



Township of Joly

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024 - Regular Meeting of Council - 05:30 PM

Present: Mayor, Brian McCabe; Deputy Mayor, Budd Brown; Councilor, Tom Bryson; Councilor, Bill Black; Councilor, Chris Nicholson.

Staff: Municipal Administrator (Clerk), Jennifer Martin; Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Katey Brimacombe; Working Road Foreman, Pat Stickland.

Guests in person:

David Cowen, Doug Tate, South River-Machar Fire Chief, Risto Maki

Guests via Zoom:

Land Use Planner, Robert Miller

1. Call To Order

Resolution No: 2024-0317

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M..

CARRIED

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2024-0318

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby adopts the Agenda as amended to;

- Move item 9.3 South River Machar Fire Agreement to 5.1
- Move item 5 Council direction from previous meeting to item 6
- Move item 5.3 Revisions the the Joly Official Plan & Zoning Bylaw to item 5.1.1
- Move item 11 Closed Session to 7.2

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Disqualifying Interest (Pecuniary)

I Tom Bryson declare a pecuniary interest in item 7.1 on the December 10, 2024 Council agenda. I am making this declaration because I am a land owner on Kents Mill Rd.

I confirm that I will not vote on the matter, I will not take part in any discussion on any question in respect of 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.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Most Recent Meeting(s)

Resolution No: 2024-0319

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Now Therefore Be it Resolved That:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly adopts the Minutes of November 12, 2024 and Special Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2024.

CARRIED

5. Delegations

Resolution No: 2024-0323

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby accepts the request for clarification regarding Hill Fourteen Road and will clarify that the Seasonal Road Bylaw be brought back to the next meeting of Council and show the road maintenance to maintain to the landing past Lot 13.

CARRIED

5.1 South River Machar Fire Protection Agreement

Resolution No: 2024-0333

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby have reviewed the South River Machar Fire Department proposed renewal agreement for the years 2025, 2026 and 2027.
And that the Council for the Township of Joly hereby negotiates a 3.75% annual increase to the agreement for 2025, 2026, and 2027.

CARRIED

5.1.1 Revisions to the Joly Official Plan & Zoning Bylaw

Resolution No: 2024-0322

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the update from Joly's Land Use Planner and accepts the offer to update the Official Plan with the new Provincial Policy Statement and;

Prepare an amendment to Zoning Bylaw to allow cottages on year round and seasonally maintained roads.

CARRIED

6. Council Direction From the Previous Meeting-

6.1 Resolution Assessment Cycle

Resolution No: 2024-0320

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby supports Resolution #2024-368 passed by the Municipality of St. Charles, the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan, urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) Graydon Smith; and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

6.2 OPP Notice of Motion for funding support -Municipality of Tweed

Resolution No: 2024-0321

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario; AND

WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources; AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations; AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174; AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall; AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Joly call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, MPP Graydon Smith and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and at Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

7. Roads Report

Resolution No: 2024-0324

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the December Road Report and directs the Roads Foreman to put together a tender to replace the decking on Kent's Mill Bridge.

CARRIED

Tom Bryson left table at 7:30pm

7.1 Unassumed Road Allowance Application

Resolution No: 2024-0325

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the staff report and accepts Tim Bryson Forestry Services Seasonal Use application and directs the Clerk to obtain a certified cheque in the amount of \$9,200.00 or a letter credit.

CARRIED

Tom Bryson returned to the table at 7:34 PM

7.2 Closed Session

Resolution No: 2024-0338

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Now Therefore Be it Resolved That:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly moves into closed session at 7:35 P.M. pursuant to section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act* and specifically, subsections:

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;

For the purpose of considering: Employee Negotiations

CARRIED

7.2.1 Purpose

Resolution No: 2024-0343

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Now Therefore Be it Resolved That:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly adopts the closed session Minutes of October 8, 2024 and November 12, 2024.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Return to Open Meeting and Report Nature of Discussion in Closed Session.

Resolution No: 2024-0344

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council adjourned the Closed Meeting at 7:55 P.M. and returned to open session.

And further be it resolved Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby, support the recommendation for the position of Equipment Operator beginning on January 2, as per wages discussed.

And Council hereby support a 2% cost of living increase for all staff members effective January 1, 2025.

CARRIED

7.2.3 JBC

Resolution No: 2024-0342

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby support resolution #2024-043 passed by the JBC committee, recommending the advancement of Yves Savage a DCBO position effective January 1, 2025, as per wages discussed.

CARRIED

8. Legislative Matters

8.1 Consent Agenda

Resolution No: 2024-0326

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

“Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the consent agenda as presented.”

