

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 22 March, 2023 at 10:28 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Wednesday 22 March, 2023 at 10:28 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** The delegation was moved to the Protection to Persons and Property Committee meeting.

- IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 23 February, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 45-23

- 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 23 February, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 46 -23

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Planning of 23 February, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 47-23

- (c) 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 23 February, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 48-23

- (d) Moved by Councillor  
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Community and Social Services of 23 February, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 49-23

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Finance and Personnel of 23 February, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 50-23

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

- VII. OTHER REPORTS** - None

VIII. **MAYOR'S UPDATE** – The Mayor reported that on March 1 she attended a County Council Meeting; on the 2 she attended a RCDHU and Medical Officer of Health regular meeting; on the 7 she had a Face to Face meeting with Detachment Commander Steph Neufeld to get to know him; on the 8 she attended 2 International Women's Day events; on the 20 she attended the Finance and Administration meeting at the County; on the 21 she attended the Tour of Des Joachims Generating Station and on the 22 she will be delivering Meals on Wheels as part of Community Champions week.

IX. **BY-LAWS** - None

X. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS** - None

XI. **PETITIONS** - None

XII. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

THAT the resolution from Chatham-Kent regarding support for Bill 5 – Stopping harassment and abuse by Local Leaders Act be filed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 51-23

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

THAT the resolution from Chatham-Kent seeking support and coloration on improvements to municipal insurance costs in Ontario be endorsed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 52-23

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

THAT the resolution from Niagara Region regarding motion respecting declarations of emergency for homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction be endorsed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 53-23

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

THAT the resolution from the Town of Cobourg regarding homeless and unsheltered persons and the need for immediate action from the Province of Ontario to develop resources and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homeless in Ontario be endorsed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 54-23

(e) Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Councillor Blimkie

**WHEREAS** the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

**WHEREAS** the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

**WHEREAS** homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;

**WHEREAS** homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

**WHEREAS** municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,

**WHEREAS** leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Laurentian Hills calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**CARRIED** Resolution 55-23

**ACTION ITEMS** (Cont'd)

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

THAT the resolution from the Municipality of Calvin regarding the Public School Boards Association asking for an end of the moratorium on most pupil accommodations reviews be endorsed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 56-23

**XIII. LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

- Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT all items of correspondence be filed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 57 -23

**XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Moved by Councillor Hoyle  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills authorizes staff to transfer two hundred eighty one thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$281,125.00) from the 2022 recreation budget surplus for the Boat Launch project to the Town's Recreational Development Reserve Fund.

**CARRIED** Resolution 58-23

**XV. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Committee/Council Meeting format. Staff asked for direction on Committee/Council meeting timings, the reopening of Council Chambers to the public if streaming of meetings was to continue if Council Chambers was opened to the Public.

Consensus was that the meeting times will stay at 10:00 am. Council Chambers will be open to the public. Staff will bring back costs to continue streaming/recording of the meetings.

**XVI. CLOSED SESSION - None**

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

**XVIII. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

- Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT By-Law No. 07-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills meeting of Council held on March 22, 2023 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 59-23

**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 10:50 a.m.

**CARRIED** Resolution 60-23

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MAYOR

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CLERK