

The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee

Regular Meeting 01-21

January 12th, 2021
Time: 6:00 pm
Town Council Chambers

Councillors Present: Wayne Taipale - Mayor
Theresa Birnie - Councillor
Jack Hutchison - Councillor
Carman Tozer - Councillor

Councillors Absent: John Moore - Councillor

Staff Present: David Henderson - CAO
Melanie St. Laurent - Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Resolution No. 2021-01

*Moved by: Jack Hutchison
Seconded by: Theresa Birnie*

*BE IT RESOLVED that this Regular Meeting come to order at 6:00 p.m.
(Carried)*

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 2021-02

*Moved by: Carman Tozer
Seconded by: Jack Hutchison*

*BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be accepted as amended.
(Carried)*

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

4. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 2021-03

*Moved by: Theresa Birnie
Seconded by: Jack Hutchison*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the
Town of Moosonee adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting #14-
2021 of December 8th, 2020 as presented.*

(Carried)

6. REPORTS AND MEMOS

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

8. PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9. MOTIONS

Resolution No. 2021-04

**Moved by: Jack Hutchison
Seconded by: Carman Tozer**

WHEREAS the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase – with especially large increases going into 2021.

AND WHEREAS Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property taxpayers to carry the lion's share of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault;

AND WHEREAS these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:

1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10 day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1 year limitation period may be beneficial.
3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.
4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non profit insurance reciprocals.
6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID 19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming- Cochrane, and all Ontario municipalities.

(Carried)

Resolution No. 2021-05

**Moved by: Theresa Birnie
Seconded by: Carman Tozer**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee participate in the Vaccine Advisory Group;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council appoint Carman Tozer as the representative.

(Carried)

10. READING OF BY-LAWS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES/DISCUSSION

13. CLOSED SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

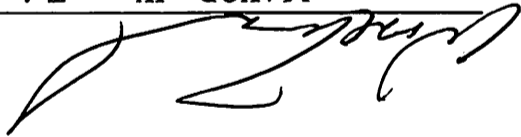
Resolution No. 2021-06

*Moved by: Jack Hutchison
Seconded by: Carmen Tozer*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned 6:46 p.m.

(Carried)

MAYOR – Wayne Taipale



DEPUTY CLERK – Melanie St-Laurent

