

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS

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

Motion No: 2024-056
 Moved By: M. HOBBS
 Seconded By: C. PHILLIPS
 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;
 AND THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2024 be approved.
CARRIED

The Mayor called for the disclosure of pecuniary interest. Councillor Phillips declared a conflict of pecuniary interest on agenda item closed session-staffing recommendation.

Closed Motion No. 2024-057
 Session Moved By: H. CRABS
 Seconded By: M. MERCIECA
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT we move into closed session at 6:31 p.m., pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act to consider the following:
 - Personal matters about identifiable individuals- with James Morin & Stephanie Vanthof;
 - Personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees- staffing requirements.
CARRIED

Resolutions 2024-58, 2024-59, 2024-60 and 2024-61 were dealt with in closed session and are in a sealed envelope and filed in the office of the Clerk.

Open Motion No. 2024-062
 Session Moved By: M. HOBBS
 Seconded By: C. PHILLIPS
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT this closed session be adjourned at 7:56 p.m. and the regular meeting resumed.
CARRIED

Consent Motion No. 2024-063
 File No. Moved By: H. CRABS
 C-24-01 Seconded By: C. BURNS
 Guse
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Consent Application File No. C-24-01 as applied for by Kenneth & Charlotte Guse be provisionally approved this 28th day of February, 2024;
 The land in subject application is composed of land in the Township of Salter, Part of Lot 4, BF Concession, Plan 53R-21922 Part 2;
 The purpose of this consent is to allow for one new lot in the Rural zone. It is hereby provisionally approved with the schedule of conditions attached hereto.
CARRIED

Finance Motion No. 2024-064
 Meeting Moved By: M, HOBBS
 Report Seconded By: C. PHILLIPS
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Finance Committee Meeting Report of February 12, 2024 be accepted.
CARRIED

Reserve Motion No. 2024-065
 Transfers Moved By: C. PHILLIPS
 Seconded By: C. BURNS
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve transfers to and from reserves and reserve funds as per the attached schedule.
CARRIED

Legion Motion No. 2024-066
 Zone Moved By: C. PHILLIPS
 Council Seconded By: H. CRABS
 Meeting
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the mayor be authorized to attend the Royal Canadian Legion Zone Council meeting to be held March 24, 2024 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 432, Massey.
CARRIED

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Commemorative Motion No. 2024-067
Naming Moved By: M. HOBBS
Policy Secoded By: C. BURNS
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council establish a “Commemorative Naming Policy” which will provide a consistent and rational procedure for the commemorative naming of both major and minor Township assets, including municipal parks, streets, and facilities.
CARRIED

Sagamok Motion No. 2024-068
Anishnawbek Moved By: M. HOBBS
Meeting Secoded By: H. CRABS
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers would be pleased to confirm attending a meeting with Sagamok Anishnawbek Council on Friday, April 19, 2024.
CARRIED

Firefighter Motion No. 2024-069
Appointment Moved By: C. PHILLIPS
C. Claydon Secoded By: H. CRABS
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chris Claydon be appointed as volunteer fire fighter, subject to the usual terms and conditions.
CARRIED

Massey Motion No. 2024-070
Museum Moved By: H. CRABS
Donation Secoded By: M. HOBBS
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a donation to the Massey & Area Museum in the amount of \$7,500.00;
AND THAT this form part of the Council Donation budget for 2024.
CARRIED

Confirmatory Motion No. 2024-071
Bylaw Moved By: C. PHILLIPS
Secoded By: M. HOBBS
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2024-09 being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the regular council meeting of February 28, 2024 be read a first, second, third and final time and passed in open council.
CARRIED

Adjourn Motion No. 2024-072
Moved By: M. HOBBS
Secoded By: C. BURNS
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time is 8:19 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

