



Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Meeting Highlights September 26, 2022

The following is a summary of the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on September 26, 2022:

- Council amended the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, September 12, 2022, to reflect that \$200,000 of the funds anticipated from the Insurance Claim on the Lion's Head Marina had been received to date.
- Council approved a Zoning By-law amendment for 138 Bradley Drive.
- Council approved the Chief Building Official to proceed to register a By-law to deem Lots 22 and 23, Plan 777, 867 Pike Bay Road not to be parts of a registered Plan of Subdivision.
- Council received a report as information from the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer regarding what is locally known as "The Gap".
- Council received a report from the Clerk concerning the new Cemetery By-law Approval by Bereavement Authority of Ontario.
- Council authorized an agreement with Aird and Berlis LLP as the Integrity Commissioner for the Municipality until December 31, 2023.
- Council approved the minutes from the September 13, 2022 Cemetery Committee Meeting and applicable Budget considerations for the 2023 Budget negotiations.
- Councillor Golden inquired regarding the high property turnover in the Municipality as it relates to properties being purchased for Short-term Accommodations, without consideration of the provisions contained within the Short-term Accommodation By-law.
 - CAO, Peggy Van Mierlo-West stated that additional avenues of communication will be reviewed by staff.
- Deputy Mayor Myles inquired regarding the consideration of a loft as a bedroom within a Short-term Accommodation.
 - Chief Building Official, Wendy Elliott, stated that the consideration of a loft as a bedroom is dependent on the allocation of the room within the property file. She further stated that all areas classified as bedroom in a

proposed Short-term Accommodation are inspected to ensure fire and life safety.

- Deputy Mayor Myles inquired regarding the ability of Short-term Accommodation owners to upgrade their septic system to accommodate more guests.
 - Committee and Licensing Coordinator, Lindsay Forbes, stated that the occupancy limit of a Short-term Accommodation is based on the number of bedrooms within a dwelling. She further stated that if a property owner wishes to add an additional room to their dwelling, the requirements regarding renovation permits, septic permits and inspections must be approved by the Building Department prior to the submission of a request to the Committee and Licensing Coordinator concerning increasing the occupancy limit of a Short-term Accommodation.
- Deputy Mayor Myles inquired regarding Harmari, a company utilized by the Clerks Department to monitor Short-term Accommodations within the Municipality.
 - Committee and Licensing Coordinator, Lindsay Forbes, indicated that Harmari has been monitoring the activities and compiling records for all Short-term Accommodations within the Municipality, both licenced and unlicenced. She further noted that the Municipality is currently reviewing the records of the unlicenced Short-term Accommodations and proceeding to ensure compliance with the Short-term Accommodation By-law.
- Councillor Myles inquired regarding the status of the OMAFRA RED funding
 - CAO, Peggy Van Mierlo-West, indicated that a report will be included within the October 11, 2022 Council agenda regarding the status of funding for Economic Development within the Municipality.
- Council received several Correspondence Items as information.
- Council supported a resolution from the Township of McGarry regarding Requests to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
- Council reviewed eight letters of correspondence regarding the street lights in Tobermory.
 - Council directed the Public Works Department to investigate the situation.
 - It was noted that all street lights within Pike Bay are Dark Sky Compliant.
- Council directed staff to review speed limits during the annual review for reduction on Chetwynd Lane.
- Council approved four by-laws: By-Law to Regulate the Operation of Cemeteries in the Municipality, By-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the Corporation of Northern Bruce Peninsula, by-law to amend the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula By-law 2002-54, as amended (Zoning Amendment) and a Confirmatory By-law.
- Following Closed Session, Mayor McIver advised that Council approved previous minutes and Council provided staff direction with regards to Parks Canada correspondence.

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