



- 3.4 Report from Working Roads Foreman Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month  
(Recommendation to receive the report for information.)
- 3.5 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month  
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.6 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Emergency Response Plan  
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.7 Correspondence from Neebing Fire Rescue Association, received December 10, 2020, Regarding Donation Towards a New Triple Combination Pumper (Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information)
- 3.8 Correspondence from Thunder Bay District Health Unit, received December 11, 2020, Regarding 2021 Municipal Levy (Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)
- 3.9 Information Correspondence List  
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information)

Res. No. 2020-12-233

Moved by: Councillor Wright  
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the recommendations from Administration with respect to all of the items on the consent agenda portion of this evening's meeting, being Items 3.1, through 3.9, and approves the closed session minutes presented as item 7.1.

**CARRIED ✓**

Res. No. 2020-12-234

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council schedule a meeting to consider severance applications on January 20, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:**

**4.1 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding 2021 Projects**

A list of projects was discussed including themed videos from Epica pictures (business highlights, trails, specific places), promotion and curated baskets at events, and more. Council deferred this item until a meeting in February as more would be known about the local COVID pandemic situation and lockdown.

**4.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding VFIS Insurance Renewal**

Members present reviewed the report and discussed the optional coverage items.

Res. No. 2020-12-235

Moved by: Councillor Wright  
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to renew the VFIS Insurance and increase the AD & D principal sum from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.3 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Municipal Insurance Renewal Process

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2020-12-236

Moved by: Councillor Coulson  
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to renew the municipal insurance program for 2021 as outlined in the report.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.4 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Reserve Fund Transfers

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2020-12-237

Moved by: Councillor Wright  
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes administration to proceed with the 2020 reserve transfers as outlined in the report.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.5 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding ICIP COVID Resilience Infrastructure Funding

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2020-12-238

Moved by: Councillor Coulson  
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs administration to submit an application for the ICIP COVID Resilience Infrastructure Funding identifying renovations to the municipal office as the project as proposed in the report.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.6 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Integrity Commissioners**

Members present reviewed the report.

**Res. No. 2020-12-239**

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize administration to enter into agreements with integrity commissioners as outlined in the report

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.7 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Sturgeon Bay Boat Launch**

Members present discussed the report.

**Res. No. 2020-12-240**

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to apply for a Land Use Permit for park development at the Sturgeon Bay Boat Launch.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.8 Correspondence from Neebing Fire Rescue Association, received December 4, 2020, Regarding Submission for the Interim Tax Bill Insert**

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

**Res. No. 2020-12-241**

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Neebing Fire Rescue Association to place an insert into the interim tax bill.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.9 Correspondence from City of Hamilton, received November 24, 2020, Regarding Interim Cap on Gas Plan and Greenhouse Gas Pollution**

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

**4.10 Correspondence regarding Temporary Cap on Food Delivery Service Charges**

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

**4.11 Correspondence from Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, received December 7, 2020, Regarding CN Rail Drainage Matters**

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

**4.12 Correspondence from Thunder Bay & Area Food Strategy, received December 11, 2020, Regarding Request for Support**

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

**Res. No. 2020-12-242**

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Administration to support the Thunder Bay & Area Food Strategy with a donation of \$1,000.

**5. BY-LAWS**

**5.1 By-law 2020-044 to Authorize Execution of OPP Contract**

**Res. No. 2020-12-243**

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2020-044, to Execute the OPP Police Services Board Contract, be passed.

**CARRIED ✓**

**5.2 By-law 2020-045 to Adopt the Emergency Plan**

**Res. No. 2020-12-244**

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2020-045, to Adopt the Emergency Plan, be passed.

**CARRIED ✓**

**5.3 By-law 2020-046 to Authorize Annual Pre-Budget Spending**

**Res. No. 2020-12-245**

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2020-046, to Authorize Annual Pre-Budget Spending, be passed.

**CARRIED ✓**

## **6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Clerk discussed the Universal Broadband Funding and the possibility of applying for the Starlink service. It requires municipal project management, has tight deadlines for project completion and the Starlink service would still require a household up-front cost and ongoing costs of \$129 per month per household. The Clerk has not had enough time to look at the Starlink details (meeting was this afternoon prior to the Council meeting) and the grant funding details.

## **7. CLOSED SESSION**

### **Res. No. 2020-12-246**

Moved by: Councillor Thibert  
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:14 p.m. Council will enter closed session under those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 for which the meeting was closed, to consider under paragraph 239(2)(h) consider item 7.1 (minutes of the Closed session of the prior Council meeting); and

Under paragraph 239(2)(a) to consider item 7.2, involving security of the property of the municipality  
And

Under paragraph 239(2)(b)&(\*) to consider item 7.3 Personal Matters about Identifiable individuals & Employee Negotiations

**CARRIED ✓**

During Closed Session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

### **Res. No. 2020-12-247**

Moved by: Councillor Wright  
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:21 p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

**CARRIED ✓**

### **Matters Arising from Close Session**

#### **7.1 Minutes of the closed session portion of the regular meeting of council held on December 2, 2020**

These minutes were approved through the consent agenda resolution earlier in the meeting.

The following items were dealt with in a single

#### **7.2 Report from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding an offer to purchase property**

#### **7.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer regarding personnel matters**

Res. No. 2020-12-248

Moved by: Councillor Thibert  
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

**CARRIED ✓**

**8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**8.1 By-law 2020-047 To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting**

Res. No. 2020-12-249

Moved by: Councillor Gardner  
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2020-047, to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting, be passed as presented.

**CARRIED ✓**

**9. ADJOURN THE MEETING:**

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Butikofer adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

  
Erwin Butikofer  
MAYOR

  
Erika Kromm  
CLERK-TREASURER

