

# The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee

Regular Meeting 03-22

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Town Council Chambers

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*Councillors Present:*                    *Wayne Taipale – Mayor*  
    *John Moore – Councillor*

*Councillors Virtual:*                   *Camran Tozer – Deputy Mayor*  
   *Jack Hutchison – Councillor*  
   *Theresa Birnie – Councillor*

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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Resolution No. 2022-024*

*Moved by: John Moore*  
*Seconded by: Jack Hutchison*

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

*(Carried)*

**2. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

*Resolution No. 2022-025*

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

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

*(Carried)*

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

**4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

*Resolution No. 2022-026*

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

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting #02-2022 of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as amended.*

*(Carried)*

**6. REPORTS AND MEMO**

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**8. PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**9. MOTIONS**

**Resolution No. 2022-027**

**Moved by: John Moore  
Seconded by: Jack Hutchison**

*Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and*

*Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, "that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community"; and*

*Whereas our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and*

*Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and*

*Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Town of Moosonee Official Plan; and*

*Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Moosonee Official Plan; and*

*Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or "OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the Town of Moosonee; and*

*Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a "best planning outcome" and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans; and*

*Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and*

*Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and*

*Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and*

*Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;*

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Moosonee requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and*
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and*

3. ***Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.***

***(Carried)***

***Resolution No. 2022-028***

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

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee received the SMS Annual Report 2021 for CYMO – Moosonee Airport from WASCO.***

***(Carried)***

**10. READING OF BY-LAWS**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

***Resolution No. 2022-029***

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

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 6:39 p.m.***

***(Carried)***

  
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**MAYOR – Wayne Taipale**

  
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**DEPUTY CLERK – Melanie St. Laurent**

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