

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS

PRESENT: MAYOR: Kevin BURKE
COUNCILLORS: Casimir BURNS; Harold CRABS; Edith FAIRBURN; Merri-Ann HOBBS;
Mike MERCIECA; Cheryl PHILLIPS
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR: Anne WHALEN

Motion No: 2023-129
Moved By: M. HOBBS
Seconded By: C. BURNS
WHEREAS there is a quorum of Council present and the time is 6:30 p.m.;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting be open for business at the Massey & District Community Centre;
AND THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 22, 2023, be approved.
CARRIED

Public Meeting- Comments received from the public regarding the Trailer Licensing Bylaw

Reserve Funds
Motion No. 2023-130
Moved By: C. PHILLIPS
Seconded By: E. FAIRBURN
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve transfers to and from reserves and reserve funds in 2022 per the attached schedule as contained in the 2022 Budget.
CARRIED

Fire Department Report
Motion No. 2023-131
Moved By: H. CRABS
Seconded By: M. HOBBS
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fire Department report for the month of March 2023 be accepted.
CARRIED

O AFC Conference 2023
Motion No. 2023-132
Moved By: H. CRABS
Seconded By: C. BURNS
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fire Chief be authorized to attend the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Conference in Toronto from May 4-6, 2023;
AND THAT the registration fee of \$1,650 + HST be allocated to the Fire Department Conference & Training budget.
CARRIED

Parks & Recreation Committee Report
Motion No. 2023-133
Moved By: H. CRABS
Seconded By: M. HOBBS
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee report of March 15, 2023 be accepted;
AND THAT any recommendations contained in the report shall be dealt with separately by Council.
CARRIED

Arena Ice Surface
Motion No. 2023-134
Moved By: C. BURNS
Seconded By: M. MERCIECA
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ice at the arena shall be removed commencing the week of April 17, 2023.
CARRIED

Closed Session
Motion No. 2023-135
Moved By: C. PHILLIPS
Seconded By: E. FAIRBURN
BE IT RESOLVED THAT we move into closed session at 8:09 p.m., pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act to consider the following:
- to consider personal matters about identifiable individuals including municipal or local board employees.
CARRIED

Resolution 2023-136 was dealt with in closed session and is in a sealed envelope and filed in the office of the Clerk.

Open Session
Motion No. 2023-137
Moved By: C. PHILLIPS
Seconded By: E. FAIRBURN
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this closed session be adjourned at 8:32 p.m. and the regular meeting resumed.
CARRIED

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REGULAR MEETING

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Adjourn

Motion No. 2023-138

Moved By: E. FAIRBURN

Seconded By: C. PHILLIPS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time is 8:54 p.m. and this meeting be adjourned until the next regular meeting or call of the Chair.

CARRIED

MAYOR – K. BURKE

CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR – A. WHALEN

2022 Reserves and Reserve Funds Transfers Schedule

Amounts Transferred to Reserves/Reserve Funds		
Reserve	Amount	Comments
General Government	\$20,000.00	HVAC
Fire	\$16,000	Fire Training Ground Project
Parks and Recreation	\$473,850.00	Capital Projects carried over to 2023 Chiller - \$125,000 Arena Roof Repair - \$243,000 Webbwood rink - \$105,850
Obligatory & Discretionary Reserves		
Water	\$54,705.95	2022 Surplus

Amounts Transferred from Reserves/Reserve Funds		
Reserve	Amount	Comments
Working Capital	\$432,289.64	Grader
Fire	\$145,415.04	Fire truck
Obligatory & Discretionary Reserves		
Provincial OCIF Funding	\$238,039.13	Imperial St. South Paving
COVID-19 SRA Funds	\$26,491.63	2022 expenses
Modernization Funding	\$79,280.33	Bolton St. Bridge repairs
NORDS Funds (Year 2 & 3)	\$160,485.95	Bolton St. Bridge repairs
Sewer	\$22,776.84	2022 Deficit

Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Wednesday March 15th 2023 6:30pm
In the Sadowski Hall at the Massey Arena

Attendees: Casmir Burns, Mike Mercieca, Cheryl Phillips, Sandy Yaw, Jean- Paul Fredette, Alannah Hobbs, Mary-Ann Steinke, Shawn McCauley

