 - 2022 municipal insurance renewal documents as presented by Municipal Insurance Services Ltd. (M.I.S.) dated February 25, 2021; and notes the increase of 13.0% (\$3757.00) over the previous year and hereby authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to bind the Premium and Coverage Summary and M.I.S. to proceed to issue and invoice the applicable policy documents.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

### 2021-057 SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING PROGRAM

Moved by Coun Olmstead and seconded by Coun Cross that Council hereby requests that Staff investigate, research and prepare a report regarding the implementation of a Single Stream Recycling Program for our Municipal Landfill.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

# 2021-058 PURCHASE OF BREATHING APPARATUS BOTTLES

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Olmstead that Council hereby authorizes the Fire Chief to have the Breathing Apparatus Bottles tested and refilled in advance of the approval of the 2021 Budget. The estimated cost to have this completed is \$1500.00.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

#### Carried

#### 2021-059 ONLINE TRAINING FOR CALVIN VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Moved by Coun Olmstead and seconded by Coun Cross that Council hereby authorizes the Fire Chief to have arrange online training for the Calvin volunteer fire fighters in advance of the approval of the 2021 Budget. The estimated cost to have this completed is \$1605.00.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

### 2021-060 RENEW AGREEMENT WITH JOHN DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Olmstead that the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby agrees to renew the Agreement with the John Dixon Public Library Board for 2021/22 which allows all residents of the municipality free use of the library facilities for the year.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

### 2021-061 DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Coun Olmstead and seconded by Coun Cross that the disbursements dated March 4, 2021 in the amount of \$22,940.69 and March 9, 2021 in the amount of \$35,886.05 be hereby authorized and passed for payment.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried

## 2021-062 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Olmstead that this regular meeting of Council now be adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Left Meeting

Councillor Olmstead Yea

Councillor Grant Left Meeting

Mayor Pennell Yea

Carried