The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee

Regular Meeting 04-2025

February 18th, 2025 Time: 6:00 pm Town Council <u>Chambers</u>

Councillors Present:

Wayne Taipale - Mayor

Susan Hunter - Councillor Diane Ryder - Councillor Savion Nakogee - Councillor

Absent:

Carman Tozer – Deputy Mayor

Staff Present:

Victoria Hutchison - CAO Chantal Rheault – Deputy Clerk Shelley Petten – Clerk Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Resolution No. 2025-031

Moved by: Diane Ryder Seconded by: Savion Nakogee

BE IT RESOLVED that this Regular Meeting come to order at 6:02 p.m.

(Carried)

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 2025-032

Moved by: Susan Hunter Seconded by: Savion Nakogee

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be accepted as presented.

(Carried)

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Susan Hunter

- Agenda item # 13 (1) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege,
 including communications necessary for that purpose
- 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 2025-033

Moved by: Susan Hunter Seconded by: Diane Ryder

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting #03-2025 of February 11th,2025, as presented.

(Carried)

5. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Resolution No. 2025-034

Moved by: Susan Hunter Seconded by: Diane Ryder

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee approve the audited financial statements for the year end of December 31, 2023

(Carried)

6. REPORTS AND MEMOS

→ Manager of Facilities & Airport Operations – Report

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

8. PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- → ROMA Conference
- → Letter from CDSB

9. MOTIONS

Resolution No. 2025-035

Moved by: Diane Ryder Seconded by: Savion Nakogee

WHEREAS Homelessness in Northern Ontario is rising at a rate twice the provincial average; and

WHEREAS additional affordable housing units are in critical need; and

WHEREAS municipalities are unable to fund new unit development due to the high cost of construction; and WHEREAS the health programs required to generate sustainable outcomes are in short supply and health care is a provincial responsibility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Moosonee receives and supports the document "Municipalities under Pressure: The Human and Financial Cost of Ontario's Homelessness Crisis" and calls upon the provincial government to implement the funding programs recommended in the report with 20% of total funding dedicated to Northern Ontario.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution be circulated to all CDSB member municipalities and NOSDA members for their endorsement

(Carried)

Resolution No. 2025-036

Moved by: Savion Nakogee Seconded by: Susan Hunter

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Corporation of the Town of Mooosnee Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

(Carried)

10. READING OF BY-LAWS

Resolution No. 2025-037

Moved by: Diane Ryder Seconded by: Savion Nakogee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee approves By-law #02-2025 being a By-Law to Establish the Requirement to Record and Post Municipal Meetings to Enhance Transparency and The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee, being read a first and second time, be deemed to be read a third time and finally passed.

(Carried)

Resolution No. 2025-038

Moved by: Diane Ryder Seconded by: Susan Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee approves By-law #03-2025 being a By-Law to amend zoning by-law No, 37-07, as amended and The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee, being read a first and second time, be deemed to be read a third time and finally passed.

	Carried	Defeated	Tabled/Deferred
Mayor Wayne Taipale			✓
Councillor Savion Nakogee			✓
Councillor Susan Hunter			✓
Councillor Diane Ryder		✓	
Councillor Carman Tozer: Absent			

(Tabled Until March 25th, 2025)

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES/DISCUSSION

13. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2025-039

Moved by: Savion Nakogee Seconded by: Diane Ryder

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting move in camera at <u>7:41</u> p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications
 necessary for that purpose
- Third-party information supplied in confidence to the municipality (e.g., a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information

(Carried)

Councillor Susan Hunter left the room for item number 13 (1)
CAO Victoria Hillier-Hutchison left the room for item number 13 (1)
Clerk Treasurer Shelley Petten entered the room
Clerk Treasurer Shelley Petten left the room
Councillor Susan Hunter came back in the room
CAO Victoria Hillier-Hutchison entered the room

Resolution No. 2025-040

Moved by: Savion Nakogee Seconded by: Susan Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting move out of camera at 8:52 p.m.

(Carried)

Resolution No. 2025-041

Moved by: Savion Nakogee Seconded by: Diane Ryder

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee adopt the minutes of the Closed Session #02-2025 of January 28th, 2025, as presented.

(Carried)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2025-042

Moved by: Savion Nakogee Seconded by: Susan Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

(Carried)

MAYOR - Wayne Taipaie

DEPUTY CLERK - Chantal Rheault

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