

**The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands**  
**Minutes of a Council meeting held Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Al MacNevin, Councillors: Patti Aelick, Al Boyd, Laurie Cook, Mike Erskine, George Williamson, William Koehler, Bruce Wood and Dawn Orr

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Williamson, CAO  
Pam Myers, Clerk

Mayor MacNevin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof – none.

Resolution No. 132-06-2024

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: B. Wood

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands approves agenda as presented.

Carried

PhD Candidate Reta Meng did a presentation to Council regarding her studies on the endangered Blanding Turtle in the McGregor Bay area during the period of 2021-2023.

Resolution No. 133-06-2024

Moved by: P. Aelick

Seconded by: W. Koehler

WHEREAS the World Animal Protection Organization has circulated the following resolution to all municipalities in Ontario;

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals in captivity; and,

WHEREAS non-native ("exotic") wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS owners of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native ("exotic") wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT given the recent baboon biting incident in Kirkland Lake ON, the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to the Municipality of  
Tweed to be included in their package of resolutions to be forwarded.

Carried

Resolution No.134-06-2024

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: W. Koehler

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does  
now adjourn at 7:55pm.

Carried

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Al MacNevin, Mayor

Pam Myers, Clerk