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PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Burke, Councillor Casimir Burns, Councillor Harold Crabs, Councillor Edith Fairburn, Councillor Merri-Ann Hobbs, Councillor Mike Mercieca, Resident Edith Mercieca, Resident Brent St. Denis
ABSENT: Councillor Cheryl Phillips, Councillor Edith Fairburn

Staff: Anne Whalen, Clerk-Administrator; Ruth Clare; Treasurer

The meeting began at 6:30 pm

2024 Proposed Operating & Capital Budgets

A review of the operating and capital budgets for 2024 was conducted by the Finance Committee. With rising inflation, the Township is facing challenges in developing the 2024 budget. Therefore, Department Heads are being asked to review their proposed operating budgets to identify efficiencies or reductions. Upon reviewing the capital budget, the Finance Committee recommended transfers from reserve and grant funding allocations for a portion of it. Unfortunately, some items in the draft capital budget will need to be deferred. Once the updated operating budgets are received, they will be submitted to the Finance Committee.

The following is a breakdown of the changes made to the capital budget:

Deferrals

Water Budget - Pad Mounted generator w/ transfer switch - \$130,000

Economic Development Budget - Water & Sewage Capacity Studies - \$80,645

Reserve transfers

Medical Transport – \$ 24,000 from Health & Services

Webbwood fire watermain \$520,000 from Environmental – Sewer

Allocation of grants

Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) – approximately \$298,000 available.

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) - approximately \$158,300 available.

The Treasurer is working with Public Works to determine the possible allocation of funding.

Tax Analysis

The Treasurer has provided additional examples of different levy increases at the request of the Committee.

Council Remuneration

The Council Remuneration Policy was discussed, and it was decided that at this time the Council Remuneration will remain unchanged. It was however recommended that items under Section 5 (Point System Per Diem Fund) of the policy be more clearly defined with a change to when attendance sheets should be submitted. The Treasurer and Clerk will provide the revisions to the Committee review.

Fire Department Fleet Replacement

The Finance Committee recommends to Council that the purchase of a new fire pumper be approved and an order placed as soon as possible. The Fire Chief had indicated that one of stock pumper trucks that the municipality was quoted on had already sold. The recommendation will be to accept the quote from Commercial Emergency Equipment Co. for a MAXI PARAGON PUMPER 1200G at the lowest quoted price of \$698,953, the quote is attached to this report. The Committee is also recommending that the municipality debenture the purchase through Infrastructure Ontario for a 15-year term.

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Other Business

As discussed, funding/grant allocations from OCIF, CCBF and OMPF for 2024 are attached for information.

Also attached is all the 2024 budget information from the Public Boards and contracts such as OCWA, OPP and Animal Control/By-law Enforcement.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:

Council approve the purchase of a Maxi Paragon Pumper 1200G prior to the approval of the 2024 Budget and that the purchase be debentured by Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm with the next meeting to be scheduled.

2023 Reserves and Reserve Funds Transfers Schedule

Amounts Transferred from Reserves/Reserve Funds		
Reserve	Amount	Comments
Parks & Recreation	\$77,163.42	Arena upgrades required to host Elliot Lake Vikings Junior A team
Working Capital	\$953,194.62	Emergency replacement of Cutler Lake Rd culvert

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BY-LAW NO. 2024-09

Being a Bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the regular
Council Meeting held on February 28, 2024.

WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipal council shall exercise its powers by by-law, except where otherwise provided; and

WHEREAS in many cases, action which is taken or authorized to be taken by a Council or a Committee of Council does not lend itself to an individual bylaw or resolution of Council;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the actions of the Council of The Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers, at its meeting of Wednesday, February 28, 2024 with respect to each motion, resolution, direction and other action passed and taken by the Council at its said meeting is, except where such resolutions or directions were passed in Closed Session, is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.
2. THAT the Mayor and the proper officers of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required, and to execute all documents as may be necessary and directed, and to affix the Corporate Seal to all such documents as required.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 28th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 28th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.



MAYOR - K. BURKE



CLERK - A. WHALEN