



Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Meeting Highlights March 11, 2024

The following is a summary of the proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 11, 2024:

- Council approved the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024.
- A Public Meeting was held for the 2024 Budget.
 - The 2024 Budget for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula was passed at the March 11, 2024 Council Meeting.
- A delegation was received from Dr. Meg Sears, Shelley Wright, Marg Friesen, and David Fancy regarding a Right to a Healthy Environment.
- Council received a report from the Public Works Manager regarding the 2023 Lion's Head Drinking Water System and Tobermory Primary Place Daycare Centre Drinking Water System Annual Reports.
- Council received a report from the Public Works Manager regarding the 2023 Lion's Head Drinking Water System Summary Report.
 - It was noted that the report will be available on the Municipality's website to view.
- Council received a report from the Fire Chief regarding the Fine Schedule removal from the Open-Air Burning By-law.
- Council approved a Trailer Agreement for 262 Johnsons Harbour Road.
- Council received a report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the Chamber of Commerce Annual MAT Report.
- Council received a report from the Treasurer regarding proposed amendments to By-law 2021-83, Transient Municipal Accommodation Tax.
 - Council approved a 4% Municipal Accommodation Tax for hotels, motels, hostels, cabins, cottages and Bed and Breakfasts.
 - Campgrounds and Marinas were excluded from the Municipal Accommodation Tax program expansion.
 - The expansion of the Municipal Accommodation Tax will be effective January 1, 2025.

- Council received a report from the Clerk regarding the Municipal Drainage Committee.
 - Council appointed Councillor Dowd as the Municipal Representative for the Municipal Drainage Committee.
- Council received the February 2024 Accounts Payable Voucher in the amount of \$1,068,147.72.
- Council approved the January 17, 2024, minutes of the Chi Cheemaun Festival Committee.
- Council approved the February 28, 2024, minutes of the Chi Cheemaun Festival Committee.
- Deputy Mayor Anderson inquired regarding the proposed completion of a Cost-Benefit Analysis regarding the relationship between Bruce County and the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP).
 - It was noted that Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy Van Mierlo-West, will bring a report to the March 25, 2024, Council Meeting regarding the hiring of a consultant to complete the Cost-Benefit Analysis.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the relationship between Bruce County and MNBP.
 - Discussion ensued as to why the Cost Benefit Analysis cannot be completed internally. It was noted that sufficient resources are not available to complete the project.
- Councillor Dowd commented regarding the need for further public education regarding the Short-term Accommodation Program.
 - Committee and Licensing Coordinator, Lindsay Forbes, stated that public outreach will be conducted regarding the Short-term Accommodation Program.
- Councillor Golden inquired regarding the status of the requested report regarding the expansion of the Short-term Accommodation Program to Rural and Commercial Zones.
 - Committee and Licensing Coordinator, Lindsay Forbes, noted that the report is complete and will be on the March 25, 2024, Council Agenda.
- Councillor Golden provided clarification on an inquiry made at the February 26, 2024, Council Meeting regarding approximately \$18,000.00 on the December 2023 Accounts Payable Voucher for Discovery Pass. She stated that Discovery Pass encompasses parking pass fees which are collected and remitted to Parks Canada for entrance fees.
- Councillor Sohrab inquired regarding additional funding from the Federal Government to reduce the significant pressure felt by MNBP regarding the tourism driven by the Bruce Peninsula National Park and Fathom Five National Marine Park.
- Councillor Golden noted that Council is awaiting a staff report regarding associated costs including Fire and Emergency Services, roads, and facilities. She further noted that the original Park Agreement states that the Park shall not be a cost to the Municipality.

- Councillor Sohrab inquired regarding an update on the streetlight repairs throughout the Municipality.
- Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy Van Mierlo-West, noted that the Public Works Manager has been in contact with the contractor.
- Council received several correspondence items as information.
- Council approved four by-laws, a Zoning By-law Amendment for 512 The Bury Road, a By-law to set the 2024 Tax Rates, the removal of the Holding Provisions for 43 China Cove Road, and a Confirmatory By-law.

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