

**REGULAR AGENDA – AGENDA 27**  
**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD**  
**August 15, 2024, at 6:00 pm**  
**Laird Township Council Chambers**

Present: *Mayor:* Shawn Evoy  
*Councillors:* Wayne Junor, Todd Rydall, Matt Frolick  
*Regrets:* Brad Shewfelt  
*Clerk:* Jennifer Errington  
*Treasurer:* Rhonda Crozier  
*Road Superintendent:* David Pollari  
*Delegates:* Dwayne Sigfrid, Ann Melville, Jamie Melville, Mitch Marinovich

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Evoy called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**3. Agenda Approval**

#176-24

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the August 15, 2024 agenda as presented with the amendment to remove 4. c. delegation as per delegates request due to an unforeseen circumstance and to add a closed session item to the closed agenda in order to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations. Carried.

**4. Delegations and Presentations**

a. Dwayne Sigfrid, Zoning By-law (re: trailers)

- Mr. Sigfrid asked Council for an explanation on the reason why no trailers.
- Mayor Evoy explained the Zoning By-law does not allow for people to live in a trailer, and that Council receives complaints.

b. Ann & Jamie Melville, Maskinonge Bay concerns

- Ann & Jamie Melville provided Council with a picture of Maskinonge Bay and provided the history on issues in the Bay along with details on current algae bloom.

~~c. Paul Gillingham, Maskinonge Bay concerns~~

d. Stefanizzi Professional Corporation Chartered Professional Accountant

- i. Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 DRAFT
  - Mitch Marinovich presented the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, providing a high level review of the accounting standards that changed during 2023.
  - Council asked that Mitch to supply a cash flow plan for reserves.
- ii. Laird Township Waste Disposal Site – Liability Report, June 28, 2024, Kresin Engineering Corporation
  - Liability Report only required every 3 years.

**5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

a. Council Regular Meeting – July 18, 2024

b. Special Council Meeting – August 13, 2024

#177-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Council minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2024 and the Special Council Meeting of August 13, 2024. Carried.

**6. Adoption of Accounts**

a. General accounts to July 31, 2024

#178-24

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the general accounts to July 31, 2024, in the amount of \$36,974.22.

Carried.

b. Roads accounts to July 31, 2024

#179-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the roads account to July 31, 2024, in the amount of \$42,379.99 as presented.

Carried.

**7. Staff and Committee Reports**

a. **Road Superintendent** (Roads, Waste Disposal & Recycling, and Maintenance)

i. Road Superintendent Report

#180-24

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Road Superintendent Report dated August 15, 2024, be received as presented.

Carried.

ii. Council Q&A

iii. 2024 Municipal Bridge Inspection

#181-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the 2024 Municipal Bridge Inspection report.

Carried.

b. **Clerk Administrator, Deputy Treasurer**

i. Clerk's Report

#182-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk's Report dated August 15, 2024, be received as presented and arising from the report;

THAT Council approves the additional hours for the Grounds Assistant summer student;

THAT Council directs the Treasurer to register for the Municipal Financial Officers Association (MFOA) Asset Management Framework e-Learning course in the amount of \$355.00 plus tax; and

FURTHER THAT Council directs the Treasurer to modify the fairgrounds budget to adjust for additional material at the ballfields.

Carried.

c. Treasurer's Report

d. Recreation Committee & Recreation Sub-Committees

e. Cemetery Board

f. Planning Board

g. Police Detachment Board

h. Algoma District Services Administrative Board

i. Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA)

**8. Unfinished Business**

a. Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log

b. Concern/Information Log – Updates

#183-24

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the July 18, 2024, Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log and the Concern/Information Log as presented. Carried.

c. Memo: Maskinonge Bay Concerns

#184-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on the Maskinonge Bay concerns. Carried.

**9. New Business**

a. Take Root Desbarats to Echo Bay

#185-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

WHEREAS, the proposal of Paul and Taina Hazelett, outlines a strategic plan to expand tree and shrub distribution across multiple townships, including a native wildflower seed giveaway to promote local diversity; and

WHEREAS, the project seeks to secure funding partnerships to offset costs, including a pending application to Tree Canada for financial support, and proposes 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 revegetation project proposal in principle, pending further details and confirmation from project managers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Clerk to communicate Council's endorsement of the proposal to the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board catchment area municipalities, and to Paul and Tania Hazlett. Carried.

**10. Notices of Motion****11. Closed Session**

#186-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into closed session at 8:25 p.m. in accordance with Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act in order to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and Section (2) (d) of the Municipal Act in order to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations. Carried.

a. Approval of closed meeting minutes of July 18, 2024

b. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

c. Labour relations or employee negotiations.

#187-24

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council come out of closed meeting session at 8:52 p.m. and continue with the Regular Council Meeting.

Carried.

## 12. Communications and Correspondence

- a. Mike Mantha, RE: AMO Conference – July 29, 2024
- b. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), RE: Planning Act and Development Charges Act Regulations related to the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 (Bill 185) – July 3, 2024
- c. North Shore Agricultural Society (NSAS), RE: Thank You for Support – August 9, 2024
- d. Ombudsman Ontario, RE: Annual Report  
Note: Annual Report is available to be viewed at the Township Office.

## 13. Mayor and Council Comments

## 14. By-laws

- a. 2025-24 Conformity By-law

#188-24

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2025-24 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on August 15, 2024.

Carried.

## 15. Adjournment

#189-24

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet again on September 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.

Carried.

Mayor – \_\_\_\_\_  
Shawn Evoy

Clerk – \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Errington