

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 19 July, 2023 at 11:37 a.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Wednesday 19 July, 2023 at 11:37 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 McNulty
Councillor	John Hoyle

Also present:

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

- II. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor McNulty declared a pecuniary interest to X (a) Approval of Accounts, Financial - Comparison to budget. P&G Pumping 2214521, a business he holds majority shares in, could benefit directly or indirectly from.

Agenda Item XIII (c) Unfinished Business Resolution regarding MCIA application was stricken from the agenda.

- III. **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS** - None

- IV. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting of 21 June, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 136-23

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 21 June, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 137-23

- V. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (a) Moved by Councillor Hoyle  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Protection to Persons and Property of 21 June, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 138-23

- (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 21 June, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 139 -23

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Community and Social Services of 21 June, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 140-23

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Finance and Personnel of 21 June, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 141 -23

- VI. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** - None

- VII. **OTHER REPORTS** - None

VIII. **MAYOR'S UPDATE** – The Mayor reported that on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June she attended the Minor Ball Year-End Tournament and BBQ and handed out medallions to participants; on the 27<sup>th</sup> she attended a Zoom meeting with the Medical Officer of Health and the RCDHU; on the 28<sup>th</sup> she attended a County Council meeting; on the 29<sup>th</sup> she toured the WTP and WWTP; on July 4<sup>th</sup> she hosted a meeting with executive members of the Senior Friendship Centre regarding a potential Seniors Active Living Centre grant and on the 6<sup>th</sup> she hosted a meeting with SFC, Town of Deep River Councillor and Treasurer, Mayor of Head Clara and Maria, a Director from North Renfrew Family Services and Carmen Goold, from the Ministry of Culture, Recreation and Sport.

IX. **BY-LAWS** - None

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 July, 2023.

**CARRIED** Resolution 142-23

XI. **PETITIONS** - None

XII. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS** – The Mayor requested a recorded Vote on Legislative Amendments to improve municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement.

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

**WHEREAS** all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

**WHEREAS** municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

**WHEREAS** several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

**WHEREAS** these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

**WHEREAS**, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

**WHEREAS** municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Laurentian Hills supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

**ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office

**Recorded Vote:**

Deputy Mayor Blimkie	NO
Councillor Boucher	NO
Mayor Anne Giardini	YES
Councillor Hoyle	NO
Councillor McAnulty	NO

**DEFEATED** Resolution 143-23

**ACTION ITEMS** (Cont'd)

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

THAT the resolution from North Perth urging the provincial government to provide support to municipalities to fill vacant building official positions be endorsed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 144-23

- (c) Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the resolution from the Town of Petrolia recommending that the Minister of Education amend legislation to allow:

1. Licensed home-based childcare operators the ability to increase allowable spaces for before and after school care spaces to school aged children;
2. The reviewing of the current wage bracket and align and increase wages for early childhood educators for services provided;
3. Provide more capital funding sources for the construction of new center-based facilities; and
4. Increase the current goal of thirty-three (33) percent access ration to align better with the current provincial situation and anticipated growth over the next ten (10) years be endorsed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 145-23

- (d) Moved by Councillor McAnulty  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the resolution from the Township of Selwyn requesting that the Province legislate terms for all third party short term rental brokerage companies be filed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 146-23

**XIII. LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT all items of correspondence be filed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 147-23

**XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- (a) Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does approve and adopt the Municipal Significant Event Policy.

**CARRIED** Resolution 148-23

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

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does approve and adopt the Social Media policy for the Laurentian Hills Fire Department.

**CARRIED** Resolution 149 -23

**XV. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills recognizes the educational component of the wild foraging, garden tour and farm to table "Wild Path" event to be held on August 26, 2023 on the premises of Anupaya Cabin Co. located at 1696 Moores Road and declares it to be a Significant Municipal Event.

**CARRIED** Resolution 150 -23

**NEW BUSINESS** (Cont'd)

- (b) Moved by Councillor McAnulty  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills recognizes the immediate need of the replacement of the Municipal office's telephone system through the current supplier and approves the quoted price of \$5,999.00 (plus applicable taxes);

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

**XVI. CLOSED SESSION**

**CARRIED** Resolution 152-23

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 (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

**CARRIED** Resolution 152 -23

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
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 153 -23

Rise and report – The Mayor reported that discussions were on matters pursuant to section 239 (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and staff direction was given.

**XVII. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION - None**

**XVIII. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT By-Law No. 20-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills meeting of Council held on July 19, 2023 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

**CARRIED** Resolution 154-23

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn at 12:34 p.m.

**CARRIED** Resolution 155-23

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MAYOR

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CLERK