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MAYOR: LORY PATERI
CLERK: JUDY DAVIS

MINUTES OF JANUARY 13TH, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING IN THE BRUCE MINES MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 7:00 PM.

PRESENT:

MAYOR LORY PATERI

COUNCILLORS - MARIOLA MORIN, SHANE ROCK AND JAMIE STOPES

ABSENT WITH REGRETS, COUNCILLOR JODY ORTO

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR JUDY DAVIS

OBSERVERS - MASON WATSON

1. Call to order by Mayor Patteri at 7:00 p.m. in the Bruce Mines council chambers
 - a) Land Acknowledgment
2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest Jamie Stopes and Mariola Morin
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a) Resolution

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-01

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 THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL JANUARY 13, 2025.

CARRIED.

4. Committee of Adjustment/
Council of the Whole:
 - a)
5. Delegations:
 - a)
6. Reports:
 - i) PWO
 - a) Report
 - Plowing is going well. Heavi pump on the plow was replaced. Demo tractor from North Shore Tractor was used and Bean Construction on standby for sanding.
 - December 3, 2024 hydrant leak repaired
 - Medical Centre gas furnace online. Heat pumps to be wired and roof units removed.

- Highway 638 hydrant required repair without digging.
- Streetlights have been repaired

ii) CBO/Zoning a)

iii) Clerk a)

- Report
- Canada Summer Jobs application complete
 - Leona Ray (vessel at marina) resolved.
 - Applications for the Mine Shaft have been submitted to FedNor and NOHFC.

7. Minutes: a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 2, 2024.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-02

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 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2024, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

8. Old Business: a) Child Care Algoma - Kelly Rowlinson and Megan Sole seeking partnership with the Town of Bruce Mines to provide programs which are free of charge to the community. Request for use of the hall free of charge. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-03

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPE

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR MORIN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE REQUEST OF CHILD CARE ALGOMA FOR FREE USE OF THE COMMUNITY HALL FOR PROGRAMS THAT ARE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO THE COMMUNITY. CARRIED.

9. Committee Reports:

i) Admin/student/hall: a)

- Insurance Renewal, 2025. Discussion
- Insurance coverage with Marsh expired Jan 1, 2025. The Town's coverage has been extended to February 1, 2025.
 - The 2025 proposal has not been received yet for review.
 - Annual premiums have been increasing significantly over the past 5 years.
 - Staff working with a new agency to receive a proposal for insurance for 2025.
 - Council to meet with the new agency to review the new package in its entirety.

- b) Request to change suppliers for the security and monitoring accounts. Quotes received from ATS for the municipal office, the community hall, the shop and the medical centre. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-04

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 TO CHANGE SUPPLIERS FOR THE SECURITY MONITORING ACCOUNTS AT THE FOLLOWING AREAS, AS PER QUOTES RECEIVED BY ATS:

**MUNICIPAL OFFICE - \$21.95 MONTHLY MONITORING/ONE-TIME FEE \$197.50 + HST
COMMUNITY HALL - \$21.95 MONTHLY MONITORING/ONE-TIME FEE \$197.50 + HST
TOWN GARAGE - \$21.95 MONTHLY MONITORING/ONE-TIME FEE \$197.50 + HST
MEDICAL CENTRE - \$33.85 MONTHLY MONITORING/ONE-TIME FEE \$650.60 + HST
CARRIED.**

- c) Request to amend Resolution #2024-250 to reflect the actual December 2024 staff holiday gifts. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-05

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MORIN

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES AMENDS RESOLUTION #2024-250 RE DECEMBER 2024 STAFF HOLIDAY GIFTS, TO SAY:

**4 X \$350.00 OFFICE AND ROADS \$1,400
3 X \$150.00 PART-TIME/SEASONAL \$450
1 X \$50.00 OTHER STAFF \$50.00**

**HEALTH CENTRE LUNCHEON FOR DOCTORS AND PHARMACY AND STAFF.
CARRIED.**

- ii) Fire Dept.:
 - a) 2 generators were declared surplus in December, 2024 and advertised on Kijiji. One bid of \$500 for both generators offered by N Caruana. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-06

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MORIN

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES ACCEPTS THE BID BY N. CARUANA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500 FOR TWO (2) SURPLUS GENERATORS AS ADVERTISED ON KIJJI. CARRIED.

- b) Request by the Township of Plummer Additional to resume joint council meetings.

- The Municipal Administrator has been instructed to respond to Plummer Additional.

- iii) Health Centre/
Huron North West:
 - a) Algoma Public Health 2025 levy assessment for mandatory cost-shared public health programs - \$27,193.
 - b) Health Centre HVAC financing options.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-07

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK

WHEREAS THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES AND THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMMER ADDITIONAL JOINTLY OWN THE CENTRAL ALGOMA HEALTH CENTRE, AND; WHEREAS THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES AND THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMMER ADDITIONAL HAVE PURCHASED A NEW HVAC SYSTEM FOR THE HEALTH CENTRE, AND;

WHEREAS THE COST OF THE SYSTEM IS \$73,860, AND;

WHEREAS THE GIC IN RESERVE TOTALS \$46,999.69, AND;

WHEREAS THE 2025 CONTRIBUTION IS \$7,778, THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES DIRECTS THE TREASURER TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMMER ADDITIONAL TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE HVAC VIA THE FOLLOWING METHOD:

NET FURNACE COST	\$73,860.00
CASH OUT GIC	- 46,999.69
2025 CONTRIBUTION	<u>- 7,778.00</u>
	\$19,082.31

50% OF \$19,082.31 WOULD EQUAL AN INCREASE TO THE 2025 LEVY OF \$9,541.15 PER MUNICIPALITY. CARRIED.

