

The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee

Regular Meeting 06-2024

March 19th, 2024
Time: 6:00 pm
Town Council Chambers

Councillors Present: Wayne Taipale - Mayor
Theresa Chavez – Councillor
Carman Tozer – Councillor

Absent: Sheldon Ross - Councillor
Diane Ryder – Councillor

Staff Present: Shelley Petten – A/CAO
Shalom Capili – Deputy Clerk

Public Present: Trevor Keefe

1. CALL TO ORDER

Resolution No. 2024-37

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this Regular Meeting come to order at 6:08 p.m.

(Carried)

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 2024-38

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be accepted as amended.

(Carried)

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Carman Tozer items 9 (D)

**4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS
5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Resolution No. 2024-39

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting #01-2024 and Regular Meeting #05-2024 of March 5th, 2024, as presented.

(Carried)

**6. REPORTS AND MEMO
7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
8. PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

9. MOTIONS

Resolution No. 2024-40

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

Council Meeting Dates – Second Quarter

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee approves the Council Meeting schedule for second quarter of 2024 as follows:

- Regular Council Meeting on April 02, 2024 at 6:00pm
- Regular Council Meeting on April 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm
- Regular Council Meeting on May 07, 2024 at 6:00pm
- Regular Council Meeting on May 21, 2024 at 6:00pm
- Regular Council Meeting on June 04, 2024 at 6:00pm
- Regular Council Meeting on June 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm

(Carried)

Resolution No. 2024-41

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee approve the Statement of Expenses for Elected Officials for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2023.

Statement of Expenses - Elected Officials 2023		
Council Names	Annual Salary	Travel Expenses
Mayor Wayne Taipale	\$8,647.44	\$10,409.48
Councillor Theresa Chavez	\$4,327.08	\$5,910.88
Councillor Carman Tozer	\$4,458.36	\$376.00
Councillor Sheldon Ross	\$4,458.36	\$0
Councillor Diane Ryder	\$4,458.36	\$0
Total	\$26,349.60	\$16,696.36

(Carried)

Resolution No. 2024-42

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee receive the 2023 Annual Report for Water Systems as prepared by Veolia Water Canada Corp.

(Carried)

Councillor Carman Tozer left the room 06:27pm

Resolution 2024-43

**Moved by: Theresa Chavez
 Seconded by: Wayne Taipale**

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee requested proposals to solicit Project Management Services for major capital projects within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS eight qualified companies submitted proposals for the Project Management Services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee hereby awards the Project Management Services to Colliers.

(Carried)

Councillor Carman Tozer back in room at 06:30pm

Resolution 2024-44

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

WHEREAS Canadians deserve access to reliable and efficient passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS in 2021 the Canadian Minister of Transportation announced that the federal government would be pursuing opportunities to enhance passenger rail services in southwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS passengers continue to experience long delays and disruptions to service, related to interruptions caused by CN Rail's freight systems and refusal to give priority to passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS Metrolinx and VIA, in extending or improving commuter train service from Aldershot through to Brantford, Woodstock, Ingersoll and London, is reliant on access to CN rail lines; and

WHEREAS CN Rail views increased passenger rail service on its lines as being incompatible with its primary business of moving freight and is unlikely to cooperate in extending commuter rail service on its lines in southwestern Ontario without direction from the federal government; and

WHEREAS CN Rail has shown a disregard for Municipal property maintenance standards in respect to the maintenance of their rail lines and blocks municipalities attempts to enforce municipal property standards upon their rail lines; and

WHEREAS CN Rail's consistent failure to provide a timely response to development applications adjacent to rail right of ways imposes inordinate delays and expense for builders and municipalities, further jeopardizing the ability of municipalities to address the housing crisis; and

WHEREAS there is a complete lack of federal regulations providing VIA and Metrolinx with any degree of priority or guaranteed access to rail rights of way or directing CN Rail to work cooperatively with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS The City of Moosonee CALLS UPON the Federal Government to assist other levels of government as they take steps address the need for reliable and accessible public rail transit, timely processing of housing developments and the prompt and equitable enforcement of municipal property standards;

THEREFORE, the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee Council requests that the Federal Government enact the necessary legislative and regulatory provisions:

- i. providing VIA and Metrolinx with priority right of way over freight rail lines, and further;
- ii. directing CN Rail to work positively and cooperatively with municipal and provincial governments in the processing of land development applications, and the prompt and timely enforcement of municipal property standards.

(Carried)

Resolution 2024-45

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

WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and

WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and

WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and

WHEREAS these essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training, and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required; and

WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee Council request the Government of Canada to increase the tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers.

(Carried)

Resolution 2024-46

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

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee would like to request that Moosonee be granted a seat on the OPP detachment board (Board 3).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee hereby appoints Carman Tozer as a volunteer on the OPP detachment (Board 3).

(Carried)

Resolution 2024-47

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

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee put a Request for Proposals for the Operations and Maintenance of the Water and Wastewater Facilities for the Town of Moosonee;

AND WHEREAS four qualified proposals were submitted for the Operations and Maintenance of the Water and Wastewater Facilities as follows:

- **Clearford:** Core service pricing stands at \$753,900 annually, with an increase of the greater of 3% or CPI.
- **OCWA (Ontario Clean Water Agency):** The proposed annual fee is \$971,038, subject to an increase of the greater of 2% or CPI.
- **MapleFacilities:** Offers a pricing structure of \$597,346 annually, with an increase aligned solely with CPI.
- **Veolia Water:** Proposes an annual fee of \$454,000, subject to an increase of the greater of 2% or CPI.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee hereby awards the Operations and Maintenance of the Water and Wastewater Facilities for the Town of Moosonee to Veolia Water at an annual fee of \$454,000 plus HST, subject to an increase of the greater of 2% or CPI.

THEREFORE, it is recommended to award Veolia Water a 5-year initial contract, with the possibility of a 5-year renewal period.

(Carried)

10. **READING OF BY-LAWS**
11. **NEW BUSINESS**
12. **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES/DISCUSSION**
13. **CLOSED SESSION**
14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution 2024-48

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *this meeting be adjourned at 6:47 p.m.*

(Carried)

Original signed by Mayor Wayne Taipale
MAYOR – Wayne Taipale

Original signed by Deputy Clerk – Shalom Capili
DEPUTY CLERK – Shalom Capili