Absent: Dana Gamble, Chris Berthelot

Where Quorum has been met

1. Summer programming

Shawn presented his plans for summer programming such as T-ball, and Intro to Soccer which will both have a registration fee of \$80 and he will run "intro to soccer" and Chris will run "T-ball" from May 1st to June 30th. Shawn mention that himself and Chris had saw some poles at the back of the Arena and over the season notice that they had Kwik Goal written on them. After digging them out and assembling some of them it was realized that they are Soccer net frames and he and his team were thawing them out so they can get the proper measurements to replace the netting on them. Rollerblading/Roller skating, ball hockey, Pickle ball, and Roller Hockey which we will be running on a pay per use basis similar to shinny and public skating, which will run all season. Shawn indicated that he's been in contact with three ball leagues from Espanola to attempt to work something out in tandem where players/teams can register with their league and form teams that play out of Massey as their home field. However, one league has confirmed they voted on the idea of travelling to Massey for games and declined. He is still waiting to hear back from another league and has confirmation that Lady's Slow pitch will be back again this year. Shawn also indicated he may also be interested in running Archery after intro to soccer is complete for the remainder of the season. He has also spoke with Kait Harvey who has been running the learn to skate program for us here for some time now and they are working on a Roller Club idea to add to the program list. The idea of indoor basket ball was mentioned by a committee member as well as a craft night and paint night which Shawn mentioned he has had a discussion with Mary-Ann Dillion with regards to a paint night and she is willing to work with him on this project. Shawn was asked about the golf simulator and he informed the committee that we still had some of the parts for it and it was mentioned that the program would be very outdated and likely not compatible with a new laptop. Shawn agreed to explore the it further as he did find an installation disk when cleaning and organizing the arena. It was asked how much revenue it use to generate. Shawn indicated he wasn't sure and would have to find out. Councillor Phillips indicated it that she believed it did not generate enough to purchase new equipment. Most of the committee agreed.

2. Ice Out/Sponsored Ice time

Shawn indicated that he would like to keep the ice in until at least April 17th and he presented the committee with some figures (presentation materials attached) that showed the revenue we have

scheduled currently and what the difference would be if we closed after March break. He also present figures that indicate we've had even more revenue than in 2017-18 pre pandemic season. The committee then recommended that we stay open until April 30th to see if we could possibly generate even more revenue for future years as well. Shawn indicated that he could make some plant adjustments that would help reduce the plants running time to maintain the ice and if the rentals die off too much and or plant/ice becomes too difficult/costly to manage he would shut it down sooner. Shawn then explained that for him and his team staying open longer isn't just about revenue or expenditures, it is about regaining faith from the communities such as the township and our first nation neighbors. He indicated that part of why we no longer have minor hockey is the parents can pay a little more in Espanola and get a longer more consistent season there. In order to draw these people back in we need to show them it is possible to work with us and we are open for usage.

3. Conversation with Paul Eshkagogan

Shawn reached out to Paul Eshkagogan to determine why they were renting at the Espanola Rec Complex instead of our facility like they have in the past. Paul mentioned that years ago Sagamok had put forth a proposal and that they felt unheard. This proposal was possibly brought forward due to the township at the time requesting help with cost to operate the arena at the time as they may have been in the arrears. He indicated that they were and are more than willing to help out with costs of the arena operations and that all they wanted/want in return was/is a couple of seats on our committee so they had/have some say in what we do here. Shawn informed Paul that it would be something he would get behind and that it could be great for both our communities. It would lessen the burden on the tax payers as well as open many doors for programming/building upgrade funding as well as help repair the relationship between the two communities. Shawn indicated to Paul that if they're still willing and wanted to resubmit this proposal to him that he would do his best to make sure it was presented to council. Paul is going to be brining the idea back to Sagamok council and he is going to be in contact with Shawn in the near future regarding the matter.

4. Summer Employment

Shawn mentioned that our Clerk indicated that she would be applying for funding for 6 students to start through the publics works department for grass cutting/ parks maintenance and 1 student to start with Parks & Recreation to help with just programming. Shawn also mentioned that he and Chris would like to have Jeff stay on for the summer and indicated that he could do the work of 2-3 students. Jeff has been a valuable addition to the team. Jeff is invaluable with his knowledge in building maintenance and would require minimal to no supervision or training for summer work. He has been an asset to the team in other ways as well such as his experiences with municipal/provincial laws as he has served on committees and councils in the past. Shawn also indicated that it would be a shame to lose him over the summer because he found other employment. The committee agreed it would be beneficial to keep Jeff on for the summer.

ADDITIONS

Shawn and Councillor Mercieca met with Ryan from Akfit prior to the meeting regarding retrofitting dressing room 4 with exercise equipment. Ryan is working on a presentation on the equipment and some options we could use as far as costs, room set up and equipment.

