



TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT

*Minutes of the Special Meeting  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020*

The following minutes are comprised of resolutions and the Clerk's interpretation of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Present: L. Smith, R. Wigmore, U. Abbott, D. Farrar, D McClelland  
Staff: G. Martin, C. Orchard, J. Brice

Res: 40-2020 R. Wigmore, D. McClelland

Be it resolved that Council adopts the minutes of June 17, 2020 as presented. (cd)

Res: 41-2020 R. U. Abbott, D. Farrar

Be it resolved that Council approves the statements for the months of June, July and August as presented. (cd)

Res: 42-2020 U. Abbott, R. Wigmore

WHEREAS the farming industry in Ontario has become increasingly threatened with the growth of industry and Urban sprawl; and

WHEREAS as according to Ontario Farmland Trust, Ontario continues to lose 175 acres of farm land daily; and

WHEREAS between 1976 and 2016 Ontario lost 20% of its farmland; and

WHEREAS this lose of land is some of the most productive land in the province and such loss is unsustainable; and

WHEREAS Ontario's agri-food sector is the largest economic sector in the province, employing more than 820,000 Ontarians along the supply chain and annually contributing over \$39 billion to the province's GDP (Gross Domestic Product); and

WHEREAS In rural areas, the agri-food sector is even more important, as roughly 12% of the GDP and 10% of rural jobs are associated with agriculture; and

WHEREAS Agricultural land is the base of the agri-food sector, and it is a finite resource with only 0.5% of Canada's agricultural soil is classified as Class 1, and about half of the entire country's Class 1 soil is found in Ontario; and

WHEREAS most of the lost agriculture land is in southern Ontario; and

WHEREAS northern Ontario has seen an unprecedented growth in agriculture in recent years; and

WHEREAS northern Ontario is well on its way to being the future bread basket for Ontario; and

WHEREAS the growth in northern Ontario agriculture is virtually unsupported by Federal and Provincial funding, yet all benefit from the growth in agriculture in northern Ontario; and

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WHEREAS the agriculture sector has seen a constant decrease in the availability of farm workers;

THEREFORE the Council of Tarbutt does hereby request that significant steps be taken to provide Broadband service to all of northern Ontario to permit the use of technological advancements such as Robotic Milkers for dairy farmers in the absence of finding and retaining farm help, and

FURTHER that appropriate funding to match the crisis that the decline in agriculture is facing be established for farmers and that such funding be sustainable to allow for planning and growth; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forward to the FONOM; the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines; the Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs; Minister of Infrastructure; Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada; Central Algoma Municipalities and Huron North Community Economic Alliance. (cd)

Res: 43-2020 D. Farrar, R. Wigmore

Be it resolved that Council authorizes the purchase of a sub meter GPS at the approximate cost of \$3,700. (cd)

Res: 44-2020 D. Farrar, U. Abbott

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WHEREAS the Algoma District 2015 stats reports approximately 5334 jobs in the Agriculture sector either directly or in an Agriculture related work; and

WHEREAS 2015 stats also show Agriculture exports of \$76,851,297 with significant portions of food services and Wholesale Trade in the amount of \$176,986,910 being made up of Agriculture products and services, and

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Res: 45-2020 D. Farrar, D. McClelland

Be it resolved that the Council approves the lowering of the culvert on the S corners on Puddingstone Road in order to have enough fall to drain the ditch. (cd)

Res: 46-2020 D. McClelland, D. Farrar

Whereas the Municipal act S.O 2001 CH,25, as amended, section 239 (2) permits closed meetings, therefore be it resolved that council proceeds in closed session at 4:35pm in order to address a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, labour relations or employee negotiations.. (cd)

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Res: 47-2020 U. Abbott, D. Farrar

Be it resolved that Council comes out of closed session at 5:36pm. (cd)

Res: 48-2020 U. Abbott, R. Wigmore

Be it resolved that Council passes By-law 12-2020 being a confirming by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Council. (cd)

Res: 49-2020 R. Wigmore, D. McClelland

Be it resolved that council adjourns at 6:05pm until our next scheduled meeting of council or at the call of the Mayor. (cd)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor: L. Smith \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk: C. Orchard \_\_\_\_\_