



THE TOWNSHIP OF JOLY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 14th, 2021

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Joly was on Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 in the temporarily relocated Council Chambers in the lower level of the Strong Municipal Office. Council and Staff present practiced social distancing and wore face masks as required.

Present were Mayor Tim Bryson, Councillors Bill Black, Budd Brown, Tom Bryson and Brian McCabe; and Staff, Pat Stickland, Working Road Foreman, Jennifer Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and Leanne Crozier, Clerk-Treasurer.

1. Call meeting to order

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Bryson at 5:30 pm.

2. Public Meeting/Notice

None

**3. Resolution to approve the agenda as presented/amended
R2021-152**

Moved by Bill Black

Seconded by Brian McCabe

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly approve the December 14th, 2021 Council agenda as amended to include Item 9.4 Kents Mill Landowners application to maintain seasonal road.

Carried

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

I, Tom Bryson, declare a pecuniary interest in item 9.4 on the December 14th, 2021 Council agenda. I am making this declaration because one of 20 + landowners on Kents Mill Road. I confirm that I will not vote on the matter, and I will not attempt in any way whether before, during or after the meeting to influence the voting on any such question.

5. Presentations

5.1 Pat Stickland, Working Road Foreman

5.1.1 November work complete
- Received

5.1.2 December projects report
R2021-153
Moved by Brian McCabe
Seconded by Tom Bryson

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly hereby direct the Clerk to follow up with Derrick Johnstone Construction in regards to our brushing contract status.

Carried

5.1.3 Derrick Johnstone, Derrick Johnstone Construction
- Received

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Council Minutes

6.1.1 November 9th, 2021 Council regular minutes
R2021-154
Moved by Brian McCabe
Seconded by Bill Black

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly accept the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9th, 2021 as circulated.

Carried

6.1.2 November 9th, 2021 – Committee of Adjustment minutes

R2021-155

Moved by Tom Bryson

Seconded by Bill Black

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly accept the minutes of the Committee of Adjustment meeting of November 9th, 2021 as circulated.

Carried

6.1.3 November 25th, 2021 - Special Tri Council minutes

R2021-156

Moved by Brian McCabe

Seconded by Budd Brown

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly accept the minutes of the special Tri Council meeting of November 25th, 2021 as circulated.

Council

6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

None

7. Comments/Communications/Correspondence

7.1 Village of Sundridge – Resolution re single use water bottles

- Received

7.2 Association of Municipalities of Ontario – Policy Update – Ontario Broadband Strategy, Excess Soil Regulations & Panning Act Delegations

- Received

7.3 Minister, Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources & Forestry – Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund

- Received

7.4 Director, Client Services & Permissions Branch, Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks – Updating Noise Prediction Methods

- Received

7.5 Township of Armour – Notice of Passing of Zoning By-law Amendment

- Received

7.6 Near North Crime Stoppers – January is Crime Stoppers Month

- Received

8. Report of Committees

8.1 Sundridge Strong Joly Recreation Committee – November 4th, 2021 draft meeting minutes

- Received

8.2 Almaguin Highlands Health Centre – November 5th, 2021 draft meeting minutes

- Received

8.3 Almaguin Community Economic Development – November 15th, 2021 draft meeting minutes

- Received

8.4 Joint Building Committee – November 11th, 2021 draft meeting minutes

- Received

- 8.5 Joint Building Committee – Resolution 2021-031 Wage Increase
R2021-157
Moved by Brian McCabe
Seconded by Budd Brown

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly hereby have reviewed Joint Building Committee Resolution 2021-031 Wage Increase for the CBO for 2022 and 2023; and

Council hereby support this increase.

Carried

- 8.6 Central Almaguin Planning Board – November 17th, 2021 draft meeting minutes
- Received
- 8.7 Sundridge Strong Joly Recreation Committee – December 2nd, 2021 draft meeting minutes
- Received
- 8.8 Almaguin Highlands Health Centre – December 3rd, 2021 draft meeting minutes
- Received
- 8.9 Sundridge Strong Joly Arena – December 1st, 2021 draft meeting minutes
- Received
- 8.10 Sundridge Strong Joly Arena – December 7th, 2021 draft meeting minutes
- Received

9. Discussion Items

- 9.1 Phragmites Working Group – 2021 Report & Roads Management Resolution request
R2021-158
Moved by Tom Bryson
Seconded by Bill Black

WHEREAS, Phragmites australis (Phragmites) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around Almaguin including Lake Bernard.