- iv) Library:
 - a) An announcement on the hiring of a CEO is pending. A casual part time employee has been hired.
- v) Culture and Tourism:
 - a)
- vi) Planning:
 - a)
- vii) Recreation:
 - a) Parade of Lights, December 2024
 - There was a good turnout for the event, quite a few floats and a fair number of spectators.
 - b) New Year's Eve Gala - due to a lack of ticket sales the event was cancelled.
 - Perhaps the event should only be scheduled every other year.

- c) Trailblazers Minutes for meeting held December 8, 2024 and January 5, 2025.
 - d) Mrs. Claus was a huge success with over 30 children participating.
- viii) Tri-Neighbours:
- a) Minutes of Regular Zoom Meeting held December 11, 2024.
- ix) Water/Wastewater/OCWA:
- a) SGS Certificate of Analysis
10. Council Comments:
- a) Councillor Morin - downtown beautification requires a steady employee for watering the flowers. A lot of money is invested in the flower arrangements downtown and they simply need to be watered on a regular basis.
 - Councillor Morin is asking Council to consider that a part-time position be created and advertised for the upcoming season.
 - b) Councillor Stopes has been approached by a few residents who have noticed the change in the material used to treat the sidewalks in the winter. A coarser material is being used rather than the finer grains of sand.
 - The municipal administrator will speak to the roads super and report back to council.
 - c) Councillor Morin discussed the new Provincial Policy Statement and the changes to the Planning Act and other building and by-law changes the municipalities have been asked to employ in their planning decisions.
 - Councillor Morin referenced the memo from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*.
 - The Ontario Building Code remains intact as does other legislation (Fire Code) unless they are specifically changed.
11. Disbursements: January 13, 2025. Resolution

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-08

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR MORIN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES APPROVES THE JANUARY 13, 2025 DISBURSEMENT SHEET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165, 835.96, 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) Interim Tax Rate. Resolution

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-09
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES
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 PROVIDE FOR AN INTERIM TAX LEVY AND THE PAYMENT OF INTERIM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2025. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2025-01. CARRIED.

b) Interim Borrowing. Resolution

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-10
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES
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 AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY BORROWING FROM TIME TO TIME TO MEET CURRENT EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2025-02. CARRIED.

c) Primary Public Safety Answering Point Services (P-PSAP) OPP 911 Services Agreement. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-11
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROCK
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 ADOPT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL ON BEHALF OF THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE AND THE CORPORATIONS OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES, THE TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL, THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD, THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT, THE TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSON, THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH, THE TOWNSHIP OF JOCELYN, THE VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH, THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON, AND THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMMER ADDITIONAL FOR THE PROVISION OF PSAP SERVICES. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2025-03. CARRIED.

d) Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement - Fire Protection Grant. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-12
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MORIN
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 ADOPT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES AND HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO AS REPRESENTED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2025-04. CARRIED.

13. New Business:

- a) MPAC 2025 operating budget increase. Annual levy increased by 2.06% to \$13,373.69.
- b) OPP 2025 billing results from the new collective agreement has decreased the billing to the town by \$21,785. New OPP services billing is now \$116,258.
- c) Support for the FONOM letter and resolution sent to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services dated January 2, 2025. Resolution.

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-13

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR MORIN

WHEREAS COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE DATED JANUARY 2, 2025 FROM THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES REGARDING THE CHILD WELFARE AND THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETIES; AND WHEREAS THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES SUPPORTS THE LETTER AND RESOLUTION, AS PRESENTED, AND ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTER OF CHILDREN, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES DIRECTS STAFF TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO: THE HONOURABLE MICHAEL PARSA, MINISTER OF CHILDREN, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES, THE ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATION OF NATIVE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCIES OF ONTARIO, THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO), RURAL ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION(ROMA), AND THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES.

CARRIED.

14. Communications:

- a) Treasury Board Secretariat - Emergency Management Ontario: Ontario's Public Education Strategy for Emergency Management.
- b) Ministry of Municipals Affairs and Housing - More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022. Most notable is the creation of ARU'S (Additional Residential Units) allowed without the need for re-zoning.
- c) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024. Designed to strengthen the municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner framework.
- d) Council of the City of Markham - Motion of Support of "Solvethecrisis.ca" Campaign.

15. Closed

16. Confirmatory By-law

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-14

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 MEETING JANUARY 13 2025. ITS NUMBER SHALL BE 2025-05. CARRIED.

17. Adjourn

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-15

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR STOPES

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR MORIN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES DOES NOW ADJOURN AT 8:35 P.M., TO MEET AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 3, 2025, OR AT THE CALL OF THE MAYOR. CARRIED.

MAYOR - Lory Patteri

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR - Judy Davis