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MAYOR: LORY PATERI
CLERK: JUDY DAVIS

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING IN THE BRUCE MINES MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 7:00 PM.

PRESENT:

MAYOR LORY PATERI

COUNCILLORS - JODY ORTO, SHANE ROCK, MARIOLA MORIN AND JAMIE STOPES

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR JUDY DAVIS

PUBLIC WORKS OFFICER TOM PHILLIPS

1. Call to order by Mayor Pateri at 7:00 p.m. in the Bruce Mines council chambers
 - a) Land Acknowledgment
2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
 - a) None
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a) Resolution

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-23

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 AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FEBRUARY 3, 2025. CARRIED.

4. Committee of Adjustment/
Council of the Whole:
 - a)
5. Delegations:
 - a)
6. Reports:
 - i) PWO
 - a) Report - Roads Meeting January 24, 2025
- Roads Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2025 were reviewed and accepted.
- Resolution for surface treatment

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-24

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR MORIN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES TENDERS THE FOLLOWING AT THE EARSA AMALGAMATED TENDER: 6066 M² SURFACE TREATMENT. CARRIED.

- ii) CBO/Zoning
 - a)

- a) Report
- Insurance policy, new binder in place with Intact Public Entities.
 - Update given from Events Coordinator notes to Municipal Administrator. Reviewed and accepted.
 - Dogs complaint, reviewed and accepted. Dog owners have been sent a letter from the office. Repeat offences will be submitted to the Animal Control Officers.
 - Complaint letter sent to the Ministry of Transportation was reviewed and accepted.
 - Discussion on Simpson Mine Shaft. Municipal Administrator presented her notes on the conditions at the facility.
 - The town has been invited to present an application for funding consideration by FedNor and NOHFC. Both initial applications have been deemed eligible.
 - A tender was advertised for a portion of the work which required the structure and design expertise of an engineering firm.
 - Quotes were received for the roofing, parking, lighting, washroom, restoration and renovation and production needs of the exhibit.
 - Council was concerned with the managing of the mine shaft going forward and determined that a business plan was required.
 - The Culture and Tourism Committee will take on the responsibility of presenting a business plan to council for review.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-25

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK

**WHEREAS THE TOWN OWNS THE HISTORIC SIMPSON MINE SHAFT EXHIBIT;
AND**

**WHEREAS THE MINE SHAFT IS IN NEED OF REPAIR, REFURBISHING,
RENOVATION AND MODERNIZATION BEFORE IT CAN BE REOPENED; AND
WHEREAS THE TOWN HAS APPLIED FOR FUNDING FROM NOHFC (NORTHERN
ONTARIO HERITAGE FUND CORPORATION; THEREFORE**

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE APPLICATION TO THE NOHFC FOR THE
SIMPSON MINE SHAFT PROJECT FOR THE FUNDING AMOUNT OF \$194,000.
FURTHERMORE, THE COUNCIL CONFIRMS THE TOWN'S COMMITMENT TO
COVER THE TOWN'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE PROJECT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$19,400, WHICH WILL COME FROM THE CORPORATION'S
GENERAL RESERVES AND THAT THE TOWN WILL COVER ANY PROJECT COST
OVERRUNS SHOULD THEY OCCUR.*** **DEFERRED.**

7. Minutes: a) Minutes of:
Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2025
Special Closed held on January 20, 2025
Special Meeting held on January 23, 2025
Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-26

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 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2025, THE SPECIAL CLOSED MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2025, AND THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2025, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

8. Old Business: a) Community Gardens. Discussion.
9. Committee Reports:
- i) Admin/student/hall: a) 2024 Tax Sales. 3 years in arrears. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-27

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES PROCEEDS WITH TAX REGISTRATION FOR ALL PROPERTIES IN 3 OR MORE YEARS ARREARS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025. CARRIED.

- b) Recommendation by staff to have the number of units charged for water and sewer increased for buildings in the town that are 2 or more primary units. 1 unit per residence or business. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-28

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MORIN

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE THE WATER AND SEWER CHARGES FOR BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN WITH TWO OR MORE PRIMARY UNITS. EACH UNIT WILL BE ASSESSED A BASE CHARGE, SO A BUILDING WITH TWO UNITS WILL BE CHARGED FOR TWO BASE UNITS, AND SO ON. CARRIED.

- c) Municipal Administrator is requesting that the town reimburse the Administrative Assistant for the AMCTO (Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers) MAP Unit 1 course for the program: Diploma in Municipal Administration. \$468.95. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-29
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 REQUEST OF THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO REIMBURSE THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE AMCTO MAP UNIT 1 COURSE FOR THE PROGRAM: DIPLOMA IN MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$415.00 + \$53.95 HST FOR A TOTAL OF \$468.95. CARRIED.

