



Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Meeting Highlights November 12, 2024

The following is a summary of the proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 12, 2024:

- Council approved the minutes of the Council Meetings held on October 28, 2024, following an amendment of the resolution on Chief Administrative Officer Report No. CAO 24-23 Re: Bruce County Draft Official Plan.
- Council received a delegation regarding the Heron Point Bridge.
 - It was noted that a Council will have a presentation prior to the end of the year regarding the bridge and recommendations on long-term objectives.
- Council received a delegation regarding the proposed development of Island 72 and use of Municipally owned land (Block 62, Plan 3M-199) for proposed private road access to Island 72.
 - It was noted that a report will be brought to the December 9, 2024, Council Meeting regarding Block 62.
- Council received a report from the Public Works Manager regarding the Parks Canada Winter Maintenance Agreement.
- Council received a report from the Parks and Facilities Manager regarding the replacement of Dock “A” at the Lion’s Head Harbour.
- Council received a report from the Clerk regarding a Shore-Road and Unopened Road Allowance Policy.
- Council directed staff to submit the position of “no comment” to the Bruce County Planning Department regarding a Zoning Amendment for the properties located at 155 Hardwick Cove Road.
- Council received a report from the Clerk regarding the 2025 Fees and Charges By-law.
 - A Public Meeting will be held on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. for the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law.
 - The Draft Fees and Charges By-law will be posted on the Municipality’s website under the News section for public review.

- Council directed staff to submit comments to the Bruce County Planning Department regarding the proposed residential subdivision and reconfiguration of the Ferndale Settlement area boundary.
 - The Public Meeting for the proposed development is scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.
- Councillor Dowd inquired surrounding the recent cell service outages during unplanned power outages. He further stated that several residents have been told by Rogers and Bell representatives that the generators associated with the cell towers have not been operational during the outages and that the cell tower north of Lion's Head was damaged in 2022, facilitating little to no service in Lion's Head. It was noted by Councillor Dowd that cell service is critical during these emergencies.
 - Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy Van Mierlo-West, stated that a Resolution will be developed and brought to the November 25, 2024, Council Meeting, to be sent to Rogers and Bell regarding the issues with cell coverage.
 - Fire Chief, Jack Burt, noted that this situation has been identified as a Public Safety Concern by the Northern Bruce Peninsula Fire Department and Owen Sound Emergency Communications Centre (Owen Sound Police).
 - Councillor Sohrab inquired if a letter should be submitted to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission CRTC regarding the safety issue.
- Councillor Golden inquired regarding the possibility of staff to reach out to Hydro One's Forestry Team regarding proactive maintenance to roadside trees, as the recent unplanned power outages were caused by trees on power lines.
 - Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy Van Mierlo-West, indicated that it could be completed.
- Council received several correspondence items as information.
- Council supported a Resolution from the Town of Petawawa regarding the 2025 Ontario Provincial Police Costs.
- Council supported a Resolution from Bruce County regarding CANDU Reactors.
- Council supported a Resolution from the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus regarding the Blue Box Program Extended Producer Responsibility.
- Council approved a Bylaw for a Volunteer Recognition Policy and a Confirmatory By-law.

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