

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday January 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Thursday January 25, 2024 at 10:43 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**

- (a) Jeff Wilson, President, of River Recreation Improvement Association spoke to Council during the Protection to Persons and Property regarding implementing a form of sustainable financial assistance for the 2024 boating season. Council deferred the financial request to budget deliberations.

- IV. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting of 4 January, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 06-24

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 13 December, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 07-24

- V. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Protection to Persons and Property of 13 December, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 08-24

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Public Works of 13 December, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 09-24

- (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 13 December, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 10-24

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Finance and Personnel of 13 December, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 11-24

- VI. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

VII. OTHER REPORTS - None

VIII. MAYOR'S UPDATE – The Mayor reported that on Dec. 14 she attended NRLOB Meeting; on January 15, she attended a tour put on by CNL for NRLOB members; on the 17 she chaired the RCHC and Community Services Committee meetings at County; on the 18 she attended County Finance and Administration Meeting and on the 24 she attended a County Council Special Budget Workshop Meeting.

IX. BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT By-Law No. 03-24 being a By-Law for the imposing of a fee to recover part of the capital costs related to an improvement to the Chalk River municipal drinking water system read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 12-24

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT By-Law No. 04-24 being a By- to appoint members to the Town's Recreation Advisory Committee do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 13-24

X. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS - None

XI. PETITIONS - None

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

ACTION ITEMS

(a) Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the resolutions from the County of Brant regarding Gender-based and Intimate partner Violence be filed.

CARRIED Resolution 14-24

(b) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the resolution from Tay Township regarding Provincial cemetery management support request be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 15-24

(c) Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the resolution from Whitewater Region regarding the unaffordability of the operating costs for small rural and urban water and wastewater systems be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 16-24

(d) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the resolution from Conmee Township regarding amending the municipal act and municipal elections act so that:

1. People with a criminal record who have not had their record pardoned from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections or holding office in municipal council; and
2. An elected local government official be disqualified from the office upon conviction of a criminal offence and must resign be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 17-24

(e) Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the resolution from Chatham-Kent regarding an increase to accommodation rates of social assistance payments increase to the Average Market Rent for recipients of Ontario Works Assistance and the Ontario Disability Support Program be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 18-24

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

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

THAT the resolution from the City of Greater Sudbury, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and Township of Larder Lake regarding an Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "Employer" be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 19-24

XIII. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT all items of correspondence be filed.

CARRIED Resolution 20-24

XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills approves and adopts the Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference policy # LHR-01 dated January 25, 2024.

CARRIED Resolution 21-24

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does appoint Councillor John Hoyle as an Alternate member to the Committee of the Whole for Community and Social Services.

CARRIED Resolution 22-24

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills approves the formation of a volunteer seniors working group with the objective of outlining and planning programs for the seniors of the Town of Laurentian Hills that will meet the objectives of the New Horizons for Seniors Community based programs that:

1. Promote volunteerism among seniors and other generations;
2. Engage seniors in the community through the mentoring of others;
3. Expand awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse;
4. Support the social participation and inclusion of seniors; and
5. Provide capital assistance for new and existing community projects and programs for seniors.

And further that Councillor Blimkie organize and participate in the working group and bring the program recommendations back to Council for discussions with the intent to apply for the NHSP grant.

CARRIED Resolution 23-24

XV. NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills authorizes the Chalk River & Area Lions Club to use the Charlene McGillis Ballfield during their 2024 Winter Carnival for a ball event; subject to providing the Town with a certificate of liability insurance.

CARRIED Resolution 24-24

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does acknowledge receipt of the Decision on Application from Justice Jaye Hooper of the Superior Court of Justice – Ontario, for Court File No: CV-23-87 dated 2023/12/12.

CARRIED Resolution 25-24

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's 2023 Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses as authorized by By-Law No. 16-23.

CARRIED Resolution 26-24

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does acknowledge receipt of the correspondence from A.E. Shields dated December 18, 2023.

CARRIED Resolution 27-24

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the request for a donation from the Missing Link Snowmobile Club for their Open Sesame Snowmobile Poker Run scheduled to be held on January 27th, 2024 be declined.

CARRIED Resolution 28-24

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills authorizes the use of the Chalk River outdoor rink and the rink building as requested by Stephan Bouliane (organizer) for a 3 on 3 Hockey Tournament to be held on February 9-11th subject to the following:

1. The organizer is responsible for all aspects of the tournament including the flooding and maintenance of the outdoor rink;
2. The organizer agrees to indemnify and save harmless The Town of Laurentian Hills, its staff, Council members and all heirs and assigns from all claims, demands, causes or action, loss, costs, or damages that the Town may suffer, incur or be liable for, resulting from the organizers negligence of any acts or omissions or anyone acting as an agent of the organizer for the tournament;
3. The organizer must obtain at his own expense Comprehensive Liability Insurance with a minimum liability of \$2,000,000 for the event and the insurance must name the Town of Laurentian Hills as an additional insured;
4. Proof of Insurance must be submitted to the Town prior to the use of the facilities;
5. The organizer is responsible for signing out the key to the rink building at the Town office and returning the key to the Town office the day after the tournament;
6. The organizer is responsible for the opening and the locking of the building each day for the duration of the tournament;
7. The Town is not responsible for any lost or damage to any personal items that may be in the rink building belonging to the organizer, or anyone acting as an agent of the organizer, or participants in the tournament;
8. NO Smoking/Vaping is permitted in any Town facilities. The organizer is responsible to adhering to the provision of *The Smoke Free Ontario Act 2017*;
9. No alcohol is permitted in/at or on any Town property or facility owned by the Town at any time;
10. The organizer is responsible for ensuring that the building is secured at the end of the tournament and that the facility is left in an undamaged and reasonably clean and tidy condition with all garbage being removed from the building/property;
11. The organizer shall pay to the Town a fee of \$50.00 per day prior to the use of the facilities. A portion of which may be refundable if the ice is not used due to weather conditions.

CARRIED Resolution 29-24

XVI. CLOSED SESSION - None

XVII. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION - None

XVIII. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT By-Law No. 05-24 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills meeting of Council held on January 25, 2024 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 30-24

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT this regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn at 11:53 a.m.

CARRIED Resolution 31-24

MAYOR

CLERK