

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 13 December, 2023 at 11:02 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Wednesday 13 December, 2023 at 11:02 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

The following members of Council were present:

Mayor	Anne Giardini
Deputy Mayor	Brenda Blimkie
Councillor	Bruce Boucher
Councillor	Gary McAnulty
Councillor	John Hoyle

Also present:

Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk	Sherry Batten
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk	Tammy Whalen

- II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

- III. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 22 November, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 226 -23

- V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (a) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Protection to Persons and Property of 22 November 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 227 -23

- (b) Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Public Works of 22 November, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 228 -23

- (c) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Community and Social Services of 22 November, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 229 -23

- VI. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Public Works minutes were questioned in connection with the Superintendents reports received and what information they should contain.

- VII. OTHER REPORTS** - None

- VIII. MAYOR'S UPDATE** – The Mayor reported that on November 23 she attended an Airport Meeting; on the 28 she went to a NRLOB Audit #2 at Baggs Road; on the 29 a County Council Regular Meeting – Mr. Clair Cox received the Warden's Award for Volunteerism. In attendance were his wife Heather, along with nominator Councillor Boucher and his wife Rosalee; on the 30 County of Renfrew Service Awards and Staff Appreciation held at Festival Hall. On December 6 she attended a vigil at the Women's Monument in Petawawa – A National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women; on the 12 she attended County Council Inaugural Meeting – Mr. Peter Emon – County Councillor from Renfrew was once again elected as County Warden

IX. BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT By-Law No. 29-23 being a By-Law to provide for the borrowing of money to meet the 2024 expenditures for the Town do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 230 -23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT By-Law No. 30-23 being a By-Law to provide for an interim tax levy do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 231 -23

X. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

(a) Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council does acknowledge receipt of the unaudited statement of revenues and expenses as compared to budget as of 7 December, 2023.

CARRIED Resolution 232 -23

Councillor Boucher asked staff to clarify the OMERS expenditure in the Public Works Department. Staff will determine if the account is over budget or if there was a data input error and provide Council with an update.

XI. PETITIONS

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

ACTION ITEMS

(a) Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the resolutions from the Township of Puslinch, the Town of Plympton Wyoming and the Township of McKellar, requesting the Provincial Government to make an amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006* to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 233 -23

(b) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the resolution from the Township of Coleman in support of the Ontario Conservation Officer's Association in their efforts to have Conservation Officers in the Province of Ontario reclassified as Enforcement Officers and be compensated fairly be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 234 -23

XIII. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT all items of correspondence be filed.

CARRIED Resolution 235 -23

XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills authorizes the payment of \$11,368.20 plus applicable taxes to the County of Renfrew as per Resolution No. OP-CC-23-08-98 for the Town's cost of the Fire Radio Dispatch System;

AND FURTHER that the funds for the unbudgeted item be allocated from the 2023 General Government unallocated funds budget.

CARRIED Resolution 236 -23

XV. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does approve the request from the Chalk River & Area Lions Club for the use of barricades and parking on the street if needed for the 2024 Winter Carnival to be held January 27th to February 3rd, 2024.

CARRIED Resolution 237 -23

- (b) Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does approve the sponsorship of the Chalk River & Area Lions Club Winter Carnival Children's Magic Show to be held on February 3rd, 2024 in the amount of \$800.00.

CARRIED Resolution 238 -23

- (c) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does authorize the participation of Council/staff in the Deep River and District Hospital Foundation's fundraising bonspiel to be held on February 3, 2024 for a fee of \$250.00.

CARRIED Resolution 239 -23

Council approved that should the Town not register a team for the bonspiel, that a donation of \$250.00 can be made to the foundation in lieu of participation.

XVI. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 239 (i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

CARRIED Resolution 240 -23

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does now move out of closed session to rise and report.

CARRIED Resolution 241 -23

Rise and report - The Mayor reported that the meeting was on discussions in connection to negotiations and direction was given to staff.

XVII. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION - None

XVIII. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT By-Law No. 31-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills meeting of Council held on December 13, 2023 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 242 -23

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn
at 11:47 a.m.

CARRIED Resolution 243 -23

MAYOR

CLERK