CARRIED

8.2 Committee (Internal/External Reports)

Resolution No: 2024-0327

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the committee updates as circulated.

CARRIED

8.2.1 Recreation Committee

Resolution No: 2024-0328

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives resolution #2024-044 passed by the Sundridge Strong Joly Recreation Committee and hereby supports that the surplus from the SSJ Recreation Committee budget each year be held in a reserve account by the Administrator;

And That the budget surplus shall be deducted from the contribution made by the municipalities for the following year;

And Further be it resolved That the Township of Joly shall be invoiced quarterly for their portion of the budget as per cost sharing formula in the Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

8.2.2 Joint Building Committee

Resolution No: 2024-0329

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby supports Resolution #2024-042 passed by the Joint Building Committee recommending that any outstanding building permit maintenance fees after 6 months be added to the tax roll including interest monthly charges. The Township of Joly will retain a \$50.00/year admin fee and remainder to be submitted to the JBC once collected.

CARRIED

8.3 Public Hearings: Planning/Zoning Matter

Resolution No: 2024-0330

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Seconded By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby reviewed and accept the consent application to create two new lots with frontage on Forest Lake Road on property known as 1731 Forest Lake Road, described as: Lot 1 - 1.01 Ha with 121.9m frontage; Lot 2 - 1.01 HA with 121.9 m frontage.

This application is accepted with the following conditions:

1. The surveyor who prepares the reference plan referred to in (Condition #X) shall also determine by survey the width of the public road abutting the severed lands measured from the centre line of the traveled portion of the road to the lot line of the owner's property. If such width is less than 10m, the owner shall dedicate to the Township land along the frontage of the severed lands in the following manner: 1) The land to be dedicated shall be the width required to provide 10m from the centre line of the existing travelled road; and 2) The land to be dedicated shall be described as a separate part on a Reference Plan of Survey to be prepared and deposited at the owner's expense and filed with the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the stamping of the deeds; and
2. The proposed lots be approved by the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority for on-site sewage systems; and

3. The Township of Joly be provided with a copy of the registered reference plan and;
4. That the applicant convey the required cash in lieu of parkland dedication to the Township of Joly.

CARRIED

8.4 By-Laws for Consideration

8.4.1 Level of Service

Resolution No: 2024-0331

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Bylaw A-2024-023 being a Bylaw to establish Levels of Service be read and adopted.

CARRIED

9. Administrative Matters

New Business/Reports from Officers/Employees on Various Issues (Including reports from Departments which require Council approval- NIL)

9.1 Treasurer's Report

Resolution No: 2024-0332

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the Treasurer's Report.

CARRIED

9.2 Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library Agreement

Resolution No: 2024-0334

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the proposed Agreement from the Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library Board and negotiates to increasing the library contribution to 3% annually with the Township of Jolys portion being \$1030.00 in 2025, \$1060.90 in 2026 and \$1092.73 in 2027.

CARRIED

9.3 Council Meeting Calendar

Resolution No: 2024-0335

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the Calendar for 2025 Meeting Dates for the Township of Joly.

CARRIED

9.4 Year in Review Report**Resolution No:** 2024-0336**Moved By:** Councillor Chris Nicholson**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Budd Brown**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

"Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the report on work completed in 2024."

CARRIED

9.5 MLEO Year Review**Resolution No:** 2024-0345**Moved By:** Councillor Tom Bryson**Seconded By:** Councillor Bill Black**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the Staff report from the MLEO.

CARRIED

9.6 Feedback Management Policy**Resolution No:** 2024-0337**Moved By:** Councillor Chris Nicholson**Seconded By:** Councillor Tom Bryson**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives and adopts the Feedback Management Policy.

CARRIED

9.7 MOU - Almaguin District Snowmobile Club**Resolution No:** 2024-0339**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Budd Brown**Seconded By:** Councillor Bill Black**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby have reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding - Prescribed Snowmobile Trail Land Use Permission from the Almaguin District Snowmobile Club and

Council directs the Clerk to sign the agree to the terms of this memorandum to be in effect from December 1, 2024 until December 31, 2026.

CARRIED

10. Leadership Issues

11. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution No: 2024-0340

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

A Bylaw #2024-0022 being a Bylaw to confirm the proceedings of Council, its regular meeting of December 10, 2024 be read and adopted.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2024-0341

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Regular Council Meeting of December 10, 2024, be adjourned at 8:58 P.M. until the next Regular meeting of Council on January 14, 2025 or at the call of Mayor.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk