

**The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands  
Minutes of a Regular Council meeting held Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

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

**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. 33-02-2024

Moved by: A. Boyd

Seconded by: L. Cook

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

Carried

**Doctor Anne McDonald informed Council of an international program of trained physicians called “Practice Ready Ontario” that our hospital will be participating in. This program gives perspective Doctors the ability to practice under a supervised license with a 3 year return of service.**

**We have been lucky enough to have one potential Doctor choose our location for a site visit. Doctor McDonald stressed the need for and importance of having additional resources available for these potential Doctors to help with the move to our location. Further talks are to take place.**

Resolution No. 34-02-2024

Moved by: P. Aelick

Seconded by: W. Koehler

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands now reads a first, second and third time and finally passes By-law 2024-05. Being a by-law to adopt the minutes of Council for the term commencing November 15, 2022 and authorizing the taking of any action therein and thereby.

Carried

Resolution No. 35-02-2024

Moved by: L. Cook

Seconded by: M. Erskine

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands accepts the resignation of Maureen Armstrong from the Library Board with regret.

Carried

Resolution No. 36-02-2024

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: G. Williamson

RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands supports the motion put forth by FONOM to request that the Provincial Government commit to do a comprehensive social and economical prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

Carried

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Resolution No. 37-02-2024

Moved by: P. Aelick

Seconded by: A. Boyd

RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands donates \$200 to the MSS Manitoulin Metal Robotics Team.

Carried

Resolution No. 38-02-2024

Moved by: D. Orr

Seconded by: L. Cook

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands supports the resolution put forth by the County of Renfrew to advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine of the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

Carried

Resolution No. 39-02-2024

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: G. Williamson

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does now adjourn at 7:53 pm.

Carried

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Al MacNevin, Mayor

Pam Myers, Clerk