WHEREAS, Phragmites australis grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighboring plant species; and

WHEREAS, Phragmites australis results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, an increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

WHEREAS, roads and highways where Phragmites that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and coastal shoreline areas; and

WHEREAS, invasive Phragmites has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive Phragmites under the Invasive Species Act

WHEREAS, according to “Smart Practices for the Control of Invasive Phragmites along Ontario’s Roads” by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best road management practices for Phragmites australis include early detection, herbicide application, and cutting; and

WHEREAS, these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

WHEREAS, Phragmites is found throughout the Almaguin Lakes and watershed area including Lake Bernard, with many stands of varying size, and multiple visible stands on the highways and roads that threaten valuable infrastructure and wetland areas; and

WHEREAS, volunteers, non-governmental organizations, and various municipalities have invested tens of thousands of dollars in investments and labour annually for executing managements plans to control invasive Phragmites on roads, shorelines and in wetlands; and

WHEREAS, Mother Nature does not recognize political boundaries. Therefore, it is imperative that Municipalities, Districts, the Province, and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada’s worst invasive plant species Phragmites australis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Council for the Township of Joly directs its staff to implement best management practices to promote early detection of invasive Phragmites, and to implement best management practices for invasive Phragmites, and to join the Ontario Phragmites Working Group to collaborate on the eradication of Phragmites in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council for the Township of Joly directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council for the Township of Joly requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive Phragmites annually on all its highways;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with Township of Joly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council for the Township of Joly directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities that are part of the Almaguin Lakes and Watersheds, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management, and MPP (the Municipality’s local MPP)

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Council for the Township of Joly requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of Joly in managing invasive Phragmites; and directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Carried

9.2 Robert Miller – 2022 Municipal Planning Services Proposal

R2021-159

Moved by Brian McCabe

Seconded by Budd Brown

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Joly hereby have reviewed the Municipal Planning Services Contract for 2022, as presented by Robert J Miller; and

That Council authorize the Clerk to sign this contract.

Carried

9.3 Almaguin Forest Products – Application to use seasonal road for logging

R2021-160

Moved by Brian McCabe

Seconded by Bill Black

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Joly have reviewed the application for use of approximately 8 kms of the seasonal portion of Paisley Road from January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022 as received from Almaguin Forest Products; and

Council hereby authorizes this use upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance from Almaguin Forest Products for this type of work with the Township of Joly named as third party therein with a minimum 5,000,000 liability; and

Council hereby request the Working Road Foreman to conduct an inspection of this road as soon as possible after completion of this contract.

Carried

9.4 Kents Mill Landowners – Application to use seasonal road for access & recreation – ADD ON TO AGENDA

- Clerk to contact applicant re insurance requirements

10. Staff Reports

10.1 Deputy Treasurer – November Accounts Payable

- Received

10.2 CBCO – Building Permit Summary as of November 30th, 2021

- Received

10.3 Clerk – Treasurers' Forum Workshop & AMCTO Zone Fall Meeting

- Received

10.4 Clerk – 2022 Council meeting schedule

- Received

10.5 Clerk – Council 2022 Remuneration

R2021-161

Moved by Budd Brown

Seconded by Brian McCabe

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly have reviewed the Staff Report and By-law 2021-05 respecting remuneration and expenses for members of Council; and

The Clerk be authorized to prepare the By-law for the January 11th, 2022 meeting with a 0.00 increase for the Mayor and a 0.00 increase for the four Councillors.

Carried

10.6 Treasurer – Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund [R]

R2021-162

Moved by Budd Brown

Seconded by Tom Bryson

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly have reviewed Agenda Item 7.3 and staff report from the Treasurer regarding this new funding program; and

The Clerk is requested to contact Duke Engineering to accept their proposal as submitted September 2021 to complete repairs to the Kents Mill Road bridge and request information required to complete and submit the required reporting for the use of the 2021/2022 NORDS allocation; and

The Working Road Foreman is requested to work with Duke Engineering on this project and present updates to Council on the process.

Carried

- 10.7 Treasurer – Budget to Actual
- Received

- 10.8 Clerk – Joly By-law Enforcement
R2021-163
Moved by Budd Brown
Seconded by Tom Bryson

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly have reviewed the Staff Report regarding the untimely passing of Joly By-law Officer Chris Fraser, his wife Emily and youngest daughter Kelly; and

The Clerk be authorized to make a donation in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 to RBC account through Strong.

Carried

- R2021-164**
Moved by Budd Brown
Seconded by Bill Black

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly have reviewed the Staff Report regarding the vacancy of By-law Officer for the Township; and

Council support the continuation of a shared By-law Enforcement Officer with the Village of South River and the Township of Strong; and

Council support proceeding with the process to fill this vacancy as soon as possible in the new year.

Carried

11. Council Member Reports

None

12. By-laws

- 12.1 By-law 2021-30 – Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting December 14th, 2021

R2021-165
Moved by Brian McCabe
Seconded by Budd Brown

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly have read By-law 2021-30, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting December 14th, 2021; and

Council hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this By-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

13. Closed Session

None

14. Adjournment

R2021-166

Moved by Bill Black

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly hereby adjourn this regular meeting of Council at 7:17 pm until the next regular meeting scheduled for January 11th, 2022 at 5:30 pm or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk