



**THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 5:30 pm**  
**Township Council Chambers, 27 Barr Road S.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lennox Smith  
Councillor David Farrar  
Councillor Ursula Abbott  
Councillor Darren McClelland  
Councillor Jacqui Nagel

**STAFF:** Carol Trainor, CAO/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer  
Mike Pigeon, Road Superintendent (left the meeting at 6:22)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Smith called the regular Council meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

Resolution No: 2024 – 169

Moved by: D. McClelland

Seconded by: D. Farrar

Be it resolved that Council move into closed session at 5:35 pm under Section 239 2. (f) of the Municipal Act to receive advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

- Ontario Land Tribunal Update

Resolution No: 2024 – 170

Moved by: U. Abbott

Seconded by: J. Nagel

Be it resolved that Council rise from closed session at 5:55 pm.

Carried

Resolution No: 2024 – 171

Moved by: D. McClelland

Seconded by: D. Farrar

Be it resolved that the information provided by Township's legal counsel be received, and staff and the solicitor be advised to negotiate the terms of an adjournment of the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) hearing regarding zoning.

Carried



#### **4. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- a. Minutes of the regular Council meeting held Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

Resolution No: 2024 – 172

Moved by: J. Nagel

Seconded by: U. Abbott

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular council meeting held October 16, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

#### **5. DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

#### **6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

- a. Payment Logs for the months of September, 2024 and October, 2024.

Resolution No: 2024 – 173

Moved by: D. Farrar

Seconded by: D. McClelland

Be it resolved that the payment logs for the months of September and October, 2024 be approved as circulated.

Carried

- b. Adoption of 2023 Audited Financial Statements

Draft Audited statements were presented to Council in June. Minor amendments were made and are reflected in this final version.

Resolution No: 2024 – 174

Moved by: D. Farrar

Seconded by: D. McClelland

Be it resolved that the 2023 draft Audited Financial Statements be received and approved as amended.

Carried

#### **7. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Verbal report from the Road Superintendent

Resolution No: 2024 – 175

Moved by: J. Nagel

Seconded by: U. Abbott

Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Road Superintendent be received; and that Council give consideration to the establishment of a casual roads and/or maintenance position from May to October annually.

Carried



b. Report from the Roads Committee meeting of November 12, 2024

M. Pigeon advised that the award for site levelling had previously gone to a different contractor, who has recently advised that he is now unavailable for this work. The bid award will go to the next lowest bidder pending receipt of insurance.

Resolution No: 2024 – 176

Moved by: D. McClelland

Seconded by: D. Farrar

Be it resolved that the report from the Roads Committee meeting held November 12, 2024, and the recommendations regarding the old landfill site be received; and That Council approve the purchase and installation of a drop gate from Terry's Welding at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 to improve the security of the site; and That the site levelling project be awarded to Karhi Construction, pending receipt of a Certificate of Insurance.

Carried as amended

M. Pigeon left the meeting at 6:22 pm.

c. AMCTO Zone 7 Workshop

Resolution No: 2024 – 177

Moved by: U. Abbott

Seconded by: J. Nagel

That the report from the Deputy Clerk regarding the AMCTO Zone 7 Fall Workshop be received; and

That Council support continued attendance of relevant AMCTO workshops for staff to ensure ongoing professional development and improved municipal service delivery.

Carried

d. Take Root Program, Desbarats to Echo Bay

Resolution No: 2024 – 178

Moved by: D. Farrar

Seconded by: D. McClelland

Whereas the proposal, as presented by Paul and Tania Hazlett, outlines a strategic plan to expand tree and shrub distribution across multiple townships, including a native wildflower seed giveaway to promote local biodiversity; and

WHEREAS the project seeks to secure funding partnerships to offset costs, including a pending application to Tree Canada for financial support, and proposed in kind contributions from local stakeholders to ensure project feasibility; and

WHEREAS initial discussions with project partners indicate alignment with community goals and potential benefits for participating municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council supports the Echo Bay to Desbarats revegetation project proposal in principle, pending further details and confirmation from project partners; and





The Clerk noted that the section on drainage was removed from the Clean Yards By-law, and will be placed into the new Zoning By-law and/or the Building By-law, which will allow for greater enforcement.

Resolution No: 2024 – 182

Moved by: D. Farrar

Seconded by: D. McClelland

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2024-24, being a By-law to amend By-law 2023-18, Clean Yards By-law to remove Section 7; and That said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed this Twentieth day of November, 2024.

Carried

- b. A By-law to adopt the 2024 Emergency Management Plan for The Township of Tarbutt.

Resolution No: 2024 – 183

Moved by: U. Abbott

Seconded by: J. Nagel

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2024 – 25, being By-law to Adopt the 2024 Emergency Management Plan, Parts A and B, as circulated; and

That said by-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed this Twentieth day of November, 2024.

Carried

## 9. INFORMATION / CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: 2024 – 184

Moved by: D. McClelland

Seconded by: D. Farrar

Be it resolved that correspondence items a through j on the consent agenda dated November 20, 2024 be received; and

That The Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin opposing the transportation and deposition of radioactive substances Niobium and uranium, containing heavy metals, and that the municipalities and First Nations receive advance notification of all forward movements of this project; and

That The Township of Tarbutt respond to the letter from Ontario Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy noting that the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund is sorely inadequate to cover the surging costs of policing in rural and Northern Ontario, and that the province re-examine it's funding formula both for the OPP and the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund; and

That The Township of Tarbutt supports the correspondence from the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) and urges the Ontario government to support all measures targeting the immediate challenges facing the Ontario forest sector; and





Resolution No: 2024 – 188

Moved by: J. Nagel

Seconded by: U. Abbott

Be it resolved that Council receive the information from the Road Superintendent regarding the establishment of an additional part time position within the Roads Department.

Carried as amended

Resolution No: 2024 – 189

Moved by: D. McClelland

Seconded by: D. Farrar

Be it resolved that the verbal report from the CAO/Clerk regarding enforcement of the Clean Yards By-law be received, and the actions taken be approved.

Carried

## 12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution No: 2024 – 190

Moved by: D. Farrar

Seconded by: D. McClelland

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2024 – 26, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular council meeting held November 20, 2024; and

That said By-law be given a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed this Twentieth day of November, 2024.

Carried

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: 2024 – 191

Moved by: J. Nagel

Seconded by: U. Abbott

Be it resolved that the regular council meeting of November 20, 2024 be adjourned at 7:55 pm, to meet again on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 pm.

Carried

Lennox Smith, Mayor

Carol O. Trainor, Clerk