



Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Meeting Highlights January 27, 2025 & February 3, 2025

The following is a summary of the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting held on January 27, 2025:

- Council received a report from the Treasurer regarding the 2025 Operating Budget – Draft 1.
- Due to inclement weather, the Special Council Meeting was adjourned prior to the completion of agenda.

The following is a summary of the proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 3, 2025:

- Council approved the minutes of the January 13, 2025, Special and Regular Council Meetings.
- Council received a delegation from the Bruce County Director of Planning and Development regarding the County Official Plan Update.
- Council received a report from the Public Works Manager regarding the Ministry of Northern Development, Mined, Natural Resources, and Forestry – Black Bear Barb Wire Hair Trap Survey.
 - Council supports a request from the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry for the use of the following unmaintained road allowances for the purposes of conducting black bear barbwire hair trap surveys: Shaw Road, Spry Road 'T', Stokes Bay Road, Vickers Road, East Road, Miller Family Camp Road Allowance, McNair Road, Otter Lake Road, Devils Monument Road, and Lindsay Road 40
- Council received a report from the Parks and Facilities Manager regarding a draft Asbestos Management Policy and Program.
- Council received a report from the Parks and Facilities Manager regarding the Tobermory Airport Assessment Report.
- Council received a report from the Deputy Clerk regarding the Short-term Accommodation Licensing Program Public Comment Analysis.

- Discussion ensued surrounding the potential removal of Class C Licences from the Short-term Accommodation (STA) Licensing Program. It was noted that existing Class C Licences would be grandfathered into the program if Class C Licences were removed.
 - It was noted that a report will be presented to Council at a future meeting regarding proposed amendments to the STA Licensing Program.
- Council approved the minutes of the January 16, 2025, meeting of the Chi Cheemaun Festival Committee.
- Councillor Dowd put forward a Notice of Motion regarding Cell towers and their associated maintenance.
 - Councillor Dowd stated that this Notice of Motion relates to the power outages which occurred in Northern Bruce Peninsula in the fall of 2024, when it was recognized that a faulty generator caused the loss of cellular service. It was also acknowledged that there was no backup generator to maintain continuous coverage during the outages, as the generator was not serviced between power disruptions.
- Councillor Dowd put forward a Notice of Motion regarding a proposed mandate that all new cars and trucks sold in Canada be equipped with a tow hook.
 - Councillor Dowd stated that this Notice of Motion relates to the inability of snow plow operators to maintain roads during the recent snow storms due to the number of abandoned cars blocking roadways.
- Mayor McIver expressed his agreement with Councillor Golden's comment with regard to the Bruce County Official Plan Update concerning the influence of non-resident and non-ratepayer respondents in surveys and public meetings on the decision-making process.
- Council received several correspondence items as information.
- Council supported a Resolution from the Town of Aurora regarding a request for the redistribution of Provincial Land Tax-GST to Municipalities-Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
- Council supported a Resolution from the Municipality of Cassleman regarding a need to fix municipal funding.
- Council supported a Resolution from the Township of South Stormont regarding the redistribution of taxes collected.
- Council supported a request from the Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary regarding the waiver of fees for the Tobermory Community Centre for January 28, 2025.
- Council approved four By-laws, a By-law to provide for the Levy and Collection of an Interim Tax for the Year 2025, a By-law to appoint Municipal Auditors for the Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, a By-law to appoint a Chief Building Official, Deputy Chief Building Official, and Building Inspectors, and a Confirmatory By-law.

The following is a summary of the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting held on February 3, 2025:

- The remainder of the agenda from the January 27, 2025, Special Council Meeting was received by Council.
- Council authorized pre-budget approval requests from the GIS/IT Manager regarding Capital Projects for Facility and Recreation Management Platform, Asset Management Platform, Cloudpermit Extension for By-law Enforcement, and Speed Radar Signs.

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