

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of The Corporation of The City of Elliot Lake

Monday, January 13, 2025

7:00 PM

Committee Room

Present A. Wannan, Mayor
 C. Flintoff, Councillor
 R. Bull, Councillor
 N. Mann, Councillor
 M. Seidel, Councillor
 L. Morrissette, Councillor
 H. Lefebvre, Councillor

Staff Present R. deBortoli, CAO
 N. Bray, Director of Clerks and Planning Services
 J. Thomas, Director Emergency Management
 K. Kluge, Director of Recreation & Culture
 S. Antunes, Economic Development Manager
 A. D'Amato, Museum Curator

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 December 9, 2024 - Regular and December 18, 2024 - Special

Res. 5/25

Moved By: R. Bull

Seconded By: C. Flintoff

That the following minutes be adopted:

December 9, 2024 - Regular; and

December 18, 2024 - Special

Carried

5. PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

6. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Right Track Racing - Introduction

re: 2025 Fishing Derby

Presenter: Blaise Kurucz

R. deBortoli, CAO left the meeting at 7:22 pm.

7. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE REPORTS

7.1 Memo from the Manager of Economic Development

Re: MOU with Mt Dufour for Ski Hill parking lot

Res. 6/25

Moved By: C. Flintoff

Seconded By: R. Bull

That the memo from the Manager of Economic Development regarding an MOU with Mount Dufour Ski Area for the use of the Ski Hill Parking Lot be received

Carried

7.2 Memo from Director of Emergency Services

Re: Fire Protection Grant

Res. 7/25

Moved By: H. Lefebvre

Seconded By: M. Seidel

That the memo from the Director of Emergency Services regarding the Fire Protection Grant be received

Carried

7.3 Memo from the Chief Administrative Officer

Re: CAO Recruitment

Res. 8/25

Moved By: M. Seidel

Seconded By: R. Bull

That this item be deferred to the January 27, 2025 Council Meeting.

Carried

8. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Report from the Director of Clerks and Planning Services

Re: Request for Laneway Closure - Paris Drive

At the December 9, 2024 meeting of the Bylaw and Planning Committee the following resolution was passed:

That the request for the closure of the laneway between 13 and 11A Paris Drive be forwarded to Council for consideration

Res. 9/25

Moved By: C. Flintoff

Seconded By: H. Lefebvre

That the request for the closure of the laneway between 13 and 11A Paris Drive be approved

Carried

8.2 Report from the Museum Curator

Re: Amendment to ARIEL Agreement

At the January 8th 2025 Recreation and Culture Committee meeting the following resolution was passed:

That Council approve the amended agreement between the City of Elliot Lake and the Arts and Culture Roundtable in Elliot Lake (ARIEL) for operation of the Elliot Lake Arts & Heritage Centre (ELAHC);

And that the appropriate by-law be passed.

Res. 10/25

Moved By: R. Bull

Seconded By: H. Lefebvre

That Council approve the amended agreement between the City of Elliot Lake and the Arts and Culture Roundtable in Elliot Lake (ARIEL) for operation of the Elliot Lake Arts & Heritage Centre (ELAHC);

And that the appropriate by-law be passed.

Carried

9. OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTING

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. PETITIONS

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Request for Supporting Resolution - Sustainable Funding for Our Communities

Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Res. 11/25

Moved By: C. Flintoff

Seconded By: L. Morrissette

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure

initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Elliot Lake Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That Elliot Lake Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried

12.2 Request for Letter of Support

Re: Counselling Centre of East Algoma - Application for the Seniors Community Grant Program

Res. 12/25

Moved By: H. Lefebvre

Seconded By: R. Bull

That the Council of the City of Elliot Lake provide a letter of support to the Counselling Centre of East Algoma with respect to their application for the Seniors Community Grant Program

Carried

12.3 Request for Letter of Support

Re: Penocean Hills Field Naturalists - Application for the Seniors Community Grant Program

Res. 13/25

Moved By: H. Lefebvre

Seconded By: C. Flintoff

That the Council of the City of Elliot Lake provide a letter of support to the Ponekean Hills Field Naturalists with respect to their application for the Seniors Community Grant Program

Carried

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

14. COUNCIL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ADDENDUM

16. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

16.1 By-Law 25-02

Being a by-law to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Mt. Dufour Ski Area for the parking lot at the Ski Hill to Mt. Dufour.

Res. 14/25

Moved By: H. Lefebvre

Seconded By: L. Morrissette

That By-Law 25-02 be passed.

Carried

16.2 By-Law 25-03

Being a by-law to enter into an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement (Fire Protection Grant) with His Majesty the King in the Right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal to support the municipal fire service in acquiring critical equipment and other needs.

Res. 15/25

Moved By: M. Seidel
Seconded By: R. Bull

That By-Law 25-03 be passed.

Carried

16.3 By-Law 25-04

Being a By-Law to authorize the entering into an amending agreement with the Arts and Culture Roundtable in Elliot Lake (ARIEL) for the operation of the Elliot Lake Arts and Heritage Centre (ELAHC).

Res. 16/25

Moved By: H. Lefebvre
Seconded By: C. Flintoff

That By-Law 25-04 be passed.

Carried

17. CLOSED SESSION (if applicable)

17.1 Report from the Director of Clerks and Planning Services

Re. Freedom of Information Request – File No. FOI-05-24

As this matter deals with a request for information under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, it shall be discussed in closed session under Section 239(3)(a) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*

Res. 17/25

Moved By: H. Lefebvre
Seconded By: M. Seidel

That Council proceed into closed session as per the provisions under Section 239 of the Municipal Act at the hour of 7:59 pm

Carried

Res. 18/25

Moved By: R. Bull
Seconded By: M. Seidel

That Council return to Open Session at the hour of 8:11 PM

Carried

Res. 19/25

Moved By: L. Morrissette
Seconded By: H. Lefebvre

That the head of the institution provide access to the records as detailed in access request FOI-05-24 received on December 13, 2024; and

And that the Clerk be directed to release the records upon payment of the appropriate fee.

Carried

18. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

18.1 By-Law 25-05

Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 13th, 2025.

Res. 20/25

Moved By: C. Flintoff
Seconded By: M. Seidel

That By-Law 25-05 be passed.

Carried

19. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 21/25

Moved By: R. Bull
Seconded By: H. Lefebvre

That the meeting adjourn at the hour of 8:13 PM.

Mayor

City Clerk