

REGULAR AGENDA – AGENDA 33
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
January 16, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Laird Township Council Chambers

Present: *Mayor:* Shawn Evoy
Councillors: Matt Frolick, Brad Shewfelt, Todd Rydall,
Wayne Junor
Clerk: Jennifer Errington
Road Superintendent: David Pollari

1. Call to Order

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

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Agenda Approval

#01-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the January 16, 2025 agenda as presented.

Carried.

4. Delegations and Presentations

5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. Council Regular Meeting – December 19, 2024

b. Recreation Committee Meeting – December 17, 2024

#02-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Council minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2024, and the Recreation Committee minutes of December 17, 2024.

Carried.

6. Adoption of Accounts

a. General accounts to December 31, 2024

#03-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the general accounts to December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$12,093.51.

Carried.

b. Roads accounts to December 31, 2024

#04-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the roads account to December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$38,497.87 as presented.

Carried.

7. Staff and Committee Reports

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

i. Road Superintendent Report

#05-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Road Superintendent Report dated January 16, 2025, be received as presented.

Carried.

ii. 5-Year Road Plan 2025 to 2029 (2025 Amended, 2029 Added)

#06-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the 5-year Road Plan 2025 to 2029 and approves the amended plan for 2024, as presented.

Carried.

b. Clerk Administrator, Deputy Treasurer

i. Clerk's Report

#07-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Clerk's Report dated January 16, 2025, be received as presented; and arising from the report that Council approves the Clerk and Treasurer to attend the 2025 Northeast Municipal Finance and Administration Forum on March 19 and 20, 2025, and move the Council meeting to Thursday, March 13, 2025, further that Council requests the Recreation Committee to budget to pay for committee members and township event volunteers to take the food handlers course.

Carried.

c. Treasurer's Report

i. Report: 2024 Council Remuneration Report

#08-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council that the report from the Treasurer regarding the 2024 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses be received for information.

Carried.

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

#09-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the January 16, 2025, Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log and the Concern/Information Log as presented.

Carried.

9. New Business

a. 2025 Committee and Board Appointments

#10-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints the Committee and Board members for 2025 as presented.

Carried.

b. Snowmobile Trail Land Use Permission

#11-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Clerk to sign the *Memorandum or Understanding (MOU) Prescribed Snowmobile Trail Land Use Permission* on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Laird.

Carried.

c. Annual Joint Meeting with Macdonald Meredith and Aberdeen Additional

#12-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council discussed the annual Joint Meeting with Macdonald Meredith and Aberdeen Additional and request that staff provide Macdonald Meredith and Aberdeen Additional the following date options: Thursday, February 13, 2025 and Thursday, February 27, 2025, and further that Council request staff to put on the fire truck purchase, Bar River bridge, Cloudy Lake Road, and joint ditching on the Agenda and to have staff reach out the Macdonald Meredith and Aberdeen Additional for additional agenda topics.

Carried.

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

#13-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into closed session at 7:06 p.m. in accordance with Section 239 (2) (b) to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and Section 239 (c) to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Carried.

a. Approval of closed meeting minutes of December 19, 2024.

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

c. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

#14-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council come out of closed meeting session at 7:24 p.m. and continue with the Regular Council Meeting.

Carried.

12. Communications and Correspondence

- a. Crime Stoppers, RE: Celebrating 40 Years of Crime Stoppers – Your Support Makes a Difference, January 13, 2025
- b. Ministry of Rural Affairs (MRA), RE: 2024 Year-In-Review and Greetings from the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, January 13, 2025.

13. Mayor and Council Comments**14. By-laws**

- a. 2040-25 Dog Control By-law
#15-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2040-25 being a by-law for the licensing and registration of dogs; for regulating the control of dogs; and for the impounding and seizure of dogs within the Township of Laird and Further That Council accepts the recommended highlighted changes to form part of the By-law. Carried.

- b. 2041-25 Borrowing By-law
#16-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2041-25 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing to meet the current expenditures of the municipality for the year ending December 31, 2025. Carried.

- c. 2042-25 Conformity By-law
#17-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2042-25 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on January 16, 2025. Carried.

15. Adjournment

#18-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet again on February 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair. Carried.

Mayor – _____
Shawn Evoy

Clerk – _____
Jennifer Errington