

REGULAR AGENDA – AGENDA 37
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
March 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Laird Township Council Chambers

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

Special Public Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. to consider Zoning Amendment 01-25: Plan H763 RCP Lot 17, Laird Township. No objections to the rezoning were received. The special Public Meeting was closed at 6:05 p.m.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Agenda Approval

#59-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the March 13, 2025, agenda as presented with the addition of Special Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2025.
 Carried.

4. Delegations and Presentations

5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. Council Regular Meeting – February 20, 2025

b. Council Special Meeting – February 24, 2025

c. Council Special Meeting – February 27, 2025

d. Recreation Committee Meeting – February 25, 2025

#60-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Council minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2025, Special Meeting of February 24, 2025, Special Meeting of February 27, 2025, and the Recreation Committee minutes of February 3, 2025.

Carried.

6. Adoption of Accounts

a. General accounts to February 28, 2025

#61-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the general accounts to February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$11,802.76.

Carried.

b. Roads accounts to February 28, 2025

#62-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the roads account to February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$60,246.95 as presented.

Carried.

7. Staff and Committee Reports

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

i. Road Superintendent Report

#63-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Road Superintendent Report dated March 13, 2025, be received as presented.

Carried.

ii. Council Q&A

b. Clerk Administrator, Deputy Treasurer

i. Clerk's Report

#64-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Clerk's Report dated March 13, 2025, be received as presented; and arising from the report that Council approves sending the Clerk Administrator to the AMCTO Spring Meeting on April 10 and 11, 2025 in Sudbury.

Carried.

ii. Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log

iii. Concern/Information Log – Updates

#65-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the March 13, 2025, Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log and the Concern/Information Log as presented.

Carried.

iv. Council Q&A

c. Treasurer's Report

i. Building Permit 2024 Report

#66-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on Building Permits 2024.

Carried.

ii. Tax Collection Report – Verbal Report

- Two-plus years arrears process has started. Phone calls with follow up letters. More accounts in arrears than in previous years, \$100,000 plus in arrears. We work with people to set up payment plans.

iii. 2025 Budget – Discuss setting up a special meeting date to review the budget.

- Before the budget can be discussed we must get AMP finalized and have the Road Department hours finalized. Council requested that line items be highlighted on what is capital and discretionary. Looking at having a budget meeting in early April.

d. Recreation Committee & Recreation Sub-Committees

i. Finns' Bay Wharf Sub-Committee Minutes – February 19, 2025

ii. Heritage Sub-Committee Minutes – March 3, 2025

iii. Bar River Sub-Committee Minutes – February 13, 2025

#67-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Finns' Bay Wharf Sub-Committee minutes of February 19, 2025, the Heritage Sub-Committee Minutes of March 3, 2025, and the Bar River Sub-Committee Minutes of February 13, 2025.

Carried.

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. Memo: Fire Services – Fire Agreement & Firetruck Purchase

#68-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Clerk to communicate with Macdonald, Meredith, and Aberdeen Additional regarding the Fire Agreement and request that MMAA provide the projected costs for the proposed fee for service for fire services in the interim Council agrees to extend the previous agreement to June 1, 2025.

Carried.

9. New Business

a. Planning: Zoning Amendment 01-25: 91B Maskinonge Bay Road, PLAN H763 Lot 17, Laird Township

#69-15

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the Zoning Amendment 01-25: 91B Maskinonge Bay Road, PLAN H763 Lot 17, Laird Township.

Carried.

b. Report: Cancellation of Booked Dates - Laird Fairgrounds

#70-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council is not in favour of security deposit and requests staff to eliminate this process from the Laird Fairgrounds rental agreement.

Recorded Vote

For Motion

Shawn Evoy

Matt Frolick

Wayne Junor

Todd Rydall

Carried.

Against Motion

Brad Shewfelt

10. Notices of Motion

11. Closed Session

#71-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into closed session at 7:48 p.m. in accordance with Section 239 (2) (d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried.

- a. Approval of closed meeting minutes of February 20, 2025, and February 24, 2025.
- b. Labour relations and Employee Negotiations.

#72-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council come out of closed meeting session at 7:58 p.m. and continue with the Regular Council Meeting.

Carried.

Consideration of and action on matters arising out of the closed meeting.

#73-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize a wage increase of 2.4% for all staff, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2024, and further that Council authorize adjustments of the wage scale to bring full-time positions up to the average as per discussion.

Carried.

12. Communications and Correspondence

- a. Support Resolution: Carbon Tax, Sarina Ontario, March 6, 2025

#74-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Municipality of Sarnia's resolution to petition the Federal Liberal government to put a stop to the 20 percent increase to the carbon tax scheduled to be implemented on April 1, 2025.

AND FURTHER THAT the resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, his Cabinet, the Leaders of Opposition, our MP, and All Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

- b. Support Resolution: U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods, Township of Central Frantenac, March 6, 2025

#75-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Township of Laird supports the resolution from Peterborough County, regarding U.S. Tarriffs on Canadian Goods.

AND FURTHER THAT letters of support be sent to All Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Premier and the associated Provincial Minsters.

Carried.

13. Mayor and Council Comments

14. By-laws

- a. 2046-25 By-Law to Amend Zoning By-law 531 (DRAFT)

#76-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2046-25 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 531, concerning property designated as Plan H763 Lot 17, in the Township of Laird.

Carried.

b. 2047-25 Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law

#77-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts by-law 2047-25 being a by-law to adopt a Delegation of Powers and Duties Policy.

Carried.

c. 2048-25 Council Staff Relations By-law

#78-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts by-law 2048-25 being a by-law to adopt a Council Staff Relations Policy.

Carried.

d. 2049-25 Conformity By-law

#79-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2049-25 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 13, 2025.

Carried.

15. Adjournment

#80-25

Moved by:

Seconded by:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet again on April 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.

Carried.

Mayor – _____
Shawn EvoyClerk – _____
Jennifer Errington