- d) Algoma District Services Administration Board - Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held November 28, 2024.
- ii) Fire Dept.:
 - a) Request to have the Fire Hall added to the municipal cleaner’s list of locations. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-30
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 ADDITION OF THE FIRE HALL TO THE MUNICIPAL CLEANER’S LIST OF LOCATIONS. CARRIED.

- iii) Health Centre/
Huron North West:
 - a) Algoma Public Health - Board of Health Meeting Minutes for October 23, 2024.
- iv) Library:
 - a) Bruce Mines and Plummer Additional Union Public Library Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2025. December 31, 2024 Comparative Income Statement and Expenditure Report.
- v) Culture and Tourism:
 - a) Increase in the number of “Base Units” for water that the campground is paying. Currently only at 1. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-31
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES
SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR MORIN
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE INCREASE IN WATER/SEWER BASE UNITS AT THE MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND FROM ONE BASE UNIT TO TWO. CARRIED.

- b) The Committee recommends the purchase of a plaque “ In Memory of Richard O’Hara” in the amount of approx \$793 (\$550 US). Size 10.5" x 13". Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-32

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 CULTURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE A PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF RICHARD O'HARA IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$793 CA (\$550 US) - SIZE 10.5" X 13". **CARRIED.**

- vi) Planning: a)
- vii) Recreation: a)
b)
- viii) Tri-Neighbours: a) Minutes of the Regular Zoom Meeting held January 8, 2025 and Minutes of the Special Zoom Meeting held January 16, 2025.
b) Stewardship Ontario Blue Box Funding \$2,159.85
- ix) Water/Wastewater/OCWA: a) SGS Certificate of Analysis
- 10. Council Comments: a) Councillor Rock has been approached by a number of individuals, and local businesses who are upset about the decision by Plummer Additional to close the bridge that is used for snow mobiles.
- 11. Disbursements: a) Disbursements for February 3, 2025. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-33

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MORIN

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE FEBRUARY 3, 2025 DISBURSEMENT SHEET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,035.44, 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) Agreement to provide accommodations at the Bruce Mines Community Hall as per the Retirement Homes Act, 2010. Light Haven requires a location in case of a temporary evacuation. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-34

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPE

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 LIGHT HAVEN HOME INCORPORATED FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATIONS - NO BEDS AVAILABLE OR PROVIDED. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2025-06.

CARRIED.

13. New Business:

- a) FONOM - May 5, 6, 7, 2025, North Bay, Ontario. Full delegate package \$400 per person plus travel expenses and per diem. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-35

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MORIN

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 2025 FONOM CONFERENCE IN NORTH BAY, MAY 5, 6, & 7, 2025 AT A COST OF \$400 PER PERSON (+HST) PLUS TRAVEL EXPENSES AND PER DIEM.

CARRIED.

- b) The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command 12th Annual Military Service Recognition Book. Request to the town to purchase an advertisement. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-36

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 REQUEST OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION ONTARIO COMMAND FOR THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES TO PURCHASE ADVERTISING IN THE LEGION'S 12TH ANNUAL MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK AS PER 2024 SIZING.

CARRIED.

14. Communications:

- a) Canada Post is Under Review through Section 108 of the Canada Labour Code
- b) Ministry of Rural Affairs - Enabling Opportunity: Ontario's Rural Economic Development Strategy
- c) Inspector General of Policing Memorandum
- d) Crime Stoppers - request for a contribution

15. Closed

a) Personal matters about an identifiable individual.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-37

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES PROCEEDS INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:25 PM TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT MATTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUNICIPAL ACT.

- S.239(2)a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- c) a proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes;
- d) labour relation or employee negotiations;
- e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- f) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose
- g) a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body has authorized a meeting to be closed under another Act;
- h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them
- I) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
- j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; or
- k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.
- S.239(3) subject matter relates to the consideration of a request under the MFIPP if the council, board, commission or other body is the head of an institution for the purposes of that

Act.

- S.239(3.1)1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members.
2. At the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 103 (1)

CARRIED.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-38

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES HEREBY RETURNS TO OPEN SESSION OF COUNCIL AT 9:34 P.M.

CARRIED.

The Municipal Administrator was directed to submit a *Trailer Usage Agreement* for council's review.

16. Confirmatory By-law

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-39

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR 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 CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETINGS JANUARY 20, 2025, JANUARY 23, 2025, AND FEBRUARY 3, 2025. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2025-07. CARRIED.

17. Adjourn

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-40

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ORTO

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES DOES NOW ADJOURN AT 9:36 P.M., TO MEET AGAIN ON MARCH 3, 2025, OR AT THE CALL OF THE MAYOR. CARRIED.

MAYOR - Lory Patteri

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR - Judy Davis