

# The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee

Regular Meeting 03-2024

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Town Council Chambers

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*Councillors Present:* Theresa Chavez – Deputy Mayor  
Diane Ryder – Councillor  
Carman Tozer – Councillor

*Absent:* Wayne Taipale - Mayor  
Sheldon Ross - Councillor

*Staff Present:* Shelley Petten – A/CAO  
Trevor Keefe – Public Works Manager

*Public Present:* Adrianna Biancucci

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Resolution No. 2024-13*

*Moved by: Carman Tozer  
Seconded by: Diane Ryder*

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

*(Carried)*

## 2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

*Resolution No. 2024-14*

*Moved by: Diane Ryder  
Seconded by: Carman Tozer*

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

*(Carried)*

## 3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

*Councillor Diane Ryder items 9*

## 4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

## 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

*Resolution No. 2024-15*

*Moved by: Carman Tozer  
Seconded by: Diane Ryder*

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting #02-2024 of January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, as presented/amended.*

*(Carried)*

## 6. REPORTS AND MEMO

*a. Water Treatment Plant – Krunal Patel*

## 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

## 8. PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

## 9. MOTIONS

### **Resolution No. 2024-16**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government has recently announced policy changes that will negatively affect publicly funded colleges, particularly those in small, northern and rural regions of Ontario, by altering the framework through which international students are admitted and managed;

**WHEREAS**, Northern College has developed an important public-private college partnership with PURES College that contributes \$30 million annually in revenue to Northern College, equal to one-third of the Northern College Budget;

**WHEREAS**, students enrolled in programs offered through the PURES public-private partnership campuses are recognized as students of a publicly funded college and are held to the same high standards of academic rigor, are provided with comparable wrap-around support services to those offered at Northern College and receive a Northern College credential;

**WHEREAS**, the elimination of Post-Graduate Work Permits for students graduating from programs offered through the PURES public-private partnership campus would result in an immediate suspension of revenue to Northern College, adversely affect the sustainability of the college and undermining the ability to support local employers;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government's policy changes have been made abruptly, without any consultation with postsecondary institutions and without a clear understanding of the severe financial hardship to smaller public colleges primarily outside of the GTA;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee Council urge the Federal Government to reconsider its recent policy changes and specifically exempt public-private partner institutions from being excluded in offering students who successfully complete their program of study, a Post-Graduate Work Permit.

**(Carried)**

### **Resolution No. 2024-17**

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

**WHEREAS** there is a growing concern over the inadequate funding of postsecondary education by the Ontario Government, which has placed additional financial pressures on publicly funded colleges, undermined their sustainability and made it more difficult for colleges to respond to the needs of local employers;

**WHEREAS** Northern College has developed an important public-private college partnership with PURES College that contributes \$30 million annually in revenue to Northern College, equal to one-third of the Northern College Budget;

**WHEREAS** students enrolled in programs offered through the PURES public-private partnership campuses are recognized as students of a publicly funded college and are held to the same high standards of academic rigor, are provided with comparable wrap-around support services to those offered at Northern College and receive a Northern College credential;

**WHEREAS**, the elimination of Post-Graduate Work Permits by the Federal Government for students graduating from programs offered through the PURES public-private partnership campus would result in an immediate suspension of revenue to Northern College, adversely affect the sustainability of the college and undermining the ability to support local employers;

**WHEREAS**, the Ontario Government has recently called together a group of experts who have released recommendations in the Blue-Ribbon Panel report that are designed to ensure the long-term sustainability of the postsecondary education sector in Ontario;

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee Council urge the Ontario Government to immediately implement the Blue-Ribbon Panel recommendations and actively work with the Federal Government to restore the eligibility of public-private partner colleges, to grant students who successfully complete their program of study, a Post-Graduate Work Permit.

*(Carried)*

**10. READING OF BY-LAWS**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**12. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES/DISCUSSION**

*a. Discussion Items – Councillor Diane Ryder*

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

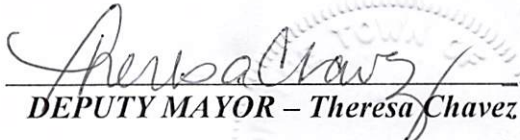
**14. ADJOURNMENT**

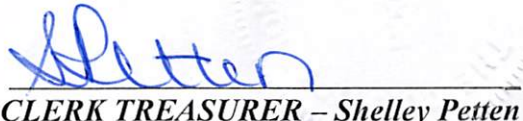
*Resolution No. 2024-18*

*Moved by: Carman Tozer  
Seconded by: Diane Ryder*

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** this meeting be adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

*(Carried)*

  
DEPUTY MAYOR – Theresa Chavez

  
CLERK TREASURER – Shelley Petten