NEXT MEETING

April 19th 2023 @ 6:30pm in the Sadowski room at the Massey and District Community Centre and Arena

Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers

Memo

To: Clerk, Council
From: Blair Ramsay, Fire Chief
Date: April 3rd, 2023
Re: Monthly Fire Department Committee Report

2023 Monthly Fire Call Out Summary:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fire Alarm		1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smoke/CO/Haz Mat		-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EMS Assist/Rescue		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-1Structure Fires	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chimney Fires	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brush Fires	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MVA / MVC		2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hydro Line / Pole	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burn Complaints	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inspections	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mutual Aid	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid Spanish FD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Calls for Service:

- There were only 4 calls for service this month. SSRFD was called to 2 collisions however once on scene were not required to assist. Of note there was a fire alarm call to a residence due to a smoke filled residence. Firefighters located a melted dryer plug, able to isolate the electrical circuit to prevent the residence from having a fire. Smoke detectors were activated and the family was able to get out of the home safely. All around a good outcome.

Training:

- SSRFD February training focussed on Incident Management Online Course (IMS 100), Note Taking, Burn Bylaws and how to deal with complaints, as well as the intro to smoke alarm programs.
- One Station has members that are still not attending training sessions. Although 4 are on a leave at this time and the others are not responding to inquiries to the Assistant Chief. I will be preparing letters to be sent to these members asking them to contact me and notifying them of being suspended from duty until such time as they get caught up with training. There are six members that have not attended training since January.

Pub Ed/Public Education, Recruiting and Fundraising Committee (PERF)

- SSRFD Perf Committee presented the cheque from the Valentines Day Dance to the Food Bank. There was a media release and story in the Midnorth monitor.
- The Committee is preparing our members for the up coming smoke alarm campaign that will be starting in the coming weeks.

Station Report:

- Station 1 – Thanks to Assistant Chief Laronde for getting Tanker 420's pump back up and running by installing a new hard suction line after the pump was repaired. Tanker 420 will remain at Station 1 as a reserve tanker along with Pumper 415. There are only 2 members responding from Station 1 right now.
- Station 2 – Tanker 410 (new tanker) will remain at Station 2. The new drivers at Station 2 are more comfortable driving an automatic transmission. Tanker #420 is a standard transmission. There are currently 7 DZ drivers at Station 2.
- Station 4 – Tanker #440 is still out of service waiting for a tank repair and shocks repaired. Tanker 450 has been moved to Station 4 to replace Tanker 440 while it is down.
- Station 5 – The plan once Tanker 440 is repaired is to move Tanker 450 to Station 1 and move Tanker 420 to Station 5 as a reserve tanker. Tanker 420 will be eventually used at the training ground for water supply. The engine is at end of life according to CAT mechanics.

Administration:

- I have started sourcing out quotes for capital projects and completed one station for asset management purposes.
- This month I attended one seminar on effective leadership. The focus was on building effective teams based on leading military special operations units. This was a very informative session with the learning points crossing over to emergency services teams.
- With 2024 budget plans starting in May, I have been changing up my 5 year plan for fire truck replacement. After a review of the recommendations from the NFPA, only 2 trucks, Pumper #445 in Webbwood and Pumper #425 in Massey will be replaced. The tankers are in good shape and can be replaced in later years.
- Working with 2 Assistant Chiefs (East/West) has been working very well. The Chiefs and I meet on a weekly basis to discuss Station issues. I will be proposing a new organizational chart in the coming months with a focus on reorganizing Stations to reflect our current numbers and response.

Human Resources:

- Currently there are 44 firefighters including officers.
- 5 members on leave
- Active members regularly attending calls for service and training: 38
- A number of members are being sent letter as the Assistant Chiefs have not been able to contact them or the member has not answered numerous messages on multiple platforms.

Fire Inspection/Complaints

- One Inspection took place at a farm on Goltz road for a burn permit.

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL:

- **REQUEST FOR \$1650.00 + HST to attend the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Conference in Toronto. This was not budgeted for this year.**
- **This is a 4 day event, the costs include accommodation, breakfasts and lunch. I will not submit any milage to attend this event.**
- **The conference agenda is offering a number of excellent topics such as Effective Command Course, Resilient Minds – Train the Trainer, Sessions on Electric vehicles, Tiered Response agreements, a break out session for volunteer departments with a focus on specialized training and recruitment strategies, supply chain issues and purchasing tips and tricks, Chief Officer Peer Support Program along with a trade show where I can make contact with suppliers of pumps and PPE for deals/offers only at the trade show. I will be looking for pump pricing and wildland firefighting gear and exhaust removal equipment.**
- **After I reviewed the agenda I believe that attending would add value to the training department (train the trainer on resilient minds, effective command, electric vehicles) PERF Committee (Recruitment strategies), and the command level while at the same time find some deals on equipment that were are planning to purchase.**