



Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Meeting Highlights July 24, 2023

The following is a summary of the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting held on July 24, 2023:

- Council received a presentation from the Bruce County Planning Department regarding a Planning 101 Workshop.
- Council approved a Confirmatory By-law.

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- Council approved the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, July 10, 2023.
 - An amendment was noted regarding clarification on comments for the Chi-Cheemaun Festival Financial Report.
- A Public Meeting was held regarding Local Official Plan Amendment File No. L-2023-008 and Zoning By-law Amendment File No. Z-2023-030.
- Council received a delegation from Thomas Brown regarding the potential purchase of the Tobermory Airport.
- Council approved the purchase of a 2023 Ford F150 XLT 4x4 in the amount of \$54,100.00 excluding HST.
- Council approved a Trailer Agreement for 261 Tammy's Cove Road.
- Council approved a Trailer Agreement for 93 Whiskey Harbour Road.
- Council approved a Trailer Agreement for 56 Trillium Crossing.
- Council approved a Trailer Agreement for 27 Bayshore Avenue North.
- Council received a progress report from the Parks and Facilities Manager regarding the Lion's Head Arena Project.
- Council received a report from the Clerk regarding the Right of Way known as Topsy Lane off Indian Harbour Road.
- Deputy Mayor Anderson inquired regarding 6 parking tickets issued at the Tobermory Anglican Church during the annual yard sale.

- Discussion ensued regarding Parking By-laws and correspondence previously received from Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Carol Hopkins, regarding the event.
 - It was noted that the Municipality should be notified regarding special events within the area prior to their occurrence to ensure that municipal departments are aware of the associated requirements such as parking.
- Councillor Golden noted that some of the parking machines are not functioning properly.
 - Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy Van Mierlo-West, noted that Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Carol Hopkins, is working to resolve the issues.
- Deputy Mayor Anderson noted the heightened presence of bears within the Tobermory area.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the need for more bear bins within the areas and further application of bear-wise precautions.
 - Councillor Dowd noted that there has been an increase in bear activity within Lion's Head and Miller Lake as well.
- Councillor Dowd noted that education is required regarding Curbside Collection. He further noted that the increased presence of a food source on Sunday nights is attracting wildlife such as bears.
 - It was noted that garbage is not to be placed at the curbside until Monday morning to ensure that bags do not attract animals prior to collection.
- Deputy Mayor Anderson inquired regarding an FOI request concerning the release of a survey.
 - Clerk, Cathy Addison, noted the following "The Municipality received documentation in 2020 from the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors (AOLS) advising that they believe that plans of survey are protected from release under Section 10 of the MFIPPA and that if plans are released there should be consent from the surveyor involved, as plans of survey are prepared specifically for a client and not for broader distribution. Without understanding the limitations and intended additional uses of the survey, the release of the plans may cause public harm and unnecessary liability for the surveyor(s). The AOLS is of the opinion that a survey prepared and signed by a Professional Ontario Land Surveyor are largely classed as original works, thus protected under the Copyright Act."
- Deputy Mayor Anderson inquired regarding the recent vandalism at Cabot Head Lighthouse.
 - Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy Van Mierlo-West, noted that Council should have a discussion regarding Cabot Head Road at the Strategic Planning session in the Fall. She further stated that the Municipality has contacted the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the vandalism at the site.
- Council received several items of correspondence as information.

- Council approved seven by-laws: A By-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner, a By-law to set Fees and Charges, a By-law to designate Community Improvement Plan Areas, a By-law to Adopt a Community Improvement Plan, a By-law to authorize an Automatic Aid Agreement with the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation Reserve #27, a By-law to Establish the Retention Periods for Certain Documents and Records, and a Confirmatory By-law.
- Following Closed Session, Mayor McIver advised that the Council received minutes from July 10, 2023, reviewed the two written complaints with regards to the Fire Department and staff direction was given.

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